

TRIBUTE TO BISHOP EUSTACE S. CLARKE AND MIAMI RIDGEWAY CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Bishop Eustace S. Clarke and the members of Miami Ridgeway Church of God of Prophecy on their new sanctuary. Bishop Clarke led his congregation in celebrating the achievement of this beloved church, which has become a citadel of faith in the Miami-Dade County community.

In 1922, Miami Ridgeway Church of God of Prophecy began in a small community called Nazarene in the Northeast area of Miami, Florida. Their first pastor was the late Evangelist Andrew Bullard. He was then succeeded by the late Bishop J.R. Smith who served as pastor until 1930. During the mid-1930s, Brother Ed Rolle served as pastor until the late Bishop J.R. Smith returned and served again until 1939. Other pastors throughout the history of Miami Ridgeway Church of God of Prophecy include: the late Brother Hermis Ferguson, late Bishop Henry Curtis, late Bishop Theophilus Hunter, late Bishop J.D. Williams, Bishop R.B. Davis, and Bishop George H. Knowles.

In 1983, Bishop Eustace S. Clarke, the present pastor, joined the Church's family. A Jamaican native, Bishop Clarke came to the United States as a migrant worker for the Belle Glade, Florida Sugar Cane Corporation. Bishop Clarke married his wife, Mrs. Emily Clarke on March 25, 1962. After nearly 47 years of marital bliss, Bishop Clarke and his wife are blessed with 14 children. Bishop Clarke has remained the pastor for the past 26 years.

While serving at Miami Ridgeway Church of God of Prophecy, in 1999 Bishop Clarke began to follow through with his vision for a larger sanctuary. Groundbreaking for this endeavor began in 2000. Though there were many obstacles and unforeseen delays, the Church will now dedicate their completed "House for God" on June 28, 2009.

Madam Speaker, please join me in applauding and congratulating Bishop Eustace S. Clarke and the members of Miami Ridgeway Church of God of Prophecy on their new sanctuary. Miami Ridgeway Church of God of Prophecy has been dedicated to providing spirituality, service and guidance to the Church and greater community of South Florida. It is my hope that Miami Ridgeway Church of God of Prophecy continues to stand as a beacon of resolve, inspiration and worship for many years to come.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2847) making ap-

propriations for the Department of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of H.R. 2847, and in appreciation of the work done by the Chairman and Ranking Member on this appropriations bill. I want to take a moment to speak to a provision included in the bill's accompanying report regarding methamphetamines.

I have heard from members of the law enforcement community in my district about the range of difficulties that they have encountered with the efficiency and effectiveness of the logbook requirement of the Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act (CMEA). As you know Mr. Chairman, pharmacies are required to keep a record of the sale of various over-the-counter pharmaceuticals, due to their use in the production of illicit drugs such as meth. This record is meant to ensure that individuals do not purchase excessive amounts of specific pharmaceuticals in a set period of time.

Unfortunately, there is a wide assortment of methods used to meet this requirement. Some pharmacies utilize an electronic record system while others have a paper logbook to record purchase information. Further, there is no way for pharmacies in a geographic area to share information from their logbooks, which allows individuals purchasing meth ingredients, known as "smurfers," to easily go from one pharmacy to another, purchasing the maximum amount of product from each store.

The inconsistencies of the logbook requirement make it very difficult for law enforcement agents to investigate drug-related activities in a timely and effective manner.

This legislation contains a reporting requirement for the Department of Justice to explain its strategy for dealing with illicit methamphetamine production and to make recommendations on how the CMEA can be strengthened or expanded to improve the Department's ability to identify and apprehend those engaged in the illegal production and distribution of meth, and other illicit drugs, in our communities. I am grateful that Committee has agreed to include this report provision and look forward to working with the Chairman to ensure this report specifically takes into consideration the logbook requirement and ways on which that requirement can be improved to assist the law enforcement community with their difficult task.

Again, I thank the Chairman and Ranking Member for their work on this bill and look forward to supporting its passage.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF FRANK EIKENBURG, FORMER LEGISLATOR

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Frank Eikenburg of Dallas, TX, devoted member of the Republican Party and my good friend, who passed away June 4th at the age of 64.

Mr. Eikenburg was a respected member of the Texas House of Representatives from 1980 until he chose not to seek re-election in 1984. He was a respected leader in the Re-

publican Party, and his contributions to the State were generous. He was known as a kind and honest man, unafraid to stand up for his beliefs. He was always able to find the humor in life.

Along with his service to the State of Texas in the Texas House of Representatives, Mr. Eikenburg was appointed by Governor Bill Clements to serve on the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles from 1989 until 1991. He spent the later years of his life as a political consultant, striving to uphold the conservative values he believed would make the country a better place.

Born July 7, 1944 in Wellington, TX, the son of Frank and Margaret Eikenburg, Mr. Eikenburg was a true Texan born and bred. He grew up in Dallas where he graduated in 1962 from Woodrow Wilson High School and obtained his Bachelor's degree from what is now Texas Tech University in 1966. His passion to serve his country, along with his leadership ability, was shown in his early years through his service in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged as a staff sergeant in 1967.

He is survived by his daughter Constance Emily Eikenburg of Dallas, two sisters Madelyn Brooks of Dallas and Livonia Gay Glaves of Houston, sisters-in-law Elizabeth Eikenburg and Beth Eikenburg, and many nieces and nephews.

He leaves behind a legacy of service and commitment to conservative principles, and I ask those here today to join me in remembering this outstanding American, Mr. Frank Eikenburg.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. COBLE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I am requesting as part of H.R. 2847, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD COBLE

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Department of Justice Byrne Discretionary Grants account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: New Man Community Development Corporation

Address of Requesting Entity: New Man Development Community Corporation, P.O. Box 98, Rehrersburg, PA 19550. Funds will then be distributed to each partner center, including Sandhills Teen Challenge, P.O. Box 1701, Southern Pines, NC 28388

Description of Request: \$25,000 is provided for the New Man Community Development Corporation, a community-based, private, non-profit corporation, partnered with Teen Challenge Training Center to provide vocational training to individuals seeking addiction treatment at one of 10 residential addiction treatment programs, one located in my district in Carthage, North Carolina. The Employment Preparation Project will provide year-round, pre-employment preparation training five days per week for four weeks to individuals in the