

brought him the posthumous award of the Purple Heart Award, Bronze Star Medal, and Combat Action Badge.

More than a soldier, Keith Kline was known as "a good hearted person that was full of life, and a very hard worker." He was a NASCAR fan, he reveled in family get-togethers and his favorite holiday was July 4th. Cherishing his memory and celebrating the gift of his life are his mother Betty and brother John, his stepfather, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. We offer them our sincere condolences and heartfelt gratitude as they struggle through this difficult time. May they find comfort in their loved one's memory and recall the words of Ecclesiastes 3:1, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under Heaven."

IN HONOR OF THE REVEREND C.K. YARBER, SR.

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2007

Mr. ROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor dear friends of mine for their 50 years of dedicated service to the city of Texarkana and to the State of Arkansas through their ministries. Reverend C.K. Yarber, Sr., and his wife, Inez Yarber, are true leaders who have provided a model example and have built a solid foundation for future generations.

This year, the Yarbers celebrate a milestone anniversary of ministering at Lonoke Baptist Church, Miller County and across southwest Arkansas for the past 50 years. The Yarbers first began their ministry at Lonoke Baptist Church when it had just a few dozen members, but now the congregation boasts over 600 worshipers each Sunday. Reverend Yarber is also currently serving as moderator of the Southwest District Association, a position he has held for the past 12 years.

Reverend Yarber is a native of Ashdown, Arkansas, and a graduate of the United Theological Seminary School in Monroe, Louisiana. Soon after seminary, Reverend Yarber began his life's work of giving back to his community by nourishing and strengthening a church family that has literally changed and impacted countless lives for a half century.

The Yarbers' service does not end at the church steps as they continue to contribute throughout the State of Arkansas to enhance the world for so many. Reverend Yarber was the first African American to serve on the Texarkana, Arkansas School Board. The couple is also active with the Arkansas Voter Registration Committee, the Miller County NAACP, the Civil Service Commission of the Arkansas State Police, and through their ministries in the Arkansas Prison System, among many others.

I am deeply honored to recognize one family's tremendous faith and devotion towards making our world a better place to live. Reverend C.K. Yarber and Inez Yarber have spent their lifetime together reaching out and teaching youth, adults and seniors alike about the positive healing influence faith can have on a person's life. The vision and work of this couple is remarkable and I congratulate them for reaching this 50-year mark and for the countless contributions they have made to our soci-

ety through their steadfast ministries and selfless outreach. I am proud of their service and I am honored to call them my friends.

IN HONOR OF HERITAGE VILLAGE

HON. CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2007

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today in honor of Heritage Village in Southbury, Connecticut. Heritage Village, the largest and oldest condominium complex in the Northeast, is currently celebrating its 40th anniversary. For 40 years, Heritage Village has stood as a model community for mature living.

Heritage Village is home to 4,000 residents covering 1,000 acres in scenic Southbury. More than just a housing complex, Heritage Village combines residential services with a diverse range of activities to create an active and wonderfully vibrant community.

The success and longevity of Heritage Village is a testament to the strength of such a tight-knit and active environment. From day one, Heritage Village was planned as much more than just a place to live—it was designed as a place where activity and opportunity would be encouraged and where neighbors caring for each other would define its legacy. That mindset, situated in one of the most beautiful settings in Connecticut, has allowed Heritage Village to thrive and grow.

For 40 years, Heritage Village has been a shining example of community living, and I know it will continue in that tradition for years to come. I am therefore extremely proud to come before my colleagues in this House to recognize Heritage Village, its administrators, residents, and staff for their contribution to Southbury and to the State of Connecticut.

TRIBUTE TO PATTI WINKLER

HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2007

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Madam Speaker, I would like to take a moment to pay tribute to a remarkable woman, whom I have known for over 30 years. On July 20, 2007, Patti Winkler will retire after 34 years working for See's Candies.

Patti Winkler was born in Canada and moved to the United States as a child. She lived with her mother, father, brothers and sisters in South Sacramento, CA until the late eighties when the family moved to Roseville. Today, Patti still lives in Roseville and shares her home with her mother, Rita, her two sisters Maxine and Mary Jane, her nephew Robbie, and five dogs. Patti enjoys visiting her family cabin in Cascade Shores, where she and her sisters spend time boating in Scott's Flat Lake, pulling the children behind on tubes, and then returning to the cabin at the end of the day to play card games.

In her life, Patti's family has always come first. She takes great pleasure in accompanying her mother to play bingo, helping her nephew through college, and cooking one of

her famous BLT sandwiches for anyone in the family. Her loving and generous spirit is particularly evident during the Christmas season, as she cooks for her family and brings cookies and toffee in for her coworkers.

