

research agenda to support the work of the U.S. Congress in foreign affairs, defense, and trade.

In honoring Charlotte Preece for her service at this time of great challenge for our country, both economically and in foreign affairs, it is worth pausing for a moment to consider the strengths and contributions consistently made to the U.S. Congress by the Congressional Research Service, where Ms. Preece has spent her professional career. We are so well served by this institution, and Ms. Preece epitomizes one of the greatest strengths that CRS offers to the congressional clients it serves: its long-serving analysts are a reservoir of "institutional memory" that continually builds on past knowledge and informs future decisions.

The importance of CRS' "institutional memory" is evident when considering even a brief list of the critical issues that have come before Congress during Ms. Preece's tenure at CRS: the signing of the Camp David Accord by Anwar Sadat and Menachem Begin in 1978; the Iran Hostage Crisis in 1979; the normalization of relations with the People's Republic of China in 1979; the fall of the Berlin Wall and the Tiananmen Square Crackdown in China in 1989; the end of the Cold War and demise of the Soviet Union beginning in 1989; the Gulf War in 1991; the end of South African apartheid by 1993; the devastating terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001; the invasion of Afghanistan in 2001; and the toppling of Saddam Hussein at the beginning of the Iraq War in 2003. All of these critical events and more unfolded on Ms. Preece's watch at CRS, giving her unique insight and invaluable expertise to a Congress that saw much turnover during the same period. Of the 535 Members who served in the 94th Congress in 1976, when Ms. Preece began her CRS service, only 21 are still serving in 2008: 14 in the House, and 7 in the Senate. Newly elected Members are well served by having access to CRS experts that have not just read about but have worked closely on the policy issues of recent decades.

I also want to reflect for a few minutes on the attributes and talents of Ms. Preece herself. Before coming to CRS in 1976, she earned her bachelor's of arts degree in international relations and Soviet area studies at the Pennsylvania State University, where she graduated *summa cum laude*. She went on to earn a master's degree in international security studies at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. At CRS, she had the distinction of being the youngest person the Service has ever named to attend the U.S. National War College, graduating with the class of 1983. As head of the CRS Terrorism Task Force, Charlotte Preece personally directed the massive and extraordinarily helpful CRS effort to provide Congress with timely and crucial policy analysis and information in the tragic days and weeks after 9/11.

In her distinguished career with CRS, Charlotte Preece has always understood and respected the power and special needs of Congress, including its legislative and oversight responsibilities as well as its obligation to represent the interests of constituents. She has always found time to serve as a mentor, counselor, and friend to others, whether it be to those she supervised, new congressional staff, or newly elected Members of Congress. Her exceptional skills at framing policy issues, her abilities in research management, and her in-

stinctive grasp of the needs and aspirations of those she has supervised have earned her the respect and loyalty of her team. Charlotte Preece will be greatly missed, as will the loss of her exceptional leadership of the Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Trade Division of CRS. We offer her our deepest gratitude for her many years of contributions to the work of the Congress, and we wish her well.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DAVID  
CHARLES CHEEK

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 26, 2009*

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Reverend David Charles Cheek, an outstanding community leader in Kentucky's Fourth District. On January 8, 2009, the May's Lick Baptist Church held a celebration in honor of Reverend Cheek's 20 years of service to the Baptist Conference.

In 1989, Reverend Cheek was called to serve as pastor of May's Lick Baptist Church. He is the church's forty-third pastor.

Reverend Cheek has helped May's Lick Baptist Church expand its services to the community. Not only has the Church built a modern nursery and a Family Life Center during Reverend Cheek's tenure, they have also expanded the Sanctuary, purchased additional property and a new bus, developed an Educational Facility and settled all the Church debts.

Over the last 20 years, Reverend Cheek has ordained seven Deacons and has worked with four youth ministers. He has also mentored four individuals who eventually became ministers, three of whom were ordained at May's Lick Baptist Church. Reverend Cheek has served as Vacation Bible School Director for Bracken Association of Baptists for 20 years. He has also served on the Executive Board of the Bracken Association of Baptists and is a member of the Bracken Association Council.

Madam Speaker, please join me in commending Reverend Cheek for 20 years of extraordinary work. We are all blessed to have such a dedicated servant in May's Lick, Kentucky.

RECOGNIZING THE FOUNTAIN  
HILLS CHAPTER OF FCCLA FOR  
THEIR GENEROUS EFFORTS TO  
AID THE CHILDREN OF UGANDA

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 26, 2009*

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Fountain Hills chapter of Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) for its service project "To Uganda, Love Fountain Hills." This town-wide drive to collect backpack and school supplies will culminate with members of the FCCLA traveling to Uganda to distribute the donations to local school children.

The fundraiser began in December of 2008 and is expected to last until the group travels

to Uganda in the summer. So far, it has collected more than \$11,000 from friends, parents, teachers, and generous community members. In addition to delivering the school supplies while in Uganda, the FCCLA plans to serve in construction and well digging crews, schools, food banks, and health clinics.

I am particularly proud, Madam Speaker, to recognize Claire McWilliams, a Fountain Hills High School teacher and FCCLA sponsor. Claire coordinated the entire project and continues to serve as an inspiration to her community.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Fountain Hills chapter of FCCLA and its sponsor, Claire McWilliams, for their selfless work to raise money and collect supplies for the children of Uganda.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF  
TRAMMELL CROW, SR.

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 26, 2009*

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of my dear friend, Trammell Crow, Sr. He was a legendary real estate developer, a lover of the arts, and a generous philanthropist.

Born in East Dallas, Mr. Crow came from humble beginnings working various odd jobs in high school from cleaning bricks to delivering new cars. After graduating from Woodrow Wilson High School, Mr. Crow took a job with Mercantile National Bank while taking night classes. At age of 24, he became the youngest certified public accountant in Texas and joined Ernst & Ernst as an entry-level auditor. Wanting to serve his country, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and reached the rank of Commander before returning to Dallas in 1942.

Upon his return, Mr. Crow partnered with John Stemmons and assisted with the development of the Trinity Industrial District. His work ethic and dedication propelled him to great success and led to the establishment of an internationally recognized company. Mr. Crow's mark on Dallas can be easily seen in the Dallas skyline. The Dallas Design District, the Hartford Insurance Company Building, Dallas Market Hall, Stemmons Towers, Bryan Tower, San Jacinto Tower, and the Dallas Infomart are only a few examples of his many development projects. In addition to his successful career, Mr. Crow deeply believed in giving back to his community. His generosity extended to numerous nonprofits and causes including Southern Methodist University, where the Crow building in the Cox School of Business educates the next generation of leaders and entrepreneurs.

Mr. Crow was one of America's greatest developers. His life story is one that demonstrates the American Dream is achievable with hard work and dedication. Throughout his professional career, he overcame the odds, conquered obstacles and achieved tremendous success. He cared deeply for his family, friends, and community and it evident to all who knew him. I am honored to have known him and called him my friend. He will be greatly missed. May the peace of God be with