

most esteemed judge, was a native son of Fauquier County. It was the scene of many important military engagements during the Civil War and served as the base of operations for Colonel John S. Mosby. The county contributed hundreds of soldiers, including five generals, to the Confederate Army during that conflict. Sons and daughters of Fauquier have served with distinction in every armed conflict of the 20th century.

Fauquier County is renowned for its pastoral scenery, agriculture and equine industries, and its open space. Visitors from other states and countries around the world come to enjoy its rich history, warm hospitality and recreational offerings. Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing and celebrating the rich history of Fauquier County, Virginia, and in congratulating its citizens upon its 250th anniversary.

HONORING MASTER SERGEANT
ROBERT MORRELL FOR HIS
MANY YEARS OF SERVICE IN
THE MARINE CORPS AND TO THE
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Master Sergeant Robert Morrell of Marine Wing Support Squadron 472 of Willow Grove, PA for his service to the Marine Corps and to the U.S. Postal Service. At fifty-eight years old, he is preparing to deploy to Iraq.

Master Sergeant Morrell joined the Marine Corps in 1969 and spent four years on active duty. He earned the Vietnam Service Medal for his service in the South China Sea. He was also deployed in the Mediterranean. Master Sergeant Morrell became a letter carrier for the United States Postal Service in 1979. He now serves as the financial secretary of The National Association of Letter Carriers Branch 540 Camden NJ Merged. He retired from the postal service on August 31, 2007.

Madam Speaker, Master Sergeant Morrell rejoined the Marine Corps Reserves in 1990. During his two Marine Corps careers he has earned a Selected Marine Corps Reserve medal, a Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, the Marine Corps Good Conduct medal, and the National Defense Service medal. In 2007, he was promoted to Master Sergeant in the Marine Corps. When his retirement date from the Marine Corps loomed close, Master Sergeant Morrell chose instead to continue with his unit. He is now getting ready to serve his country in Iraq, just as he served in Vietnam. He is an excellent example for all Americans. I congratulate Mr. Morrell on his tremendous dedication to this country and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER ACT
OF 2009

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, this past weekend President Obama ap-

pointed Aneesh Chopra, Virginia's Secretary of Technology, to serve as our nation's Chief Technology Officer.

It was an excellent choice to fill a very important position.

On February 25, the gentleman from Virginia, Mr. MORAN, and I wrote a letter to President Obama urging him to appoint Mr. Chopra because we believed his public and private sector experience made him eminently qualified for the post.

As we make unprecedented investments in innovative technology through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Mr. Chopra's leadership will help us save taxpayer dollars, make government more efficient, ensure accountability, and reinvigorate our economy.

I recently introduced a bill to make it a permanent position by statute. I urge my colleagues to join me in cosponsoring H.R. 1910 to ensure that the Presidentially-appointed Chief Technology Officer will be part of future administrations.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DR.
GEORGE EDWARD McRAE

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to recognize and extend my congratulations to my pastor, Reverend Dr. George Edward McRae on his 50th anniversary in the ministry and 20 years at Mount Tabor Missionary Baptist Church.

Located in the heart of Miami, Florida's Liberty City at 1701 Northwest 66th Street, this citadel of faith has been and continues to be a beacon of comfort and hope in our community while dedicating itself to providing spirituality, service and guidance.

A native son of Florida, Rev. Dr. McRae graduated from Central Academy High School in Palatka; received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach; Master of Divinity from the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta; and Doctor of Ministry Degree from Columbia Theological Seminary in Atlanta where his doctoral dissertation was entitled, *The Triangle of Death in the African-American Community: Drugs, Prison, and HIV/AIDS*.

Under the leadership of our beloved, Rev. Dr. McRae, Mt. Tabor has taken an active and progressive role in directly addressing the temporal, as well as spiritual needs of our neighbors. I want to commend him for his tireless apostolate in ministering to those who were imprisoned, to the hungry and to all those seeking the love and solace of a Church that seeks to affirm and confirm their dignity as God's children.

Rev. Dr. McRae's humanitarian spirit is evidenced by his tireless efforts in establishing an HIV/AIDS ministry at Mt. Tabor to comfort and solace those suffering from HIV/AIDS. Moreover, Narcotics Anonymous, Alcoholics Anonymous and Prison, Feeding, Shoebox, Job, Sick and Shut-In ministries are all under his guidance and leadership.