As a frequent customer, I always look forward to seeing Patti when I visit the See's Candies store in Roseville. Patti began working for See's in November 1973 at the Arden Fair Mall. Both her mother and sister Janie also worked for See's. On September 29, 1988, she opened the See's store in Roseville, which she managed until 2003. Patti knows the workings of the shop better than anyone else, and is special not only to the store's customers, but also to the people she works with who truly cherish Patti's friendship. She makes the shop warm and inviting to anyone who works there and goes out of her way to make everyone feel like part of the team. While her family will benefit from spending more time with Patti in her retirement, her coworkers and customers are truly sad to see her go.

During her retirement, Patti is looking forward to splitting her time between her home in Roseville and their cabin in Cascade Shores. She also plans to continue traveling, as she enjoys taking cruises with her family to Alaska, Mexico, the Caribbean, and through the east coast. I join everyone who knows Patti in wishing her any happy moments in retirement, and thanking her for the joy she brings to everyone she knows.

CELEBRATING THE 190TH ANNIVERSARY OF LYME CONGREGATIONAL UCC IN BELLEVUE, OHIO

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2007

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of an amazing achievement. Lyme Congregational United Church of Christ in Bellevue, Ohio, celebrates its 190th anniversary in July 2007. A series of events through the month of July commemorate this historic occasion.

On July 15 and July 17 of 1817, a total of 10 people were examined to form the charter membership of the First Presbyterian Church of Wheatsborough. According to church documents, traveling minister Reverend John Seward charged the members to "walk worthy of their high calling." Throughout the year, Reverend Alvin Coe, a Presbyterian missionary to the American Indians, occasionally preached to the largely Congregationalist membership. In March 1820, Lot B. Sullivan came to Lyme looking for employment and was soon ordained and installed as the congregation's first minister. This ordination was the very first performed west of the Cuyahoga River, and ministers came from 100 miles around to participate in the "laying on of hands." Church records note that early salaries were \$400 per year, two-thirds of which was in the form of produce for the minister and his family.

In 1828, the community of Lyme built a new schoolhouse. For the next 7 years, the church held its services in that school building. In 1835 the congregation built its own church building, which was dedicated in 1836. The building is the only church the congregation

has known and has been in continuous use for 171 years. Hand-hewn and built to stand the test of time, the church remains a beautifully simplistic structure.

Formally incorporated as a Congregational Church in 1873, Lyme Congregational U.C.C. calls itself "A Family Church Where All Are Welcome" and this motto rings as true today as at the church's founding. Families have grown and maintained the church through many markers of history: It was founded less than 10 years after the first settlers arrived in the Firelands of Northwest Ohio and only 2 years after the first people came to Bellevue. It was standing for 6 years already when the Erie Canal opened, and 16 years when Oberlin College—the first in the U.S. to admit women and African Americans—was established. The church continued in witness to history as our Nation passed through the Civil War, the joining of the Transcontinental Railroad in 1886, the Wright Brothers' Kitty Hawk flight in 1903, the introduction of the Model T Ford, World War I, the Suffrage of Women in 1919, World War II, the Korean War, the dawn of the space program, the first moon walk in 1969, the Vietnam War and the tragic shootings at Kent State University nearby, the collapse of the Twin Towers in New York in 2001, two Gulf Wars and United Nations missions, from telegraph to telephone to cellular phones, from the writing of letters to radio to television to computers and digital cameras. Through all of these incredible changes in one continuous thread of history, 36 ministers have led this flock. The members celebrate their history and have carefully preserved artifacts and documents from the church's founding nearly two centuries ago.

In the Book of Psalms in the Holy Bible Psalm 100 tells Christians, "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is He that has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting and His truth endures to all generations." Few congregations can attest to the message in this Scripture as well as that of Lyme Congregational United Church of Christ. I am very pleased to acknowledge this anniversary celebration and join in a remembrance of the past, reflection of the present, and hope for the future.

HONORING MR. CHARLES TISDALE
FEARLESS CHAMPION OF CIVIL
RIGHTS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2007

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the life of Mr. Charles Tisdale, a fearless champion of civil rights within the African-American community. Mr. Tisdale was the owner of The Jackson Advocate Newspaper, which gave a voice to African-Americans in Jackson and throughout the state of Mississippi.

Charles Tisdale, an Alabama native who fought for civil rights as owner and publisher

of Mississippi's oldest black-owned newspaper was born November 5, 1926, in Athens, Alabama. Tisdale purchased The Jackson Advocate in 1978 from the newspaper's first owner, Percy Green. For 20 years, Mr. Tisdale's influential talk show on WMPR in Jackson, often took elected leaders, both black and white, to task for not effectively serving their communities.

