

Church. Through Dr. Wright's vision and leadership, this church has made a significant contribution to the lives of thousands of West Virginians.

Maranatha is also widely known for the Semi-annual Passion Play that was created by Virginia Wright, wife of Pastor James Wright. This play reaches 15,000–18,000 people in eight performances, which is another example of this church's ever-growing ministry.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Maranatha Fellowship Church as they celebrate their twenty-eight years of ministry to the Kanawha Valley and West Virginia.

IN HONOR OF THE WESTERN
STAGE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Western Stage on the 30th Anniversary of its first performance in our community.

The Western Stage, founded in 1974 on the campus of Hartnell College, is the Salinas Valley's public theatre and is a leading arts institution of Monterey County with a national presence and impact. For over three decades The Western Stage has served the diverse population of the central coast region of California, presenting an annual season of plays and musicals and educational programming of the highest professional standard. Over 400 students, community members and professionals participate each year, and the annual audience numbers exceed 25,000 patrons.

The Western Stage also engages the community via its involvement with Hartnell Community College. The Western Stage Auxiliary Corporation is governed by a board of directors composed of community leaders and elected trustees of the College. The Western Stage manages the Hartnell College Performing Arts Center and administers the academic theatre program for the Hartnell College District under the direction of John Light, Melissa Chin Parker and Jon Patrick Selover, three company veterans with an average of 15 years each of experience with the Western Stage.

Furthermore, The Western Stage is a founding partner of the John Steinbeck Chair at Hartnell College and The National Steinbeck Center, the Salinas Public Library and Partners for Peace, and has numerous artistic accomplishments of note with adaptations of major works of American literature and that of John Steinbeck: *East of Eden* (1992, 1994, 2000), *Tortilla Flat* (2001), *Viva! Zapata* (2000), *Cannery Row* (1995 & 2005) and *Travels With Charley* (1998); as well as adaptations in collaboration with authors Studs Terkel (*The Good War* 1988), Ray Bradbury (*Something Wicked This Way Comes*, 1991) and Victor Villaseñor (*Rain of Gold* 2003 & 2005); and world premieres of *Summer Stock* (for Harold Arlen, 2000) and *Song of Survival* (for WWII Dutch POW Helen Colijn, by California's Ray and Eleanor Harder, 1997).

Today's performance of *Sweeney Todd*, the *Demon Barber of Fleet Street*, directed by Jon Patrick Selover, commemorates 30 years

since That Championship Season opened the Hartnell College Performing Arts Center, directed by founder of The Western Stage, Ron Danko.

Clearly, The Western Stage has a commitment to the artistic health of the community providing support and assistance to and nurturing young artists and arts organizations. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to thank The Western Stage for the outstanding work it has done and honor the many accomplishments of its staff and volunteers.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JACK QUINN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Jack Quinn, the Director of the Housing Authority for the City of Pueblo, Colorado who has dedicated his life to improving the lives of others in need. It is a privilege to stand before this body of Congress and this Nation and recognize his outstanding record of service to the Pueblo community today.

Jack grew up in Connecticut and graduated from Fairfield University with a degree in Chemistry, but his life took a different path when he took a volunteer job with the Catholic Diocese of Pueblo. After teaching grade school Jack found his passion working with the Pueblo Housing Authority where he has served with distinction for thirty-six years.

Today, he and his sixty-five person staff manage 2,500 housing units in the city. They are responsible for renovating several Pueblo properties and turning them into affordable housing for low-income families, preserving historical landmarks in the process. In addition to his work with the Housing Authority, Jack spends his spare time serving on local boards such as the United Way, the Packard Foundation and the Boys Club.

Mr. Speaker, Jack Quinn is a dedicated member of his community who has made a difference in the lives of his fellow citizens. I am honored to stand before this body of Congress and this Nation and recognize his exemplary record of service. Thanks for all your hard work Jack, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE OBITUARY
OF DR. BOBBY JOE TOLBERT

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I regret to inform the House that during the October break, a great American, the Reverend Doctor Bobby Joe Tolbert passed away. His memorial service was held October 12th at the Bethel Baptist Church in Three Rivers, Michigan.

Rev. Tolbert was a strong man of faith and he was a pillar of strength in St. Joe County. He was respected by all and made a difference for thousands—whether it was thru his service on the school board, pulpit, business board member, Dad, and husband. All that knew him miss him but know he is now praying for us.

I ask that the Celebration of Life obituary be printed in the RECORD.

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Dr. Bobby Joe Tolbert was the fourteenth child born to the union of Woodie and Jatie Tolbert in Montevello, Alabama. He was preceded in death by both parents and nine siblings; Woodie, Jr., Madelyn McComb, Andrew Tolbert, William Tolbert, Lonnie Tolbert, Rosie Bell Tolbert, Georgia Harris, Lois Mays, and Earlene Williams. Dr. Tolbert received his early education and confessed his faith and hope in God in Montevello.

As a young man, Dr. Tolbert moved to Chicago, Illinois where he played professional baseball in the Negro American League. From there he entered the White Sox Organization, playing in the Minor Leagues for the Kansas City Monarchs.

He attended Cortez Peters Business College where he met his loving and devoted wife. This union was blessed with two sons Darryl Wayne and Reginald Fitzgerald. Under the mentoring of his father-in-law, Reverend F.L. Porter, Sr., he received his call to the ministry—thereby moving from the ball team to "God's Team."

Desiring to prepare for the ministry, he matriculated to Chicago Baptist Institute, De Paul University and he received an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from Tennessee School of Religion, Memphis, Tennessee.

Dr. Tolbert was called to the pastorate of Bethel Baptist Church in Three Rivers, Michigan over thirty-six years ago, where he served as a steadfast and devout leader of God's people until he went home to be with the Lord. Under his charge, they built a new church edifice; he developed and built a Recreation and Learning Center; and he set up a College Scholarship Program for underprivileged students. In addition to all of Dr. Tolbert's spiritual endeavors, he made a lasting impact on the whole city of Three Rivers.

His civic activities over the years of dedicated service include: Three Rivers Community Chest Board, St. Joseph County Mental Health Board, President of Three Rivers Ministerial Association, Sixteen years as President of the Three Rivers Branch NAACP, Sixteen years on the Three Rivers Hospital Authority Board, Kalamazoo/St. Joseph County Private Industry Council (five years), Three Rivers Community School Board of Education (five years), two of those years as President.

Dr. Tolbert participated in the organization and implementation of the Biddy Basketball program (now called Junior Pro), and Fraternal Order of Police Baseball Program which he coached for five years. As a member of the Civitan Service Club, he helped organize the first youth chapter of Civitan.

Dr. Tolbert served on the Three Rivers School Board Committee for the building of Three Rivers Middle School, and many other advisory committees. Pastor Tolbert has supported the total community, all while serving his people in the Pastoral Ministry position.

Dr. Tolbert's life work centered on his deep commitment to do God's will as a spiritual leader, his family and his community. He was a man of faith, integrity, and deep conviction. The legacy he has left will be a guiding force for countless numbers. His memory, the lessons he taught and the love he shared is motivation for us to continue to carry the torch and make this world a better place.

He leaves to cherish his memory and celebrate his life: his beloved wife of forty-five years—Henri'Etta; two sons—Darryl Wayne (Connie) of Flint, Michigan and Reginald