

HONORING THE REVEREND DR.
ALBERT F. CAMPBELL

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. FATTAH. Madam Speaker, a distinguished preacher and spiritual leader in Philadelphia, the Reverend Doctor Albert F. Campbell, the pastor of Mount Carmel Baptist Church, is observing a milestone that provides his congregants, his many followers and admirers along with friends and family, an opportunity to celebrate his long and productive ministry.

Pastor Campbell has been a rock in West Philadelphia, as a man of God, a man of the people, a leader of the community and a role model for all of those in his sphere.

He has presided over Mount Carmel Baptist—"a revolutionary church engaged in revolutionary services"—for 42 years, succeeding the Reverend Doctor Dennie W. Hoggard. A passionate and inspiring young preacher from Beulah Baptist Church of New York City, Reverend Campbell arrived in Philadelphia with his wife, Ruth Price Campbell, and their sons, Albert Jr. and Milton K., to step into the pulpit at Mount Carmel on May 22, 1966. Each year, a Sunday in late May is celebrated as the anniversary of his installation, and this year is no exception—with Pastor Appreciation Day May 25, 2008.

The measure of Reverend Campbell's greatness is evident upon a visit to the church, at 5732 Race Street, to the surrounding community and even to its Web site, which lists no fewer than 61 separate ministries. While the church dates back 126 years, it has grown immensely in the four decades plus of Reverend Campbell's pastorate.

The Reverend Campbell had directed and managed Mount Carmel in an inspirational manner while preaching the word of God to a "People in Pilgrimage," bound for the destination of which God said, "I will give it to you".

With a keen eye for management as well as a heart filled with the word of the Lord, Reverend Campbell has guided the Church to prominence in the faith and civic life of the City of Brotherly Love. His vision for Mount Carmel has encompassed all facets of the Church and its work. He has expanded Mount Carmel's ministries, its outstanding youth and educational programs, and its civic and community development outreach across West Philadelphia, impacting its neighbors, reaching out to those in need and to those searching for spiritual fulfillment. Musical programs have been a specialty, and in an especially proud moment, the Mount Carmel orchestra was once invited to perform at the White House.

And so upon this joyous occasion of the 42nd anniversary of his installation, I invite my colleagues to join me in extending congratulations, best wishes and continued success in the Lord's work to the Reverend Doctor Albert F. Campbell, my pastor and a pastor who has served tirelessly for the betterment of all Philadelphians.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF DAN J.
SMITH

HON. DANA ROHRBACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Madam Speaker, I rise in this chamber to mark the passing of a great American, Dan J. Smith. A resident of Los Angeles, Dan passed away on May 6, 2008, at the age of 57, leaving a legacy of service to this country. During the first term of President Ronald Reagan, Dan served as a Senior Advisor in the White House Office of Policy Development, where he worked on issues ranging from international trade to NATO defense. The principal achievement he should be remembered for is Executive Order 12320, which established the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Dan was the principal architect of the Reagan Administration's program to coordinate the activities of Federal agencies in supporting HBCUs.

A 1972 graduate of the University of Southern California, Dan was instrumental while still an undergraduate in founding the Norman Topping scholarship fund, a voluntary, student-financed program of financial support that still stands as a model for private community service. After receiving a masters degree from Occidental College in 1973, Dan spent his early career in banking and non-profit management. Still in his twenties, he was appointed by the Governor of California in 1976 to the State Economic Development Commission.

After leaving the White House staff, Dan founded his own higher education consulting firm, the Corporation for American Education, which he headed for 26 years. In the mid-1980s, he was instrumental in assisting Fisk University, one of this country's most-cherished HBCUs, in recovering from near insolvency. In 1997, at the request of California's Governor, he helped revise California's statutes overseeing private postsecondary and vocational education.

Dan was a writer, a deep thinker, a servant-leader, a devoted husband and father, and a friend. He was called early by his Maker, but his legacy lives on. America owes a debt to Dan J. Smith and countless other unsung heroes whose life's work represent the fabric of our Nation.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE CONGRESSIONAL CLUB

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2008

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 1026, recognizing the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Congressional Club. I congratulate and thank the Club for its century of service to Members and their families.