Mr. Tisdale was not only a civil rights activist but a front-line leader. He did not write from a dark room but led several marches, putting his life in danger to advance the civil rights of African-Americans in his community. Tisdale's civil rights record extends back to the 1960s, when he joined Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in protest marches. Mr. Tisdale was with Dr. King when the civil rights crusader was assassinated in Memphis.

Mr. Tisdale often faced repercussions for his outspoken nature. He received several death threats, some of which resulted in his newspaper office in Jackson being firebombed on two separate occasions. The last occurrence was in 1998, when gasoline was doused over furniture and molotov cocktails were thrown through the windows. The 1998 attack resulted in \$100,000 damages. Clinton Moses, of Jackson, later pleaded guilty to the crime and told authorities that Louis Armstrong, a member of the Jackson City Council paid him \$500 to commit the firebombing. Mr. Armstrong was never charged in the case. Throughout the years of adversity, Mr. Tisdale continued his courageous fight.

Despite sagging circulation of the Jackson Advocate over the past five years, the newspaper continued to receive several honors, including the National Black Chamber of Commerce Newspaper of the Year, the Nation of Islam Freedom Fighter Award and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference Journalism Award. Mr. Tisdale's reputation spread far beyond the state of Mississippi. The National Newspaper Publishers Association, a trade association of more than 200 black-oriented community newspapers, has named one of its top awards after him.

He took the lead in publishing articles on civil rights violations and was unrelenting in his fight against racism, injustice, discrimination and corruption by government officials. He never gave up on a story and in the end the truth always prevailed.

I will always remember Charles Tisdale as a man of extraordinary courage, who cared deeply about the struggles of African-Americans fighting for justice.

Please join me today in honoring a truly courageous civil rights leader, Mr. Charles Tisdale.

TRIBUTE TO RABBI NARDUS
GROEN

HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2007

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of a husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, son, veteran, and community leader—Rabbi Nardus Groen, who passed away on Wednesday, June 13 after living a full life of community service.

Rabbi Nardus Groen was born in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, on December 18, 1919 and grew to become a hero and a family man. As a member of the Dutch Underground during World War II, Rabbi Groen was captured by German soldiers multiple times and heroically managed to escape each time. One particular act of heroism occurred in 1940 when Groen was guarding a Jewish hospital in the Netherlands during its evacuation. Although the patients had escaped, Groen was protecting a group of Jewish nurses as the Nazis approached. Selflessly, he slipped on a Red Cross arm band and escorted the nurses into a room. When the Nazis asked who was in the room, Groen explained that he was caring for patients with Scarlet Fever. Fearing the illness, the Nazis spared the Jewish nurses, including Groen's future wife, the former Sipora Rodriguez-Lopes.

After World War II, Rabbi Nardus Groen served at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina under the American Marine Corps. Following his stint with the Marines, Groen worked as a psychologist at a Jewish orphanage for Holocaust survivors. He helped countless youths cope with one of the greatest tragedies in human history. Two years later, he began to serve as a rabbi at the oldest congregation in the Western Hemisphere in Surinam. Groen led a mixed Sephardic Ashkenazic congregation in Surinam until 1952 when he served as a rabbi in Einhoven, the Netherlands. He became one of the foremost leaders of his community, uniting two different cultures in one synagogue.

Nardus Groen moved to Lansdale, PA as a renowned rabbi in 1963 where he served as Beth Israel Synagogue's rabbi for 13 years. He provided guidance and spiritual leadership to Beth Israel's community, helping his community grow to the vibrant Jewish center it is today. Groen moved back to Europe and retired in 1986 as the chief rabbi for the eastern six provinces of the Netherlands. He lived what he preached and will be remembered across the Netherlands.

After his retirement, Rabbi Groen and his loving wife Sipora lived in the Netherlands and Delray Beach, Florida after his retirement before permanently settling in Florida in 2005. Rabbi Groen spent his last years as a loving father to Marcel Groen, Leo Groen, Ruben Groen, David Groen, and Debra Groen; a loving brother to Meyers Groen and Sophia Groen; a loving grandfather and great grandfather to twelve grandchildren and six great grandchildren; and a loving husband to Sipora Groen.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring and remembering Rabbi Nardus Groen. Through his hard work, Rabbi Groen has spread hope across three continents and will be remembered as a strong leader, a caring mentor, and a true mensch.

HONORING MR. JOHNNY L. SUTTON,
FORMER MAYOR OF THE
CITY OF CIBOLO

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2007

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Johnny L. Sutton, the former