

in 1997, the 2004 Benefactor Award by The Tennessee Council for Resource Development and the 2005 Tennessee Board of Regents Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Philanthropy—just to name a few.

Dan's affiliations and leadership positions include being president of the Chattanooga Jaycees and the Tennessee Jaycees, founding member of Jaycee Future Corporation and Jaycee Progress, Inc., which built housing for the elderly in Chattanooga. He is also a board member and past chairman of Chattanooga's public television station, WTCI Channel 45, member and past secretary of the Chattanooga Kiwanis Club, treasurer and co-founder of Blood Assurance, vice president and board member of the Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce, a member of the board of trustees at Erlanger Medical Center, vice president and board member of Orange Grove Center, past Chairman of the Hamilton County Republican Party, 1998 Chairman of the Year for the TN Society of Certified Public Accountants and my trusted campaign treasurer for more than a decade.

Dan and his wife of 43 years, Linda, live in Hixson. Their four children have blessed them with twelve grandchildren. The Johnsons have been active members of the First Baptist Church of Chattanooga for almost forty years.

A great man! A great mind! And a big heart! Thank you, Dan Johnson, for the example you set, your devotion to others and selfless service to mankind. We are all the better because of your dedication to our region, state and nation.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. DOROTHEA'S CHURCH

**HON. RUSH D. HOLT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 21, 2005*

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th anniversary of St. Dorothea's Catholic Church in Eatontown, New Jersey.

The one hundred year history of St. Dorothea's Church is rich in stories of individuals' commitment to community service and helping others. The congregation was first established on October 1, 1905 in the small Quaker village of Eatontown made up of farmers, merchants and some professionals. Before enough funds were secured to build an actual structure, Mass was celebrated in the private homes of the few Catholics in the neighborhood. The first recorded Mass was celebrated in the "Buttonwood Cottage" on Main Street, on October 10, 1905.

Over the years, many pastors have served the community of St. Dorothea's. Rev. James B. Coyle, who served the parish from 1960–1990, oversaw the construction of a new, modern church in 1965, which offered more space for worship as well as youth and adult, educational programming and community activities. With the creation of the new building, St. Dorothea's has provided to the local residents of Eatontown and the surrounding communities in Monmouth County.

In recent years, Rev. G. Williams Evans has developed greater outreach and community service for St. Dorothea's. Some of the many

programs that he has established are ministries to several segments of the population, the Knights of Columbus chapter and a "Prayer Garden" located on the grounds of the church. Currently, Rev. Evans is supervising the publication of St. Dorothea's one hundred year history, written by parishioner Gordon Bishop.

Some of the many community outreach programs that St. Dorothea's runs are religious education classes, Vacation Bible School for young parishioners as well as a youth group that provides structured activities and events for teenagers. Also groups of volunteers provide pastoral and hospital care for the community's sick and elderly, giving spiritual care to those in need. The parish continues to organize important events for fundraising and special occasions, and soon is commemorating its centennial anniversary with a series of events, including a picnic, parish trip, concert, mass, and dinner.

Mr. Speaker, I join Eatontown Mayor Gerald Tarantolo and many others in recognizing St. Dorothea's Church for its rich one hundred year history and service to the people of Eatontown. From the hard work of the original 18 parishioners in 1905 to the dedication of the over 1770 parishioners today, St. Dorothea's has provided an outstanding ministry to the people of Central New Jersey.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006

SPEECH OF

**HON. NATHAN DEAL**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 20, 2005*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2863) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes:

Mr. DEAL of Georgia. Mr. Chairman, I commend the following comments and questions, posed by the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia, to my colleagues as they consider relations between the aforementioned organization and the Defense POW/Missing Persons Office. I also ask that you note my June 20, 2005 floor colloquy with Mr. YOUNG on this subject.

CONGRESSIONAL REQUESTS

Prime Minister of Vietnam is visiting the U.S. June 21. The focus seems to be on economics, trade and religious rights. What about accountability?

1. Vietnam is NOT cooperating in "full faith". We have never had access to the Central Highlands since the War was over where hundreds of our Americans are Missing—no chance to interview witnesses who are dying who might have valuable information on crash and grave sights plus documents.

2. Two U.S. war ships have been allowed to come into Vietnamese ports but never a salvage ship that could recover remains from known crash sights off the coast. We have offered to make this an educational venture but denied access.

Accountability should be a priority especially in a time of war—not just rhetoric but action. The families should be treated with respect.

Why does Jerry Jennings, head of the Defense POW/MIA Office still have a job? He has been under investigation for sexual harassment and hostile environment charges by his staff + alleged misappropriation of government funds. He has tried for over a year to undermine the family organizations. Three groups have released a vote of No Confidence in Jerry and his leadership staffers.

The league is very concerned over policy being pursued by the office assigned the responsibility within the Defense Department, headed by DASD Jerry Jennings.

The President in 2002 and Secretary of State in 2004 defined criteria expected of Vietnam, namely unilateral actions that Vietnam should take to be fully cooperative, including on cases of Americans missing in Laos and Cambodia controlled by Vietnamese forces during the war.

These pertain to unilateral provision of relevant archival records from ALL ministries and unilateral repatriation of remains that can't be recovered in the field with joint operations, for example Last Known Alive (LKA) cases where Americans were captured on alive on the ground in immediate proximity to hostile forces.

If dead, their remains should be readily available to the Vietnamese, but could be sensitive in view of the many years withheld on manner of death, readily determined by the experts at CIL.

We'd appreciate your reading this "End-of-Year Policy Assessment," prepared at our request by our Policy Adviser Richard Childress, a retired U.S. Army COL who served on President Reagan's NSC staff as Director Political Military, then Director for Asian Affairs from 1981–1989

League is not interested re-fighting the war or placing blame; we just want answers for the families, not recriminations, on all possible cases, and we base our expectations on USG intelligence and logic.

We're also deeply concerned over Mr. Jennings' handling of the U.S.-Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIA Affairs, a presidential commission that has been reduced in stature and effectiveness, despite having extremely talented staff within DPMO, the Joint Commission Support Directorate, or JCSD.

The league has great confidence in JCSD's abilities, plus has been working hard to get active Senate and House replacements for vacancies or positions held by inactive Members of the House and Senate.

We just succeeded in convincing Senator Saxby Chambliss to accept the Senate Republican position, but the Democrat Senator position is held by Senator John Kerry who has not participated at all in plenary or internal U.S. sessions.

The House Democrat position is held by Rep. Lane Evans, but we understand his tragic illness impeded active participation, and we need active committed Members to signal the Russians that the U.S. is serious.

Recently, Mr. Jennings' was reportedly appointed by the White House to assume the role of U.S. Chairman, an appointment that is too low level and without the prestige required for the Russian Government to take it seriously; they stated this fact to U.S. officials.

Mr. Jennings was the Commissioner representing DOD, and that was fine, but he is not the appropriate level to be a Presidential Envoy serving as U.S. Chairman; thus, we also oppose him in this second position.

The League has received countless complaints from DPMO staff members and we are VERY concerned about internal disruption, even implosion, of this organization that would not exist if were not for the League's efforts over the years that raised the priority.