When a Member is first elected, one of the first events his or her spouse will be invited to is a welcome at the Congressional Club,

bringing together both Republican and Democratic spouses in friendship as they adjust to their new lives in public service.

Throughout the year, there are social opportunities to get to know women and men from around the country and even around the world as the Club sometimes hosts events with the international community, such as the recent Diplomatic Parade of Nations. The Club also draws on its members' talents and energies for designated non-political, non-partisan service projects.

In a city that can sometimes be known for its political tensions, the Congressional Club offers a longstanding oasis of good will and friendship for Congressional couples and families which share a great deal in common. It is a tradition that has helped build a community for 100 years and I hope will continue to do so for centuries to come.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today both in recognition of May as National Foster Care Month and to acknowledge our shared obligation to do everything that we can to help the more than half a million children currently in our Nation's foster care system. I applaud the thousands of devoted adoptive parents in Ohio and across the country who provide children and youth in foster care with permanent, loving families.

Twenty-one-year-old Ashley Flucsa entered Ohio's foster care system at age 10. She spent the next 8½ years in foster care, longing for a family to call her own. "I wanted to have the same sense of security that children in non-foster families have," she recalls. "I wanted to have a place to go during college break and I wanted to be able to fully trust that I would always have a place to call home. I wanted a mom to shop with and a dad to someday walk me down the aisle. I wanted stability."

Today, Ashley is a nursing student at Lakeland Community College. Her foster parents, Yvette and Jim Goldurs of Cleveland Heights, are in the process of adopting Ashley. She hopes to someday become a nurse practitioner or a doctor, and she is very involved with the Ohio Youth Advisory Board, which allows her to share her experiences and advocate for reform on behalf of Ohio's children and youth who are still in foster care. Most importantly, she has found the permanent family that she longed for.

Currently, Ohio has more than 17,000 children living in foster care. In 2005, a quarter of these foster children were waiting to join adoptive families. They had to wait an average of nearly 4 years to do so. More worrisome still, many of Ohio's foster youth will never find the permanent family they need. More than 1,200 youth "aged out" of Ohio's foster care system in 2005 completely on their own, with no family to rely upon.

The Federal Adoption Incentive Program, which was first enacted in 1997 as part of the Adoption and Safe Families Act, encourages States to find foster children like Ashley permanent homes through adoption. The Adoption Incentive Program is due to expire this

year, on September 30, and should be reauthorized so that it can continue to serve as a vitally important incentive to States for finalizing adoptions for children in foster care, with an emphasis on finding adoptive homes for special needs children and foster children over age 9. I am proud of Ohio's success in finalizing more than 10,400 adoptions of children from foster care between 2000 and 2006, earning \$5.4 million in Federal adoption incentive payments, which are invested back into the child welfare program.

We need to help more foster children in Ohio and across the Nation join loving, permanent adoptive families. The Adoption Incentive Program is effective in encouraging more adoptions from foster care, and I look forward to seeing that it is reauthorized this year.

DECLARATION

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. FORBES. Madam Speaker, consistent with Republican earmark standards, the following are detailed finance plans for each of my requested projects in the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2009, H.R. 5658.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Military Construction, Navy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Norfolk Naval Shipyard.

Address of Requesting Entity: Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, VA, USA.

Description of Request: Provide \$10,590,000 to make Industrial Access Improvements at Main Gate 15 at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard. Mandatory vehicle access control at military installations is a Department of Defense (DoD) requirement per DoD Directives 5200.8 and 5200.8R. Based on a Staff Integrated Vulnerability Assessment conducted in October 2006, the entrance and guardhouse configuration at Gate 15 are inadequate for both industrial access and from a security/safety standpoint and require upgrading. This project provides for industrial access improvements of Gate 15 including the truck and private automobile inspection area, Pass Office Renovations and counter terrorism measures at Gate 15.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center Address of Requesting Entity: Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center, 1030 University Blvd, Suffolk, VA 23435, USA.

