

U.S.-Philippines Friendship Caucus, H. Res. 1523. This resolution recognizes Filipino American Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage and culture of Filipino Americans and their immense contributions to our Nation.

The Filipino American National Historical Society established Filipino American History Month in 1988 but I was surprised to learn that the House of Representatives has never recognized this month, which is long overdue! We are pleased to honor the Filipino American community and pay tribute to the extraordinary contributions that Filipinos make to this Nation. Filipino Americans have been part of the American experience, confronting many difficult challenges while being resolute and steadfast in their cultural heritage.

We honor the Filipino Americans, from the farm workers to nurses and doctors and to the brave and courageous soldiers who fought shoulder to shoulder with American servicemen. This country is indebted to the Filipino veterans of World War II for their extraordinary sacrifices. We promise that we will not give up. Equity and recognition for World War II Veterans is a moral imperative!

I invite my colleagues to join with me in honoring the history, culture, and contribution of Filipino Americans in the United States, by supporting this important resolution, H. Res. 1523.

HONORING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM
"SON" EDWIN HUDSON, SR.

HON. TRAVIS W. CHILDERS

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday October 2, 2008

Mr. CHILDERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of the late William "Son" Edwin Hudson, Sr. who was tragically taken from us Friday, September 26, 2008. Mr. Hudson was a native Mississippian, and member of Sardis Lake Baptist Church. He was known in the community as a public servant, and served as the Panola County Emergency 911 Civil Defense Coordinator.

Mr. Hudson lost his life in a tragic automobile accident, at the age of 65. He was very active in his community; he was a director of the Panola County Homeland Security, the Panola County E-911 Coordinator and Panola County Fire Coordinator. His life of service and friendship to the Panola County region will not be forgotten.

William "Son" Edwin Hudson, Sr. is survived by his brother, James Rodney Hudson of Sardis, his two daughters, his two sons, and his seven grandchildren. The great State of Mississippi thanks him for his contributions. I ask my colleagues to join me today in remembering William "Son" Edwin Hudson, Sr. in their thoughts and prayers.

UNITED STATES-INDIA NUCLEAR
COOPERATION APPROVAL AND
NONPROLIFERATION ENHANCE-
MENT ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my reluctant support for the United States-India Nuclear Cooperation Approval and Nonproliferation Enhancement Act.

I support this legislation because, on balance, I think it advances U.S. national security and other national interests. I do so reluctantly because of the risk that it weakens our efforts to prevent the proliferation of nuclear material and nuclear technology.

I ultimately support this measure for three major reasons:

First, this agreement will create more international supervision of India's nuclear fuel cycle than there would be without it. India and the International Atomic Energy Agency have agreed to new safeguards for Indian civilian nuclear plants. In addition, over the last 30 years India has voluntarily imposed safeguards on its nuclear program and has established an excellent record on non-proliferation. While India is not a party to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), it has maintained strict controls on its nuclear technology and has demonstrated that it is committed to being a responsible nuclear steward. That is one the reasons that the 45 nation Nuclear Suppliers Group granted India a waiver to permit it to purchase fuel and technology.

Second, India is a country with a large, well-established, multicultural and multireligious democracy. Building a strategic relationship with India will further our interests in the region and send a strong signal that responsible conduct is recognized. India's conduct stands in stark contrast to that of North Korea, which is a signatory of the NPT but has violated its responsibilities under that agreement by building and testing nuclear weapons.

Third, this bill is important for how it may impact India's growing contribution to global warming. India's economy is growing rapidly, swelling at more than 7 percent per year. That economic growth is fed by a voracious appetite for electricity. More than half of India's new power supplies come from coal. Displacing coal use in India with nuclear power could prevent the release of millions of tons of carbon dioxide each year into the atmosphere.

Last, in recent weeks, secret correspondence between the White House and Congress has further clarified the U.S. position on many important questions about this deal. Assistant Secretary Bergner wrote Representative TOM LANTOS in January of this year and stated in no uncertain terms that the United States will not sell sensitive nuclear technologies to India and would immediately terminate the agreement if India conducted a nuclear test.

For these reasons, I will support this agreement. But I support it with the caveat that, in the event that India tests a nuclear weapon, I will actively and strongly work to terminate the agreement.

TRIBUTE TO MOUNT CALVARY
BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 2008

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to rise today on behalf of Mount Calvary Baptist Church. This beacon of hope in Harlem has provided faith and fellowship for its congregation for 91 years.

The rich history of this Harlem religious institution began 1917. At the time Black laborers were actively recruited to leave the South to work in New York's factories. Mount Calvary Baptist Church, among other churches, served as a pillar of spiritual sustenance and support for this young Black community. Throughout Harlem's tough times including devastating riots, poverty, crime, and unemployment, the church has continued its invaluable work, inspiring new generations of Harlemites to improve their communities and to develop their spiritual potential.

Mount Calvary Baptist Church, in 1991, began a series of new community projects, starting with the Building Trade Training School Program and later the church's participation in the "Angel Tree Prison Ministry" in 1995.

Mount Calvary Baptist Church has since built on its years of community work to found a highly successful men's ministry, women's ministry, and prison ministry, as well as sponsoring health workshops for men, a youth basketball team, and a Youth Ministry in 2001.

Mount Calvary Baptist Church, under the adroit leadership of Reverend Dr. Adolph Roberts, Senior Pastor, can take pride in its many accomplishments in the community. Over the course of its 91-year history, the church has served as the spiritual home of thousands of men, women, boys, girls, and teenagers, inspiring them with a message of hope, deliverance, and prosperity.

THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ALA-
BAMA CIVIL RIGHTS ATTORNEY
J.L. CHESTNUT

HON. ARTUR DAVIS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 2008

Mr. DAVIS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the legacy of an outstanding Alabamian who died this week, J.L. Chestnut. Thousands will gather next Wednesday in Selma to lay him to rest, and to recall the way his extraordinary life shaped my state.

J.L. Chestnut was born in 1930 in Selma. The Depression-era South suffocated the aspirations of most young black men, but J.L. managed to escape, first to Dillard University, then to Howard Law School. It would have been understandable if he had joined the ranks of educated blacks who never returned to the South, shunning the region that lynched Emmett Till and that spawned the most virulent resistance to integration. J.L., however, was the kind of intrepid soul who sought out the South as the likeliest frontline in the fledgling civil rights movement.

When he came home, he started his life's work of defending powerless people. I've