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TRIBUTE TO BISHOP WALTER
EMILE BOGAN, SR.

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, March 2, 2006

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today with a heavy heart, as I ask my colleagues in the 109th Congress to join me in honoring the life and accomplishments of a dear friend of mine, Bishop Walter Emile Bogan, Sr. Bishop Bogan passed away at his residence on Sunday, January 8, at the age of 57. I am deeply saddened by this great loss, for Bishop Bogan was an inspiring and positive force for Genesee County, the State, and Nation. He was a true friend, and I shall miss him greatly.

Born to the union of Norma L. Bogan-Burrell and the late William Bogan in my hometown of Flint, Michigan, Walter Bogan attended and graduated from Flint Community Schools, and later went on to schools such as Saints Academy College in Lexington, MS, Moody Bible College in Chicago, and Moorhouse College in Atlanta. He also attended Flint's C.S. Mott Community College, and the University of Michigan-Flint. On July 25, 1980, he answered the Lord's call and succeeded his grandfather and mentor, Rev. Theodore Harris, as Pastor of Harris Memorial Church of God in Christ.

Over the years, Rev. Bogan became more than just a Pastor, but a spiritual leader whose guidance, vision, and commitment to spreading the Word of God helped make the Flint area a better place in which to live. Pastor Bogan constantly and selflessly gave of himself, hosting Christmas parties for neighborhood children and providing gifts for them all. In recent years, he would offer college scholarships for several young members of his congregation, in hopes of granting them opportunities they otherwise may not have had the chance to take.

In 2000, Pastor Bogan became Bishop Bogan, as he was appointed Chief Servant and Presiding Bishop of the Great Lakes Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Michigan, Church of God In Christ. Bishop Bogan admirably balanced his new leadership duties with powerful sermons each Sunday, which for him was a labor of love.

Bishop Bogan leaves to cherish and carry on his legacy his beautiful and devoted wife of 35 years, Dianne, sons Walter and Eric, daughter-in-law Karleen, three grandchildren, and of course the many people whom he loved and loved him in return.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in offering condolences to the family of Bishop Bogan, and in thanking them for sharing him with our community. My message to his congregation is as follows:

"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble in heart." [Matthew 11:29]

It takes a strong person to be meek, a strong person to be in charge of his passions and emotions.

Bishop Walter Emile Bogan was such a person. He was strong in his love of God. He was

strong in his love of the Church. He was strong in his love of family. He was strong in his pursuit of justice. He was strong in his effort to eliminate injustice. And all this deep strength, he exercised humbly, as an instrument of God's Holy Will.

Because of Bishop Bogan's strength, anchored in humility and meekness, this community is a better community. This Church is a stronger representation of the Mystical Body of Christ. All of us here in this Church are better people because of that strength of faith and action of Bishop Walter Bogan.

The greatest tribute we can render to Bishop Bogan is to emulate his love, his dedication, his humility, and his Christ-centered strength.

Bishop Bogan, as a triumphant member of the Communion of Saints, please ask Almighty God to shower His Blessings upon us that we might use our strength to carry out God's Holy Will.

CHATTAHOOCHEE TRACE NA-
TIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR
STUDY ACT

HON. TERRY EVERETT

OF ALABAMA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, today I am pleased to introduce the Chattahoochee Trace National Heritage Corridor Study Act, a bill that would direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Chattahoochee Trace National Heritage Corridor in Alabama and Georgia.

The Historic Chattahoochee Compact was signed into law in 1978, and it established the Historic Chattahoochee Commission to promote historic preservation and tourism in the Chattahoochee Valley. Since this time, the Historic Chattahoochee Commission has been involved in a heritage tourism program in eighteen Alabama and Georgia counties along the lower Chattahoochee River. Because of their exemplary work, the National Trust for Historic Preservation has cited the Historic Chattahoochee Commission as a national model for heritage corridor development.

The designation of this corridor is the final piece in the commission's development plan. It would enable them to initiate new and innovative projects to invigorate the economies of the member counties since they would be eligible to receive funding for publications and marketing for tourism, historic preservation, environmental education, outdoor recreation, and small business development. In addition to aiding historic preservation, this effort will also enhance economic development in this region.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this important legislation.

HONORING COLONEL JAMES E.
BEAN

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, March 2, 2006

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable soldier

and citizen from my congressional district. Colonel James E. Bean, a longtime resident of Bardstown, Kentucky, passed away peacefully January 4th at age 82. Colonel Bean was a local hero, remembered for his athletic achievements as a young man and military heroism as a fighter pilot, flying combat missions in World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

Colonel Bean was born in 1923 on a farm at Cox's Creek, KY. He graduated from Bardstown High School in 1942. A football and basketball All Star, Colonel Bean was especially remembered for being the signal caller on offense and fullback of the legendary unbeaten 1941 Bardstown High School football team. He matriculated to the University of Kentucky on a football scholarship later that fall but cut short his collegiate career soon thereafter to join the U.S. Army Air Corps. He was called to active duty in early 1943, assigned to Foster Field, Texas as an Advanced Flying School inspector. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in January, 1944 and assigned to the European Theater, where he flew 41 combat missions in Germany and France.

Upon his return to the United States, Colonel Bean completed numerous assignments testing and flying Air Force fighter aircraft. He was assigned to Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada in 1960 to establish and operate the F-105 aircraft flight training program for all Air Force units. He later carried out assignments in Japan with the 8th Tactical Fighting Wing, completing several short tours in Southeast Asia, before returning to the United States to serve as an Air Force duty officer at the Pentagon. Colonel Bean volunteered and was assigned to the 388th Tactical Fighting Wing, Korat Royal Thai Air Base, Thailand, in October, 1967.

On January 3, 1968 while flying an F-105 combat mission over North Vietnam, his aircraft was shot down near Hanoi. Colonel Bean was captured by the North Vietnamese and held as a Prisoner of War until his release March 14, 1973.

James Bean retired from the United States Air Force as a Colonel in 1974. He returned to Kentucky, where he enjoyed a peaceful retirement with his wife until his death in January. He was a member of the Bardstown High School Hall of Fame, State President of Future Farmers of America, a Shriner, Mason, Kentucky Colonel, member of the American Legion, Kentucky Pork Producers, and communicant at the Bardstown Baptist Church.

James Bean's remarkable life is one of a true American hero. His distinguished service and unique sacrifice for his country represent the very best of what it means to be an American soldier. His achievements as a citizen, especially his unwavering dedication to his family and his community, are further marks of greatness worthy of our collective respect and appreciation. It is my great privilege to honor his memory today, before the entire U.S. House of Representatives. May he rest in peace.