My pastor's anniversary in the ministry and at Mt. Tabor takes on a meaning much greater than the passage of time, for Rev. Dr. McRae and the Church have met the spiritual needs

of thousands of people who came before us, and through the grace of God will continue to do so for another century to come. It is a magnificent legacy we will celebrate.

Madam Speaker and my colleagues, I ask that you join me in honoring Reverend Dr. George Edward McRae, a humble servant of God, a true beacon of hope and a guiding light in the 17th Congressional District of Florida.

TRIBUTE TO LULU MAE TURNER
HOOVER

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Mr. WHITFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of Kentucky's most esteemed residents and community servants, Lulu Mae Turner Hoover. Born on January 28, 1938 in Wayne County, she was the third of 12 children born to Clyde and Wilmoth Penticuff Turner. She married Welby Hoover on April 8, 1956 and the couple had three children.

Throughout her life Mae contributed greatly to not only her community, but the entire Commonwealth of Kentucky. She started the annual Food for the Needy Drive in Russell County which now feeds nearly 300 families every year at Christmas time. Together with her husband Welby, they started the Lakefest Celebration on the square in Jamestown which is held every 4th of July. From 1987 to 1988, she served as State Representative for Russell, Clinton, Wayne and Cumberland counties, a post also held by her husband and son. Mae was President of the Kentucky Federation of Republican Women; a member of the Board of Directors of the Russell County Chamber of Commerce and the Lake Cumberland Area Development District; a member of the Russell County Jaycee Hall of Fame and Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame; Russell County Business and Professional Women's Club "Woman of the Year;" received the Russell County Tourism Commission "Distinguished Service Award;" and served as a Delegate to the 1992 Republican National Convention in New Orleans.

Mae passed away on June 6, 2008. For all her accomplishments, Mae treasured her family above all else. Her life serves as a shining example to us all of the importance of giving back to your community and living life to the fullest.

IN HONOR OF MARVIN BUCHHOLZ
OF HAM LAKE, MINNESOTA

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Marvin Buchholz of Ham Lake, Minnesota for his 40 years of dedicated service to the Ham Lake Fire Department. A resident of Ham Lake his entire life, Marvin is the last remaining charter member of the department.

Since its inception in 1969, the Ham Lake Fire Department has seen many firefighters

come and go, but every one of them has known Marvin. Marvin's first firefighting experience was as a high school student. As his school bus passed by a grass fire, members of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources asked the bus riders to help put the blaze out.

As the close-knit community expanded, the fire department was established and its responsibilities grew. They started with grass fires and are now trained to handle natural disasters and domestic terrorism. In a way familiar to many Ham Lake residents, Marvin explains, "The fire department is advancing further and further and further than just putting the wet stuff on the red stuff."

Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Marvin Buchholz for demonstrating honor and loyalty to the Ham Lake Fire Department for 40 years. As a District Chief, Marvin has seen more calls to service than any other department firefighter and deserves our sincerest appreciation.

HONORING PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION RECIPIENT EDWARD J. TINNEY OF SPRING HILL, FL

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an American hero and distinguished recipient of the Presidential Unit Citation. Mr. Edward J. Tinney of Spring Hill, Florida was a proud member of the Alpha Troop, First Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment in South Vietnam. The unit was awarded the rare and prestigious citation in recognition of their determination under extremely dangerous and hazardous conditions.

In 1970 in the Republic of South Vietnam, Mr. Tinney's unit distinguished itself through a series of daunting combat missions over many months. After a five-year review, the Department of Defense recommended this small unit for the Citation, a very rare honor. The professional skill and personal devotion displayed by Mr. Tinney and his unit reflect their immense commitment and sacrifice.

Since its inception in 1941, the Citation has been awarded fewer than 100 times to include the Second World War, the Korean War, the Cold War, the war in Vietnam, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Afghanistan and only five units as small as Mr. Tinney's have received the Citation. To be singled out in this manner is a distinct honor.

Madam Speaker, soldiers like Mr. Tinney should be recognized for their service to our nation and for their commitment and sacrifices in battle. I am honored to congratulate Mr. Tinney and his unit on their long overdue Presidential Unit Citation. His family, friends and loved ones should know that we truly consider him one of America's heroes.

