

athletes that have journeyed here to learn, play, and carry these wonderful memories back to their communities across the seas.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me to honor, acknowledge and welcome everyone associated with the International Children's Games, especially the young athletes. Embracing the hope and vision of the Games' founder, Professor Metod Klemenc, these Games exist to promote the spirit of friendly competition, teamwork, dialogue and interaction between children all over the world. Let the day begin—let the games start.

IN HONOR OF DANIEL R. MONEZ,
NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 2004

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Daniel R. Monez, who is retiring as Chief of Police of the City of Napa, in California's 1st District. Chief Monez's outstanding contributions and dedication to our community are truly appreciated.

Dan began his career in law enforcement as a part time Police Trainee for the Berkeley Police Department. He fell in love with the profession and in 1971 he was sworn in as a Berkeley Police Officer. He then went on to work in the Solano County Sheriff's Department. In 1987 Dan was hired as Chief of Police for the City of Napa.

During his time as Chief of Police the Department underwent many changes. In 1987 there were only a few computers at the station, now every office has a computer and dispatch is completely automated. Squad cars have been improved and today every patrol car is equipped with mobile data computers. During his tenure the department began the G.R.E.A.T. program, D.A.R.E. program as well as the School Resources Officer program.

Dan has made many contributions to the community outside his official duties in the police department. He was a member of the Greater Napa Kiwanis Club, the Napa County Hispanic Network and was a founding member of the Napa County Safe Schools Foundation and the "If Given A Chance" scholarship program. He is also a Board Member for Aldea Children's Services and the Family Support Network. The Board of Supervisors appointed him to the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee and the Family Violence Prevention Committee.

Dan and his wife Diana have two children, Robert and Mindy. In 2002 Dan and Diane were named the Napa County Volunteers of the Year. Dan has taught criminal justice courses at surrounding colleges and is currently an adjunct faculty member at Napa Valley College. Dan is passionate about acting and has appeared in 11 stage plays.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, Daniel R. Monez set the standard of dependability, bravery and hard work that should be followed in all communities. His commitment to our community has been shown time and time again. For these reasons and countless others, it is most appropriate that we honor him at the time of his retirement and extend our best wishes to him.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 2004

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, I was absent attending a previously scheduled commitment and missed the recorded vote on rollcall No. 428, on the amendment offered by Representative HEFLEY to H.R. 5006, the Fiscal Year 2005 Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Act.

Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall No. 428.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION
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HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 2004

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to introduce H. Con Res. 488, a resolution recognizing the hard work and dedication of the employees of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (better known as NOAA) who provide hurricane forecast and warnings to our citizens. In the past month, the state of Florida was hit by back-to-back hurricanes, a tragedy which has not occurred since 1964. The employees of NOAA worked tirelessly to provide timely and accurate warnings to residents of the affected areas. They remain hard at work even at this moment as another tropical storm, Hurricane Ivan, is heading towards the U.S. coast.

Let me name the various offices in NOAA that contributed to accurate forecasts of Hurricanes Charley and Frances: The National Hurricane Center; The Southern and Eastern Region Weather Forecast offices of San Juan, Miami, Tampa Bay, Key West, Melbourne, Jacksonville, Tallahassee, Atlanta, Birmingham, Huntsville, Mobile and Morristown; The National Ocean Service, which provided help with storm surge prediction; The National Environmental Satellite Data and Information Service, which provided the satellite images we all saw on television; The NOAA Marine and Aviation Operation Hurricane Hunters, who fly planes into the hurricanes to gather data; and The Southeast River Forecast Center, which provided flood predictions

And I would be remiss without acknowledging the additional hurricane reconnaissance missions flown by the Air Force Reserve out of Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi. Also, I want to acknowledge the work of the local and national media in disseminating NOAA's hurricane forecasts and warnings.

The dedicated employees at these offices worked round the clock, spending days at a time in their offices away from their families and homes that were often directly affected by the hurricanes. I commend these government employees for their service to provide life-sav-

ing warnings and information to the people in the hurricane's path and support them as they continue to provide us with critical information during this (and every) hurricane season.

HONORING REVEREND LEE M.
SEWARD

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 2004

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated and righteous South Carolinian on the occasion of his retirement from the ministry after 60 years of distinguished service. Reverend Lee M. Seward will leave his position as the Presiding Elder of the Lancaster District, Columbia Conference of the Seventh Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church on September 17, 2004, and he will be sorely missed.

Lee Seward was born one of ten children to Mr. and Mrs. William Seward of Andrews, South Carolina. He grew up in this large family that treasured education and faith, and these virtues shaped his future path.

Reverend Seward's love of learning led him to earn a Bachelor's degree from Allen University in Columbia, South Carolina and a Master's from South Carolina State University in Orangeburg, South Carolina. He pursued further study at the University of South Carolina in Columbia.

In 1967, Reverend Seward was awarded a National Defense Education Act (N.D.E.A.) Fellowship to study Linguistics at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. He did his theological training at Dickerson Theological Seminary at Allen University.

In addition to his education, Reverend Seward also learned many of life's lessons during his service in World War II. His commitment to serve his country further manifested itself in his lifelong dedication to education and to his church.

Reverend Seward embarked on a dual career teaching English for 13 years at Roberts High School in Holly Hill, and a combined 12 years teaching at Sanders Middle School and Alcorn Middle School in Columbia, while also serving in the ministry. Eventually the ministry became his primary focus, and he pastored at churches throughout the Midlands and in Charleston.

During his distinguished career, Reverend Seward served as the Presiding Elder of the Columbia District, Kingstree District, Spartanburg District, Georgetown District and Lancaster District for the AME Church in South Carolina. The extensive scope of his ministry is evidence of his extraordinary talent and dedication to his calling.

Reverend Seward, a community activist, is a lifetime Member of the N.A.A.C.P. and has been active in numerous religious and political organizations as well. I number him among my most valued friends and mentors.

He was married to the late Lula Pressley Seward, who was also a good friend and mentor to me.

The two of them had seven children, six boys and one girl. They have three granddaughters, three grandsons, and one great grandson.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and our colleagues to join me in congratulating Reverend Seward