

Eighty residents of the Village, who were flyers in their active duty days, organized the Inland Empire Chapter of the Distinguished Flying Cross Society which is the primary sponsor of the memorial. These members were awarded this prestigious medal under the Act which provided the award "to any person while serving in any capacity with the Air Corps of the Army of the United States, including the National Guard and the Organized Reserves, or with the United States Navy since the 6th day of April 1917 has distinguished, or who, after the approval of this Act, distinguishes himself by heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight." Among recipients are the 1st recipient of the medal Captain Charles L. Lindbergh, former President George H. W. Bush, former South Dakota Governor Joe Foss, Brig Gen. Jimmy Doolittle and the founder/organizer of the Air Force Village West retirement home, General Curtis Le May.

The memorial is a cooperative effort between the Air Force Village West Chapter, the March Field Air Museum, and the new DFCS Chapter. MFAM is located at March Air Reserve Base (MARB) which hosts the C-17As of the 792nd Air Mobility Wing (AMW) in addition to KC-135s, and C-130s. The Air National Guard also has a detachment of F-16s. The Memorial will be available to thousands of visitors each year and while viewing the static display at MFAM, visitors will be frequently treated to an operational air unit providing support to our troops in Iraq. Every year, MFAM has a front row seat to the MARB air show, which frequently features the Air Force Thunderbirds. It is a fitting place to honor the many aviators who have distinguished themselves by deeds performed in aerial flight. The monument will be topped by a model of the Loening OA-1A amphibian aircraft, which was flown on the Pan-American Goodwill Flight of 1926. The ten aviators who flew this mission were the first recipients of the Distinguished Flying Certificate from President Calvin Coolidge.

Madam Speaker, it is truly an honor to represent Air Force Village West, the Distinguished Flying Cross Society and to lend my support to the efforts to build a National Distinguished Flying Cross Memorial at the March Field Air Museum.

TRIBUTE TO MIRAH HOROWITZ

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 1, 2009

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise to share a story about my constituent, Mirah Horowitz. I have known Mirah since she was 5 years old and have watched her grow from a gregarious young girl into a dedicated public servant. She served as a Clerk on the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals; as a Clerk in the United States Supreme Court; and as a key staffer for both Senators KERRY and MENENDEZ.

Now she has found a way to serve the public by helping find dogs for families who want them. Dog rescue is often viewed through the lens of saving the lives of dogs, but this is not the only thing Mirah sees in her work . . . she is helping to enhance families and bring joy to them.

I commend Mirah on her role in founding K-9 Lifesavers and for providing the organization with the leadership it needs to become a successful endeavor.

Every dog that is rescued ends up in a loving home with a family that would otherwise be incomplete. In these tough economic times, families need a source of comfort, their children need a source of joy, and just about everyone can use a bit of loyalty and companionship.

Mirah is one of the founding partners and Executive Director of K-9 Lifesavers, an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) headquartered in Virginia. K-9 Lifesavers is a unique dog rescue. It is dedicated to rescuing dogs who face certain euthanasia in high kill shelters across the Eastern seaboard. Unlike most rescues, K-9 Lifesavers does not turn away dogs that need special medical care before they can be adopted, like heartworm positive dogs or dogs with orthopedic problems. Instead, K-9 raises the money needed to be sure the dogs are healthy on their way to adoptive homes.

How proud I am of Mirah Horowitz and all her extraordinary accomplishments. K-9 Lifesavers bears her indelible marks of compassion and caring, and we are all grateful for her leadership.

CELEBRATING DR. JAMES
DUMPSON'S 100 YEARS AND HIS
IMPRESSIVE RECORD OF PUBLIC
SERVICE

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 1, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Dr. James Dumpson, a preeminent social activist of outstanding character and a transformative life's work, who turns one hundred years of age on April 5, 2009. This public servant of notable and illustrious record—who in 1959 became the only African American Commissioner of Welfare in the country—is a quiet hero of our movement for Civil Rights and racial equality. He is a gentle man of forceful voice and conviction, agitating on behalf of children, the elderly, and the impoverished in New York for 60 years, his country for 80 years—and we are all the better for it. A modern-day Renaissance man, Dr. Dumpson's long-distinguished activism touches the fields of health, education, social justice, and academia. He is a familiar, popular, and pioneering leader in New York and in the African American community; an icon who worked tirelessly on behalf of others.

He earned a teaching certificate in 1932 from the Chaney Normal School, a B.A. degree from Temple University in 1934, an M.A. degree from Fordham University, and his Ph.D.—when he was henceforth known as "Dr. D."—from the University of Dacca in Ghana. Dumpson has throughout his life served as a teacher to others, teaching elementary school for two years as a young man, and later, beginning as a Visiting Associate Professor at Fordham University in 1957 and returning a decade later as Dean of the Graduate School of Social Work, with the faculty rank of professor. He served as a United Nations Advisor and Chief of Training in Social Welfare to the government of Pakistan in

1953, returning to Pakistan in 1971 as a consultant and receiving a fellowship there in 1977 through the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare to Pakistan.

He cemented his trailblazing status by becoming Commissioner of Welfare for New York City in 1959, the only African American and social worker to serve in that post in the country. He wielded his talents and skill to assist Presidents Kennedy and Johnson as an advisor, serving on various advisory commissions, including the Parents Commission on Narcotics and Drug Abuse. He did not retire until the spritely age of 97, channeling his vigor and youthful spirit as New York City's Health Service Administrator and Chairman of the Health and Hospitals Corporation beginning in 1990, and teaching at Fordham University up until 2006.

May this Congress today note, applaud, and send its gratitude for the contributions of Dr. Dumpson, and send him warm birthday wishes.

IN MEMORY OF GURNIE C.
GUNTER, COLONEL

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 1, 2009

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, it is with sadness that I inform the House of the death of Gurnie C. Gunter, Colonel, United States Army (Ret.) of Kansas City, Missouri.

Col. Gunter was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and graduated from Lincoln University with a B.S. Degree in Biology. In addition to his B.S. degree, Col. Gunter received both a bachelor's and master's degree in civil engineering from the University of Illinois, a master's degree in military science from the Command and General Staff College, a master's degree in business administration management from Shippensburg University, as well as graduating from the United States Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA.

In 1955, Col. Gunter was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army. While in service, Col. Gunter served in a variety of command and staff positions including engineer instructor at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and retiring as a member of the U.S. Army of Engineer Corps in 1984.

Outside of the military, Col. Gunter was an active participant in the community. He was a member of the Lincoln University board of curators, chairman of the board of the Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City, member of the board of the Heartland Presbyterian Center, vice president of the Swope Ridge Geriatric Center, moderator of Heartland Presbytery, chapter president of the Greater Kansas City American Red Cross, chairman of the Linwood-downtown YMCA, president of the Ivanhoe Club, chairman of the Kansas City Area Employer Support of Guard and Reserves, past president of the Midwesterners Club of Kansas City, and active member of the Presbyterian Church USA.

For his outstanding military and civic work, Col. Gunter has been honored with numerous awards, which include the Association of Metropolitan Sewer Districts Distinguished Performance Award, the American Society of Civil