

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO PASTOR KENNETH L. BARNEY, SR.

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2008

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Pastor Kenneth L. Barney, Sr., upon the celebration on his 30th pastoral anniversary.

In July 1978, Pastor Barney and his wife, Sister Ellen Barney, accepted a pastorate at the Oakcrest Community Baptist Church in Laurel, Maryland. At the time, their congregation consisted of approximately seven members. As time went on, the membership began to grow, with worshippers coming from areas across the region. As an increasing number of members hailed from Baltimore, Pastor Barney and the congregation relocated to Randallstown in Baltimore County.

In March 1988, 10 years after becoming pastor at the Oakcrest Community Baptist Church, Pastor Barney and his congregation officially changed its name to the New Antioch Baptist Church. New Antioch Baptist Church is currently ministering to over 4,000 members through Pastor and Sister Barney and other church leaders.

In addition to his pastoral duties, Pastor Barney has delivered addresses at national councils and participated as a "Discussion Leader" in the 2008 Oxford Round Table held in Oxford, England. In addition, Pastor Barney traveled to Morocco as part of a 2004 U.S. delegation invited by King Mohammed VI. Along with his fellow delegates, Pastor Barney participated in a Muslim-Evangelical Christian dialogue with Moroccan heads of government and university students to help develop a friendship between the Muslim community in Morocco and the Christian community in the United States.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Pastor Kenneth Barney on the occasion of his 30th pastoral anniversary. The small congregation with whom he began his pastorate thirty years ago has multiplied into a membership of over 4,000 under his guidance. It is with great pride that I congratulate Pastor Barney on his significant contributions to the faith community in Maryland and around the world.

HONORING WILLIAM CERIONI

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and accomplishments of William "Bill" Cerioni and to recognize him upon being named the "Memorial Honoree" by the Madera Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Cerioni was honored at a reception on Thursday, Au-

gust 21, 2008, at the Fourth Annual Lifetime Achievement Awards and Board of Directors Installation Dinner.

Mr. Bill Cerioni was born and raised in Madera, California. His father owned and operated Cerioni's Clothing Store. As a child he would work in the store sweeping floors and washing windows earning 25 cents per week. Mr. Cerioni graduated from Madera High School and attended Fresno State University, now California State University, Fresno. He was in school for 2 years before he joined the military during World War II. He had dreams of becoming a Navy pilot; however, with poor vision, the Navy and the Army Air Forces turned him away. He did enlist with the Army Air Force as a gunner and served in the 8th Air Force Division just outside of London, England.

In 1946, Mr. Cerioni became a partner at Cerioni's Clothing Store with his father. He had new ideas and wanted to broaden the clientele by providing a wider selection of merchandise and building a new store. In 1947 construction began and in 1949 the new store opened, which included a ladies' department. The family business experienced tremendous success. Mr. Cerioni's father passed away in 1962 and the business was left to him to operate. Remembering the family history of the store, Mr. Cerioni put his own sons to work in the store to continue the tradition of a father-son partnership.

Mr. Cerioni was an avid golfer. He and his golf partners, Attorney Denny Green and Dr. Ray Miles, decided to develop a private golf and country club. They purchased land with backing from a number of community members. With some hard work and perseverance, the doors of the Madera Golf Country Club were opened in 1954. He always took pride in what he did, and felt that his success was the result of providing quality services and products. Since he understood that success came from the community, it was important for him to show the same support to the community.

Beyond his business, golf and his family, he gave to his community. Mr. Cerioni was a member of the Madera Rotary Club for over 30 years, with perfect attendance for 28 of those years. He was a charter member of the 20/30 Club, involved in his church, member of the Madera Elks and was very active in the Madera Merchants Association and the Madera Chamber of Commerce. He assisted in launching the Downtown Parking Commission. Over the years, Mr. Cerioni was financially supportive to numerous local charities, including school activities.

As a young man, Mr. Cerioni met and married Francis Miller from Sanger, California. They have two children, Jeff and Craig; and four grandchildren Ryan, Tisha, Rori, and Bart.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to posthumously honor William "Bill" Cerioni for his dedication to his family, his business and his community. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring his life and wishing the best for his family.