HONORING THE ASSYRIAN DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the thirtieth anniversary of the Assyrian Democratic Movement in Iraq.

The Assyrian Democratic Movement (ADM) is an ethnic Assyrian political party that was established on April 12, 1979. The party was formed in response to the oppressive brutality of the Al-Baath regime and its attempt to forcibly remove ethnic Assyrians from their native lands. Under the leadership of Yonadam Kanna the struggle came to a head in 1982 when the group began an armed battle against the Iraqi regime.

After two decades of building the ADM, former President George W. Bush officially designated the group as a recognized Iraqi opposition movement. In December 2002 this designation allowed for President Bush to invoke articles four and five of the Iraqi Liberation Act of 1998 as a means of allowing the United States government to provide financial resources to the ADM. Yonadam Kanna has served as an integral member of the movement and he has participated in meetings and conferences with world leaders to pursue the ideology of the ADM. Mr. Kanna served on the temporary Iraqi Governing Council that was established after the fall of Saddam Hussein and is currently serving as president of the party.

Today, the party stands for the same political goals that it stood for thirty years ago; to defend their people and to create a free democratic Iraq. The movement calls for the recognition of the rights of all Assyrians and to unify the various individual identities, including Chaldean, Syriac and Assyrian.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the Assyrian Democratic Movement on thirty years of commitment to creating a free and democratic Iraq. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing the Assyrian Democratic Movement many years of continued success.

RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING STUDENTS IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of several students in Northern Virginia. These students have participated and excelled in programs administered by their local Parent Teacher Associations and Parent Teacher Student Associations.

Parent Teacher Associations (PTA) and Parent Teacher Student Associations (PTSA) serve a critical role in helping to provide the best possible educational environment for our students. The Northern Virginia District PTA consists of a region with more than 220 schools. Schools located throughout Northern Virginia are consistently recognized as being among the very best schools in our country. I strongly believe one factor in the excellent

education received by our students is the high level of involvement and encouragement provided by parents through the PTA and PTAs. At its annual meeting and dinner, the Northern Virginia District PTA recognized the following students for their outstanding achievements:

In the category of District PTA Citizenship Essay Awards—High School Division the winners are Paul Capp, a senior at McLean High School, and Lisa Pang, a senior at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology.

In the category of District PTA Citizenship Essay Awards—Middle School Division the winners are Cali Willcockson, a seventh grader at Liberty Middle School, and Ji Soo Song, an eighth grader at Rocky Run Middle School.

A separate special congratulations goes to Paul Capp of McLean High School for placing 3rd in the Virginia State PTA Citizenship Essay Contest—High School Division and to Ji Soo Song who won 1st place in the Virginia State PTA Citizenship Essay Contest—Middle School Division.

The following students were recognized in the category of Virginia PTA Outstanding Interpretation Awards, which recognize artistic achievement: Literature: Senior Division—Alexander Kopenhagen, (9th grade), Washington-Lee High School. Music Composition: Primary Division—Pierre Quan, (2nd grade), Forestville Elementary School; Intermediate Division—Kyle Gatesman, (3rd grade), Canterbury Woods Elementary School. In Photography: Middle/Junior Division—Courtney E. Brown, (6th grade), Bull Run Elementary School. In Visual Art: Primary Division—Kaitlin Phan, (2nd grade), Colin Powell Elementary School; Intermediate Division—Jamie H. Chang, (5th grade), Union Mill Elementary School; Senior Division—William W. Park, (11th grade), Langley High School.

The Frieda M. Koontz Scholarship Award has been awarded to Monica Choudhury, a senior at James Madison High School in Vienna. This scholarship awarded by the Virginia PTA will provide \$1,200 to Ms. Choudhury as she begins her studies at the University of Virginia.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me today to recognize the outstanding achievements of these students. I also ask that we recognize the Northern Virginia District PTA, in partnership with the Virginia PTA, as they work diligently to develop the diversity of talents and skills of students attending schools throughout Northern Virginia. It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge the achievements of these students and the Parent Teacher Associations that support them.

FAMILY SMOKING PREVENTION AND TOBACCO CONTROL ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 1, 2009

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, "The Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act," which is before us today, contains a so-called "special rule for cigarettes" in Section 907 of the bill that would ban flavored cigarettes—with the exception of menthol flavored cigarettes.