

frequency of lobbyists' reporting and establishing a searchable public database of this disclosure information. It also requires Members of Congress to disclose job negotiations for post-Congressional employment and creates a public database online of Member travel and financial disclosure forms. Further, the Honest Leadership Open Government Act prohibits Members convicted of certain felonies from receiving a congressional pension.

In the first 100 hours of the 110th Congress, we passed new House Rules imposing the toughest ethics standards ever. These rules banned gifts, meals and trips paid for by lobbyists. Today, the House takes the next step in voting on this final House-Senate agreement on ethics and lobby reform.

S. 1 has the support of a wide range of organizations working to increase openness and honesty in government. I would like to include for the RECORD a letter from several major groups including Common Cause, League of Women Voters, and Public Citizen, expressing their support for this bill.

These important reforms cannot be delayed any longer. The Democratic Congress will send this tough lobbying reform bill to the President's desk. I urge him to listen to the American public and sign this bill into law.

RECOGNIZING NICHOLAS ST. CLAIR  
FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF  
EAGLE SCOUT

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Nicholas St. Clair, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 175, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Nicholas has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Alex has been involved with scouting, he has earned 39 merit badges and held numerous leadership positions, serving as Patrol Leader, Quartermaster and Den Chief to the Pack. Nicholas is also a Tribe Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

For his Eagle Scout project, Nicholas created a secondary emergency evacuation trail at Daniel Young Elementary School for Keystone Park in Blue Springs, Missouri. Nicholas has also earned several special awards including the 12 Month Camper A ward, the Internet Safety Award, and the 50 Miller Award.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Nicholas St. Clair for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONGRATULATING REV. WELDON  
G. DANIELS ON RETIREMENT

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of the

Rev. Weldon G. Daniels who is retiring after 37 years as the pastor of Pilgrim Valley Missionary Church.

Mr. Daniels accepted the call as pastor of Pilgrim Valley in January of 1971. Under his leadership, the church's membership growth required a new facility, and over the years, he supervised improvements including the addition of air conditioning and heat for classrooms. The sanctuary was also updated with a sound system, worship furnishings, and he secured donated bibles and hymnals for the growing congregation.

Rev. Daniels ensured that all of the improvements were accomplished in a financially responsible manner, with all notes retired. His leadership also ensured organization of the Prayer Band, a Young Women's Mission and Orientation Committee and the reorganization of the Angel's Choir. Additionally, his leadership inspired twenty-two from the congregation to enter the ministry and an additional twenty-nine to become Associate Pastors.

Rev. Daniels also served as the past president of the Baptist Ministers Union, the Harris Hospital Board, the United Way Board, Chair of the M.L.K. Committee and was both the first African American on the Crime Commission board and founder of Ministers Against Crime (M.A.C.).

I am honored to represent Rev. Daniels and the life of service and community leadership that he embodies for the residents of Southeast Fort Worth.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNI-  
VERSARY OF THE VILLAGE OF  
DUPO, ILLINOIS

**HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of the Village of Dupo, Illinois.

In the late 17th century, the French settled the area known as the American Bottom, along the eastern banks of the Mississippi River, between the Illinois and Kaskaskia Rivers. One of the early French settlements was Prairie du Pont which was established around 1750, about a mile south of the village of Cahokia. "Pont" is French for "bridge" and the name was derived from the prairie that was near an old log bridge that crossed a creek at this location. Although a Prairie du Pont school district was officially formed, the community was never incorporated as a village.

One of the geographic advantages of the Prairie du Pont area is that it is about 10 to 12 feet higher than much of the surrounding area. Being in the Mississippi River flood plain, this was probably responsible for early residents of Cahokia settling in the area to escape the frequent floods. This was also an important consideration in the decision of the Missouri Pacific Railroad locating their switching yards there. With the yards came the homes and shops for the railroad workers and soon a new town was born. In 1907, the name Prairie du Pont was shortened and the Village of Dupo was incorporated.

Oil was discovered near Dupo in 1928 and, for a brief period, there was considerable drill-

ing and expectation of a new source of revenue. Within a couple of years, however, it became apparent that the oil field could not sustain further drilling and Dupo remained principally a railroad town. Today, most north-south traffic through this area goes through the Dupo yards.

Just as the railroads were influential in Dupo's formation, another transportation link holds promise for the future. I-255, part of the beltway that encircles the St. Louis metropolitan area, runs right by Dupo and offers exciting opportunities for development. As Dupo celebrates its centennial, it can enjoy its rich history while looking forward to a bright future.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Village of Dupo, Illinois and to wish them the best as they move forward in the years to come.

HONORING THE LIFE OF  
RHETAUGH DUMAS, PH.D, RN,  
FAAN

**HON. JOHN D. DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Rhetaugh Graves Dumas, PhD, RN, FAAN, who passed way on July 22, 2007.

Rhetaugh Dumas had an exemplary life and career as an esteemed international leader in nursing and health care.

Dr. Dumas served as the dean of the School of Nursing at the University of Michigan from 1981 to 1994 in which she had a major impact on the advancement of nursing, health care, and academic programs. In 1994 she was named vice provost for health affairs and the Lucille Cole Professor of Nursing. She retired from active faculty status in December 2001, after 20 years of service to the University of Michigan.

Before arriving at the University of Michigan Dr. Dumas was a deputy director at the National Institutes of Mental Health. She was the first woman, the first nurse, and the first African-American to serve as a deputy director at NIMH.

Earlier in her career, Dr. Dumas served on the faculty of Yale University's School of Nursing and director of nursing of the Connecticut Medical Health Center at the Yale-New Haven Medical Center.

Dr. Dumas, born in Natchez, Mississippi, received her bachelor's degree in nursing from Dillard University, master's degree in psychiatric nursing from Yale and her Ph.D. degree in social psychology from Union Graduate School, Union for Experimenting Colleges and Universities.

Dr. Dumas served on a number of national boards and committees including as an appointee to the President's National Bioethics Advisory Committee during the Clinton administration.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in extending the appreciation of the U.S. House of Representatives for all the contributions Rhetaugh Grave Dumas made to our Nation during her extraordinary life.