A TRIBUTE TO MARRITJE GREENE, RECIPIENT OF THE ST. MADELEINE SOPHIE AWARD

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Marritje Greene, a recipient of the prestigious St. Madeleine Sophie Award from Sacred Heart Schools. Established in the year 2000, the St. Madeleine Sophie Award honors individuals in the Sacred Heart community who have made a sustained and significant contribution to the schools and embody the goals and criteria of a Sacred Heart education. The individuals honored are selected by a committee comprised of the senior administrative team in conjunction with the chair of the board of trustees and are honored at a reception and at the Mass of the Holy Spirit, the first all-school liturgy of the school year. The recipients will be VIP guests at various SHS events throughout the year and featured in their alumni magazine, *The Heart of the Matter*, for their commitment to the mission of Sacred Heart education.

Marritje Greene was chosen along with three other distinguished recipients to be recognized with the award for her dedication to the goals and criteria of Sacred Heart Schools. Mother of three young adult children, Lindsay, Jamie (SHP 2004), and Charlie (SHP 2006), Ms. Greene has been a strong leader, supporter and resource within the Sacred Heart community, especially in her service on the SHS Board of Trustees. While her sons were students at SHS, she was active with the SHP Parents Association, where she actively participated in the annual auction, parent education seminars, and community building. Ms. Greene also initiated a gathering of the northern peninsula families to form a support community for those students and families that would be commuting to school. Wherever she saw a need, she filled it. She is entering her fifth year on the board of trustees and has served as the head of the major gifts committee and is a member of the development committee and the committee for trustees. She is a very "quiet" donor and never seeks praise or recognition. One friend says, "her zest for life and charm makes others feel like participating and giving—all while enjoying themselves."

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring Ms. Marritje Greene as she is recognized by the St. Madeleine Sophie Award. Through her many contributions to her family and friends, and especially the Sacred Heart community, she has more than earned the St. Madeleine Sophie Award. Through her special leadership and commitment to excellence, she has established a lasting legacy at Sacred Heart Schools and in the life of every student who comes through its distinguished halls. Our community and our country have been

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strengthened by Marritje Greene and it is a privilege to honor her and her work.

TRIBUTE TO THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF AFRO-IN BOOKS AND CAFÉ, INC.

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2008

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the 30th year of operation of the Afro-In Books and Café, Inc. in Miami, Florida. Three decades ago, founders Dr. Earl A. Wells and his wife Eursla Wells envisioned a community where people of all ages could congregate with hunger and thirst for the wisdom of their ancestors and explore all there is to know about the great people from which they come. All the while, the Afro-In Books and Café, Inc. has retained its prominence as Miami's oldest and largest black book store.

Founded in 1978, Afro-In Books and Things served as a meeting place for artists and intellectuals to discuss the important issues of the day. Both founders are retired educators from the Miami-Dade County Public School System and fulfilled their dream of bringing quality books, periodicals, and literature to the inner city community of Greater Miami. Since its opening, the bookstore always made it a point to feature books written by and about people of color. Additionally, Dr. and Mrs. Wells were instrumental in the development of the Miami International Book Fair which has grown tremendously over the years. The Afro-In Books and Café, Inc. remains an annual participant in the book fair.

From 1996 to December 2005, the operation of Afro-In Books and Things was managed by Mr. William D.C. Clark and his wife Stephana, who is the grand-daughter of Miami pioneer Dr. D.A. Dorsey. They significantly expanded the selections offered in the bookstore. In February 2006, Afro-In Books and Things was obtained by Ms. Jamila Capp and her father, Dr. Larry Capp. The bookstore was renamed, Afro-In Books and Café, Inc. and was remodeled to include a café, patio dining, and Internet services.

Currently, the new Afro-In Books and Café, Inc., has hosted many book-signings by such luminaries as Dr. Rudy Crew, Paul Robeson Jr. and many local authors. In addition, lectures, poetry readings, political, and community meetings are held regularly at the bookstore. Over the years, the Afro-In Books and Café, Inc., has hosted many celebrities including Maya Angelou, Jada Pinkett Smith, Will Smith, Bernadette Stanis, and many others.

Madam Speaker, please join me in applauding the Afro-In Books and Café, Inc. as it celebrates 30 years of synonymous quality and exceptional public service. From its early days, the bookstore has possessed a commitment to preserving history, educating the community, and upholding a determination to create an environment that welcomes all who are prepared to enrich their knowledge.

