

Cement Finisher Apprenticeship Program with Cement Masons Local #744 at the old Craftsmen Hall on Centre Street. Construction work was slow in San Diego, so he went to work for a Custom Auto repair shop for a short time. In August 1959, Mac went to work for Benton Roofing Co. as a roofer loader, then as a roofer for Veteran's Roof Co. He then advanced to journeyman, foreman and superintendent with Witherow Roofing Co.

In 1978, he was elected as a delegate to the Roofers International Convention in Miami. In December of that year, he was elected to the office of Business Agent of Roofers Local #45 where he served also as the Apprentice Coordinator and Secretary of the JATC. He held this office for three terms, a total of nine years. In 1986, due to the finances of the local, the position of business agent was eliminated and he was voted in as president, a non-paying position.

In 1987, he obtained a C-39 Roofing Contractor's license and signed an agreement with Local #45. In 1993, he was unanimously voted to the office of Business Manager, where he also serves as the Financial Secretary-Treasurer, Agent, Organizer, Apprentice Coordinator, Chairman of the Apprenticeship JATC, and Apprentice classroom instructor.

Mac also serves as a trustee to the Roofers Trust and is one of the directors at the National City Parks Apartments. Mac re-joined the "Johns" in 1993 and plans to be a lifetime member. After serving 12 years in Roofers Local #45 as Business Manager, Mac plans to retire in December of this year, but will continue to assist with the Apprenticeship Program.

Mac has been married to his wife Karen for 31 years and they have lived in North Park since 1974.

I am proud to salute Mac Colmenero on his recognition with the Johns Fellowship Award!

#### HONORING MARGARET DAVIES

### HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 8, 2005*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to pay tribute to an outstanding individual, Ms. Margaret Davies. On September 11, 2005, family and friends will gather to honor Margaret, as she celebrates her 90th birthday.

Margaret Rowe was born on September 13, 1915 in Little Rock, Arkansas, where she attended Little Rock Public Schools. She later moved to my hometown of Flint, MI, where she married Jay B. Davies in 1946. Margaret and her husband Jay had two children, Jimmy Davies, currently of Durham, NC, and Kim Smith of Indianapolis, IN. Mr. and Mrs. Davies were also blessed with three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The two enjoyed a marriage of 33 years, until Jay's passing in 1979.

Margaret has been a longtime resident of Genesee County. She worked for many years at the YMCA until retiring in 1983, and was an active member of Holbrook Avenue Church of God. Today she can often be found reading her Bible or sending e-mails to her loved ones.

Mr. Speaker, as the Member of Congress representing Genesee County, I ask my col-

leagues in the 109th Congress to please join me in not only recognizing Margaret Davies for her outstanding life, but to wish her a very happy 90th birthday.

#### ON CONSIDERATION OF EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL

### HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 8, 2005*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, let me say at the outset that my thoughts, prayers, and condolences continue to go out to all of the victims and citizens whose lives have been ravaged by Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath.

And I must also commend the efforts of communities across this great Nation, for opening their hearts and homes to the victims of this tragedy.

In my district, the Beattie Road Church of Christ, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, the Albany Marine Corps Logistics Base, Fort Benning, Norman Park Assembly, the Southwest Georgia Chapter of the American Red Cross and the many others who are too numerous to mention, but who have opened their hearts, homes and wallets to help the nearly 800 victims of Katrina who are now foster residents of the Second Congressional District of Georgia, should be recognized as well.

Two weeks ago, I do not think any of us could have imagined using the word "diaspora" to describe the lives of American citizens. But that is the situation that we are now faced with.

We are all too familiar with the horrific images coming from the Gulf Coast: images of our own people suffering, images that I know will always haunt me as I am sure that they will haunt you.

I also know that we are all too familiar with the accusations and mistakes that have been made at FEMA and at other levels of government. These are legitimate accusations that deserve an investigation.

In the end, however, it is what we do now that matters. That is why I am standing here today because I believe that we are still mismanaging this crisis, particularly the resources and assistance being provided evacuees as they disperse throughout the United States.

Just yesterday, my staff received several calls from the families of evacuees who have been relocated to the State of Georgia, whose needs are not being fully addressed by FEMA.

We have been told of several cases where evacuees, who are lucky enough to get a FEMA debit card, quickly learn that it has yet to be activated or simply doesn't work.

We continue to hear that it is very difficult and almost impossible to reach FEMA by phone, despite FEMA's ongoing and specific request that evacuees contact the agency by phone or e-mail. I question where these evacuees are going to get computer access, just as I know their access to telephones is limited.

But even more horrific are the stories of evacuees, panhandling, without clothes, without shoes, without any place to turn.

Mr. Speaker, this is not the America I know. FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security must be held accountable and, they must be held accountable today, not tomor-

row, not next week, not next month, but today and each and every day in the future, until the victims of the Katrina Diaspora are allowed to return home or are appropriately resettled in a community of their choosing.

Just as all persons of Jewish decent have a right to return to their homeland in Israel, we must ensure that all victims of the Katrina Diaspora be given the right and opportunity to return to their homes.

Finally, I applaud the leadership on both sides of the aisle for taking this matter up today.

I do not care about sound bites or political advantage here. Those concerns do not help the millions of Americans who have been robbed of everything.

What I am concerned with and what all of us across the Nation should be concerned with, is how we move forward in an effective and responsive fashion.

Are we correcting our administrative mistakes and missteps on a daily basis?

Are we taking care of our citizens?

This is the time to pull together, not apart. This is the time to work together, to share ideas and to use our collective wisdom and energy to get the job done. Even if this means admitting that we have made mistakes.

We must be clear that this is just a down payment on meeting the costs of this disaster. There is a long road ahead. And it is my hope that what we are doing here today provides the short term relief that is so desperately needed by the victims of Katrina.

Only time will tell if we are adequately meeting the needs of the victims of this awful tragedy.

#### SECOND KATRINA SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL

### HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 8, 2005*

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3673, the second emergency supplemental bill for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. We, in North Carolina, are very familiar with the destructive power of hurricanes, and Congress has a solemn responsibility to assist the efforts for relief, recovery and reconstruction.

Congress also has a serious responsibility to assure accountability in the use of taxpayer money, and the legislative branch must not fail in its constitutional duty to oversee the operations of the executive branch. There can be no doubt that the Federal agencies charged with responding to this disaster were too slow, too confused and too ineffectual in discharging their duties in the critical early hours and days of Hurricane Katrina. Congress must take effective action to ensure that the funds appropriated today will assist those who have suffered so egregiously through no fault of their own.

This tragedy has raised urgent questions about the performance of disaster preparedness and emergency response agencies. Congress must work in bipartisan cooperation to correct these deficiencies. As the U.S. Department of Homeland Security continues to work to protect our country during the war against terrorism and in the midst of a very active hurricane season, America cannot afford a failure