Description of Request: Provide \$800,000 for research and development effort that will bring together the Modeling and Simulation community to define, implement, and utilize a set of standards that will guide the development of M&S capability for the foreseeable future. Standards will provide a more cost effective way to ensure simulation compatibility and reuse among the Services and the many types of simulations being developed to address

their problems. This action provides funding for the Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center at Old Dominion University to develop a set of modeling and simulation standards that will guide all aspects of DoD modeling and simulation design and development.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Shipbuilding and Conversion, Navy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Department of the Navy.

Address of Requesting Entity: Various.

Description of Request: To increase the President's Budget by \$722,000,000 for Virginia Class Submarine Advance Procurement/Advanced Construction. This funding will provide advanced procurement for the Block III procurement of the Virginia Class Submarine fleet. The funding can be used to accelerate the delivery at a rate of 2 per year beginning in FY10 rather than FY11.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Navy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Department of the Navy.

Address of Requesting Entity: Various.

Description of Request: To increase the President's Budget by \$10,000,000 for Advanced Submarine System Development (ULMS). The requested funding addition will allow the Navy to proceed with Sea Based Strategic Deterrent (SBSD) development in a timely fashion. This submarine class will serve as the replacement for the OHIO submarine class.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Shipbuilding and Conversion, Navy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Department of the Navy.

Address of Requesting Entity: Various.

Description of Request: To increase the President's Budget for the LPD by \$1,800,000,000. In 2007 Congressional testimony, USMC leaders testified that a force structure less than 10 LPD class ships would put the USMC at significant risk in meeting commitments for global presence and to the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT). The \$1.8 billion in FY 2009 funding is for LPD 26 as requested on the Navy's and marine Corps' FY 2009 Unfunded Priority Lists.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON-VICTORIA JAGUARS

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate The University of Houston—Victoria (UHV) Jaguars softball team on an amazing inaugural season. The Jaguars completed the season with a 32–18 record and finished fourth in Region VI of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, missing the national tournament by one slot.

The Jaguars faced a strong slate of contenders in the regular season, including 14 nationally recognized opponents, nine of which fell to the Jaguars. The team also defeated NCAA teams Houston Baptist University and the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

“You’ve got to beat the best to be the best,” head coach Keri Lambeth always tells her players, and the Jaguars showed they are more than capable of competing with the best. On March 17, the softball team ranked No.4 in 18–team Region VI in the first season poll based on play, marking the first rating of a UHV sporting team. On March 19, the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) ranked the softball team No. 15 in the Nation. The team ended the season in the same impressive position.

The players didn’t just work hard on the field. Coach Lambeth demanded academic and civic excellence. The players were required to attend a number of study hall hours every week based on their grade-point averages. A perfect 4.0 required 10 hours, while anything less required increasingly more. The players also met with Coach Lambeth each week to discuss how their classes were going and what kind of grades they were earning. As a result, a third of the team is expected to hold a 4.0 GPA this semester, and most of the team members are expected to appear on the UHV Dean’s List for the spring semester.

As Coach Lambeth always tells her players, “We’re not just here to play sports. We are here for an education first and foremost.”

As part of their civic activities, the players participated in a mentoring program in which they tutored at-risk elementary school students in reading, and middle and high school students in remedial math. The players also served as role models and life coaches to these students. Many players put in hours above and beyond what was required by the mentoring program.

Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to formally congratulate the women of the Jaguars on their accomplishments, both on and off the softball field, in their historic first season. I would also like to insert the Jaguars roster into the of the team into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD: Jessica Salas, Erin Litvik, Samantha Campagna, Kristen Lindley, Curby Ryan, Lindsey Ferguson, Lauren Garza, Chelsi Fitzgerald, Kasey Voyles, Cayla Dluhos, Ashley Falco, Stephanie Lavey, Amber Scott, Whitney Damborsky, Brittany Faas.

RECOGNIZING DENISE JORGENSEN, FOUNDER OF OPERATION MINNESOTA NICE

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Denise Jorgensen, founder of Operation Minnesota Nice, which provides comfort and support to the American soldier fighting for freedom abroad. It is vital that we not forget those defending our liberty, and Operation Minnesota Nice does its part by sending care packages to troops from Minnesota serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kuwait.

Two months into its mission, Operation Minnesota Nice built its ranks up to ten volunteers