HONORING THE DRIVE FOR SUPPLIES PROJECT

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2008

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievement of the Drive for Supplies project, a community service program developed by Learn Shop, Inc., and implemented in conjunction with Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS).

Since its creation in 1999 by Kevin and Louis Newcomer, founders of Learn Shop, Inc., the Drive for Supplies project has collected over \$100,000 in school supplies. In 2008, thanks to the efforts of dedicated student and adult volunteers, Drive for Supplies collected and distributed over 15,000 pounds of school materials.

The supplies will be delivered to nonprofit agencies, county schools with a large number of low-income students, and needy schools in Washington, DC. With the help of international aid organizations, supplies will also make their way to needy children overseas.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to commend MCPS Superintendent Dr. Jerry Weast, Kevin and Louis Newcomer, and everyone involved in the Drive for Supplies project. At a time when it is critical for our country to be a leader in conservation and community service, Drive for Supplies is leading the way in instilling these important values in our students and throughout our community.

HONORING DR. RAO MUSUNURU

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor one of my outstanding constituents, Dr. Rao Musunuru, for receiving a Point of Light award from Florida Governor Charlie Crist.

The Governor's Point of Light program recognizes Florida residents who demonstrate exemplary service to their communities. Dr. Musunuru deserves this award for his long-standing and ongoing efforts to raise health awareness in my west central Florida district.

Dr. Musunuru, who is one of my State's top cardiologists, has been a long-time proponent of promoting heart health and education. He has helped pass important State laws to improve health care, including the Florida Stroke Act, legislation I worked on in the State legislature before coming to Congress.

Dr. Musunuru has received many awards for his good work. The American Heart Association named him its "National Volunteer Advocate of the Year" in 2007 and its "National Physician of the Year" in 2005. Last year, Dr. Musunuru was appointed to serve on the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Advisory Council at the National Institutes of Health.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Musunuru's work has improved the lives of many of those I represent and is an example of what volunteerism and community service are all about. I congratulate him and wish him success in his future efforts.

CONGRATULATING DELAY MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2008

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate DeLay Middle School of Lewisville, Texas, for being the recipient of the 2008 Intel Schools of Distinction Award for Mathematics Excellence.

DeLay Middle School has been honored as one of two middle schools in the United States to win a 2008 Intel Distinction Award, and was the only middle school nationwide recognized for excellence in math by Intel. For this prestigious award DeLay Middle School will be given a package of a \$10,000 cash grant and curriculum supplies including hardware and software valued at more than \$160,000.

The Intel Schools of Distinction Award is given annually to six schools that have demonstrated exemplary instruction in the subjects of mathematics and science. By winning this award, DeLay Middle School marks itself as an institution committed to providing outstanding education, a role model to other schools in our Nation.

I commend DeLay Middle School of Lewisville. Their hard work and desire to excel deserves the highest recognition and congratulations. I'm very proud to represent these students, teachers, and faculty in the U.S. House of Representatives.

HONORING ISAAC LEE HAYES, JR.

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2008

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart and great sadness. On August 10, 2008, our Nation lost one of its greatest artists, composers, and actors. Mr. Isaac Lee Hayes, Jr., was a bright light who inspired many and contributed immensely to the fabric of our society. Although his energy and love for life will be sorely missed, there is no doubt that his legacy will continue far into the future and motivate generations of people from all walks of life for years to come.

Mr. Hayes was born on August 20, 1942, in Covington, TN. An acclaimed singer-songwriter, musician, producer, composer, and actor, he was admired and loved by all who knew him. Mr. Hayes was a self-taught musician who, at the age of 22, was hired by Stax Records of Memphis to play backup piano and saxophone for the legendary Otis Redding. Isaac literally helped bring southern soul music into the 20th century, writing such hits as "Hold On, I'm Coming" and "Soul Man" with his partner, Mr. David Porter. His recording success continued with such timeless albums as Hot Buttered Soul and Black Moses. His 1971 "Theme from Shaft" won the Oscar for Best Original Song, making him the first African-American singer-songwriter to win this coveted award. He also won several Grammy Awards for his work.

By the early 1970s, Mr. Hayes was working with chart-topper Barry White. As an actor,