

and colleagues should stand as an example of what we should all hope to be. I join Bob's colleagues at the South Carolina Research Authority, the citizens of our State, and his wife, Penny, his daughters and grandchildren in commending Robert G. Kiggans for his lifetime of service to South Carolina and this great Nation. May God bless them all.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO
FAMILIES OF VICTIMS OF
SOWELL MURDERS AND DECRY-
ING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

HON. MARCIA L. FUDGE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 9, 2009

Ms. FUDGE. Madam Speaker, Anthony Sowell raped and murdered 11 women in my own Congressional District. I offer condolences to the families of these women, whose names are: Tonia Carmichael, Nancy Cobbs, Tishana Culver, Crystal Dozier, Telacia Fortson, Amelda Hunter, Leshanda Long, Michelle Mason, Kim Yvette Smith, Diane Turner, and Janice Webb.

In honor of the women he victimized, we must address the underlying issue of violence against women.

Consider that 1 in every 4 American women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime. However, only about half of domestic violence incidents are reported to police. Even though African-American women are more likely than others to report their victimization to police, intimate partner homicide is the leading cause of death for African-American women ages 15–45.

A report issued in 2000 found that 17.6 percent of women in the United States have survived rape or attempted rape. Of these, 21.6 percent were younger than age 12 when they were first raped, and 32.4 percent were between the ages of 12 and 17. About half of all rape victims are in the lowest third of our national income distribution.

In 2010, the Violence Against Women Act is scheduled for reauthorization. Since its enactment, this Act has saved the lives of numerous women by providing funding for life-saving shelters and services, and educating the public about the cycle of violence. Congress has a unique opportunity to strengthen these programs and raise the profile of violence against women. Our Nation's current response is insufficient.

As we move forward, we must act with outrage about how our nation responds to violence against women and girls. Education and prevention is the key to break this cycle of violence.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND
ACHIEVEMENTS OF ISIAH "IKE"
JESSE WILLIAMS III

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 9, 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life and

achievements of my lifelong friend and widely respected community leader, Isiah "Ike" Jesse Williams III, who died on November 25, 2009, in Jacksonville, Florida, at the age of 78. Ike had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease 6 years prior to his death, and my thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Marilyn Wilkerson-Williams; daughter, Helen Rogers; sons, Rodney Williams, Ira Marche, Isiah Williams IV, and Mark Benson; and the rest of his family and friends at this most difficult time. Ike was a community activist, scholar, lawyer, publisher, journalist, historian, and union organizer. Above all, however, he was a true inspiration to everyone who knew him.

Ike was born to Helen and Isiah Williams of Jacksonville on September 27, 1931. He attended Fessenden Academy, a small private school in Ocala, Florida, and graduated in 1949. A truly brilliant man, Ike went on to earn numerous degrees, including an associate's degree from Edward Waters College, a bachelor's Degree from Florida Memorial College, a Juris Doctor from Florida A & M University, and a master's degree from Brooklyn Law School in New York. He also studied at the New School for Social Research and Xavier Institute of Labor Relation in New York City. During his studies, Ike pledged Psi Beta Sigma, of which he was a dedicated member for more than 50 years.

A man of courage and excellence, Ike served with distinction in the U.S. Army and was a proud veteran of the Korean war. After his service, he moved to New York and successfully practiced law for 10 years. It was during those historic years of the civil rights movement that Ike was an attorney for the Black Panthers and became friends with powerful leaders such as Adam Clayton Powell and Malcolm X.

Back in his home State of Florida, Ike continued his fight for civil equality in the community. He was a true champion of the people and came to be known as a respected community leader in Jacksonville through the many important organizations where he held positions. Ike was a lifetime member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), a Mason, a founding member of the National Business League, and the founder of the Jacksonville Advocate, which was published weekly for 30 years. Furthermore, Ike also served as Publisher Emeritus of the People's Advocate. Both newspapers featured articles that highlighted accomplishments in the African American community. An early member of the Jacksonville Historic Landmarks Commission, Ike was a fitting keeper for the preservation of the history of the African American community and organized the Joseph E. Lee Library-Museum. In addition, he also helped form the Brotherhood of Black Firefighters.

Ike's hard work and dedication on behalf of all those who have been denied a voice earned him many awards. In 2005, he was awarded with the Onyx Award for Communications, a state honor that he dearly cherished. Most recently, he received the National Whitney M. Young Lifetime Achievement award presented by the Jacksonville Urban League.

Madam Speaker, Ike's legacy will live on for generations to come in the lives he has

touched, and continues to touch. He was my dear friend and I am proud and fortunate to have known him.

HONORING VINCENT PETRUCCI

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 9, 2009

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Vincent Petrucci upon being honored with the "Lifetime Achievement Award" at the 2009 San Joaquin Winegrowers Association 7th Annual San Joaquin Valley Wine & Grape Industry Forum. The luncheon will be held in Fresno, California, on Friday, November 20, 2009.

Mr. Vincent Petrucci was born on July 13, 1913, in California. He attended the University of California, Davis where he earned his bachelors of science degree in pomology in 1947 and his masters of science degree in horticulture in 1948. Upon completion of his masters, he was hired by Fresno State College, now California State University Fresno, as a faculty member with the task of organizing and developing the curriculum and facilities of the viticulture and enology program. Mr. Petrucci played an instrumental role in developing the Viticulture and Enology Research Center which opened in 1985 where he has served as director and is currently director emeritus. He taught classes in grape and wine production, raisin production and processing and numerous other classes encompassing the field of viticulture. After 45 years, Mr. Petrucci retired in 1993 from California State University, Fresno and was awarded an honorary doctorate of science degree on May 28, 1994.

Over the years, Mr. Petrucci has served as a consultant, offering advice to many European and South American countries as well as China and Australia. He has been active in several organizations including the International Office of Wine and Vine, the American Society of Horticulture Science, the California Grape Growers Coalition, the University of California Grape Research Committee, the American Vineyard Foundation, and the American Society for Enology and Viticulture. He has also published numerous papers, journal, articles and written books on the subject of wine and grape growing. Mr. Petrucci's involvement has resulted in the international recognition of the viticulture program at CSU Fresno. For his accomplishments, Mr. Petrucci received the CSU Fresno "Outstanding Professor Award" in 1971, was named Wine and Vines "Man of the Year" in 1981, received the "Founder Award" for Enology in 1985, CSU Fresno "Meritorious Performance and Professional Promise Award" in 1986, the University of California, Davis "Distinguished Achievement Award" in 1995 and the American Vineyard "Outstanding Service Award" in 1996.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Vincent Petrucci upon being honored with the "Lifetime Achievement Award." I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Petrucci many years of continued success.