

and Port of Port Arthur. Jones was a member of the International Longshoreman's Association Local No. 25 for 30 years. He served as president for 12 of those years. In 2001, Jones retired after years of service.

Jones was a great asset to the local union and the port. He was well admired for his work ethics and continued support. W.C. Jones leaves behind his wife of forty-nine years, Yvonne Jones and his son Tyrone Jones.

On behalf of the second congressional district of Texas, We will truly miss W.C. Jones. He has touched the lives of many and will be remembered for his service to Port Arthur, Texas.

MOVEMENT OF GUINEAN WOMEN  
IN THE UNITED STATES

**HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 28, 2009*

Ms. CLARKE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the Movement of Guinean Women in the United States, the Commission for Guinean Forces Vives in the United States and Alliance Guinea for organizing today's demonstration in front of the State Department. These organizations were protesting the atrocities that continue to take place in Guinea West Africa.

I would also like to express my concerns regarding the use of violence against civilian protestors that erupted on September 28 resulting in the killing of at least 157 people and wounding more than 1,200. I strongly believe that all citizens of Guinea should be afforded the right to have their voices heard without the threat of violence. I condemn any actions that resulted in gross and egregious human rights abuses.

Even more appalling are the reports of physical and sexual violence against women. According to the Movement of Guinean Women in the United States, there has been an increase in violence against women since the military junta uprising took place. Women are being randomly raped and kidnapped, without recourse. Madam Speaker, these rapes are absolutely deplorable and those responsible must be brought to justice.

The eruption of violence has taken a mental and physical toll on the people of Guinea and there is a dire need for emergency care and humanitarian assistance. The United States as well as the International community must come together to provide much needed medical assistance.

I strongly support Secretary Clinton and the State Department's position on admonishing those who committed such injustices. I also concur with the Secretary's call to the current leadership of Guinea to control their military troops and allow an international investigation into the matter. The United States has insisted that the National Council for Democracy and Development respect the commitment it has made not to field candidates in Guinea's upcoming elections. This is integral to ensuring a peaceful transition back to a functional democracy.

Guinea West Africa has carried the torch of freedom since its independence from the French in 1958. The country has been an example to the rest of the region throughout its

history, as it was the first nation of French West Africa to gain its independence. That said, I am deeply concerned about the rising tensions within the country and its potential to ignite regional instability within the West African region.

HONORING MR. MERLIN  
DUMBRILLE

**HON. DAVE CAMP**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 28, 2009*

Mr. CAMP. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Mr. Merlin Dumbrielle, a revered and prolific voice of the community.

Merlin will retire today, October 30, 2009, after 58 years of broadcasting on WTCM Traverse City.

His long history with the station began when, at 8 years old, Merlin first entered WTCM with his father as they tuned the station's pianos. Fascinated by what he saw, Merlin returned 8 years later and has never left. Few could have foreseen the impact that the day would have not only on his life, but for the residents of greater Traverse City.

Merlin has been the voice of the Traverse City community for 58 years. He started his show on WTCM, Farm and Orchard Time, in 1963, for which he has won numerous state and local honors. It has become one of the longest continuously-running shows in the nation. During his time behind the microphone, he has been a voice for Northern Michigan farmers. He also served as the Farm Director, and the Public Affairs Director for the station.

Merlin has been a standard-bearer in the studio and without. His service to his community deserves high praise. He was a longtime producer and host of the National Cherry Festival and Parade. For the past 3 decades, he has also been the audio technician for the Central United Methodist Church Sunday broadcast.

Despite all of these momentous accomplishments, I'm sure Merlin will say that the biggest blessings of his life are June, his wife of 55 years, his three children, and his three grandchildren.

On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Michigan, I would like to extend my congratulations and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Merlin Dumbrielle and wishing him the best of luck in his retirement.

HONORING PATHSTONE CORPORATION'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ERIC J.J. MASSA**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 28, 2009*

Mr. MASSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize PathStone Corporation (formerly known as Rural Opportunities, Inc.) as it celebrates its 40th anniversary. PathStone is a not-for-profit regional community development and human service organization headquartered in Rochester, NY that provides vital services to low-income areas throughout the 29th Congressional District and beyond.

Its principle lines of business include: Farm-worker Training and Employment, Housing

Development, Homeownership Services and Small Business Lending, Training and Technical Assistance. These services continue to create substantial economic impact on New York's 29th. Critical economic impact metrics for the District include:

Total value of residential real estate developed: \$29,994,942.00.

Total value of first-time homebuyer mortgages: \$29,111,023.00.

Total value of housing rehabilitation and energy services: \$4,932,597.00.

Total value of multifamily preservation: \$8,704,000.00.

Total value of commercial properties: \$915,000.00.

Total number of businesses receiving financing from the PathStone Enterprise Center: 106 loans for a total of \$2,733,255.80

Total number of homeowners with foreclosure concerns helped by PathStone since March of 2008: 33

In these difficult economic times, it is encouraging to know that beneficial organizations such as this have not only survived the downturn, but are continuing to provide their vital services to current and new participants.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I am honored to formally acknowledge PathStone and its commitment to the disenfranchised through economic empowerment.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF PINE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 28, 2009*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to pay recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the Pine Grove Baptist Church located in my Congressional district right outside of Lineville, Alabama.

In 1909, a small group of Christians organized Pine Grove Baptist Church. In August of 1911, the congregation voted to build a new church, and over the years, the church has been renovated into what stands today. In 1988, a fellowship hall with a baptistery was added and stained glass windows were installed in the church. In 1997, the lightning-damaged steeple was replaced with a new lighted one.

In 2004, Brother Gwen McCollum, Jr. was licensed to preach and in 2009, Brother Terry Helms was ordained to preach.

On Sunday, November 8, 2009, the congregation will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Pine Grove Baptist Church. I congratulate this church on this important milestone, and wish the congregation all the best in its next century of ministry to the community.

TRIBUTE TO THE REVEREND  
CANON ERNEST D. SILLERS

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 28, 2009*

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Reverend Canon Ernest