

House of Representatives to join me as I rise to honor and congratulate Dr. A. Zachary Yamba on his retirement from Essex County College. He is the longest serving college president in the State of New Jersey, and the longest sitting President of a predominantly black serving institution of higher education in the nation.

After serving 29 years as President, Dr. Yamba will retire December 4, 2009. Under Dr. Yamba's leadership, Essex County College has experienced unprecedented stability and growth. Enrollment at the College has increased from 7,500 students in 1980 to a record 25,000 students in 2009.

Within a year of his appointment, Essex County College was awarded full accreditation for a 10 year period, a status that was reaffirmed in 1991 and 2001. Over the next 29 years Dr. Yamba demonstrated a commitment to providing quality education to under-represented populations, and ultimately redefined the role of urban higher education in the State of New Jersey and the nation.

Dr. Yamba has positioned Essex County College to be one of the major factors in the movement to grant students of color greater access to higher education. Through his efforts, Essex County College stands in the top 1% of the nation for awarding African American Associate degrees. In addition, Essex County College is the number one Community College in New Jersey for awarding African American Associate degrees and is the number one institution in New Jersey for educating African American students.

Dr. Yamba's inter-generational influence has made an indelible mark on the educational tapestry of the City of Newark, and the State New Jersey. Dr. Yamba became a beacon of hope, accountability and excellence for the mission of urban community colleges. Without his contribution, it is clear that Essex County College and urban community colleges everywhere, would not be as dynamic or academically sound as they are today. He is Regent Emeritus on the Board of Regents of Seton Hall University, was inducted into its Athletic Hall of Fame (Soccer) and has also been awarded an honorary doctorate degree. Additionally, he holds honorary degrees from Rutgers University and the University for Development Students in Ghana.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues agree that Dr. Yamba has made a significant impact on the educational system in New Jersey, and the nation. He will leave a lasting impression on those who were fortunate enough to benefit from his guidance. I am honored to have worked with him for a number of years, and I wish him a wonderful retirement.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE FOR H.R. 3963

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 10, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the House Report 111-345, I submit the Congressional Budget Office Cost Estimate for H.R. 3963.

DECEMBER 1, 2009.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON,
*Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 3963, the Criminal Investigative Training Restoration Act.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Megan Carroll.

Sincerely,

DOUGLAS W. ELMENDORF.

Enclosure.

H.R. 3963—Criminal Investigative Training Restoration Act

H.R. 3963 would direct the Federal Air Marshal Service (FAMS) to require newly hired marshals to complete a training program in criminal investigative techniques. The bill would authorize the appropriation of at least \$3 million in each of fiscal years 2010 and 2011 for that purpose.

Based on information from DHS about the anticipated number of new employees and costs to train them, CBO estimates that \$6 million would be sufficient to establish and operate the proposed training program. Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that fully funding H.R. 3963 would cost \$2 million in 2010 and \$6 million over the 2010-2014 period. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 3963 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Megan Carroll. This estimate was approved by Theresa Gullo, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. FRANK G.
FORGIONE, SR.

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 10, 2009

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a longtime constituent of mine, Frank G. Forgione, Sr., for his outstanding dedication to music, service, and country.

From his earliest days, Frank—the son of two musicians—demonstrated an appreciation and recognition of the power of music. At age 11 he began studying music with Frank Holt, a percussionist for noted bandmaster and composer John Philip Sousa. At the encouragement of his instructors, he auditioned and was accepted into the Navy School of Music here in Washington in 1938.

In December 1941, Frank was stationed at Pearl Harbor aboard the USS *Oglala*. During the attack of December 7, the *Oglala* fell victim to the Japanese attack and sank. Fortunately, Frank was able to make it to a dock. He often said that every day he lived after that was a gift.

In 1951, he became head of the percussion department at his alma mater, the Navy School of Music. Just 10 years later, he founded and led the U.S. Navy Special Show Band—the first Navy Show Band—on a tour in South America. Called the Navy's Goodwill Ambassadors, the band toured through South America during a period of unrest.

When the band encountered anti-American sentiment or threats at their shows, Frank directed the band to perform, believing that the universality of music would be enough to win over the crowd. More often than not, his instincts proved correct. The band went on to make several more tours throughout South America and the rest of the world.

Frank Forgione's service did not go unnoticed. He became the first musician since John Philip Sousa to receive the Secretary of the Navy's Commendation Medal.

In 1972, Frank retired with the rank of Chief Warrant Officer. Retirement did not ebb his desire to serve. Inspired by his tours in South America, Frank dedicated himself to relieving the poverty he witnessed while on the continent. For the next 16 years, he enlisted many national corporations to donate food, educational materials, medicine, and other essential supplies to help improve the living conditions for those less fortunate.

In addition, Frank continued fulfilling his love of music. He created the Fort Washington Continentals, an award-winning youth drum corps located in Prince Georges County. The corps was selected to lead Washington's Bicentennial Parade.

At age 70, Frank became bandmaster for the New York Military Academy in Cornwall-on-Hudson, touring extensively throughout the United States, Europe, and Australia. While there he was given the honorary rank of Army Colonel. He retired again in 2005 at the age of 87. Though Frank passed away on July 27, 2009, it is undeniable that his spirit and appreciation for music have remained with those he touched throughout his life.

Madam Speaker, Frank G. Forgione, Sr. was blessed with the gift of music and committed to serving others. He helped to make the U.S. Navy, the State of Maryland, and communities throughout the world a better place. I urge my colleagues to join with me in paying tribute to this extraordinary individual for a life well lived and in offering sincerest condolences to his friends and family on their loss.

HONORING DALE E. HANINGTON

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 10, 2009

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Dale Hanington of Benton, ME.

Dale Hanington has served the trucking industry for the past two decades, with the last 17 as the president and CEO of the Maine Motor Transport Association, MMTA. During his long and distinguished career, Dale has admirably represented the transportation industry by promoting highway safety and tirelessly advocating for sound public policy affecting members of the MMTA.

Dale's insistence on integrity and the honest sincerity of his approach has gained him the respect of those who have worked with him, both in the trucking industry and during his career with the Maine State Police. It is his unwavering character and consistent advocacy for highway safety that led to his nomination by the Governor to serve on every Maine's Motor Carrier Review Board since its inception. Dale has never taken this reasonability

lightly, and has always dedicated his time and expertise to the group's role of reviewing the records of motor carriers with significant and repeated violations and ensuring that proper steps are taken to mitigate safety risks.

His many accomplishments while at the MMTA include increasing the association's strength to over 1,200 companies, as well as adding valuable services for the benefit of the membership. On a personal note, Dale has been a long time and trusted adviser of mine when it comes to the issue of truck weights in Maine. He has worked tirelessly with me and the entire Maine congressional delegation to advocate for a fix to the problem. We are getting closer to a permanent solution and we have Dale and his advocacy to thank for it.

Prior to his leadership at the MMTA, Dale graduated from the Northwestern Traffic Institute and served for 20 years with the Maine State Police, achieving the rank of lieutenant by the end of his career. He is actively involved in community and fraternal organizations such as the Freemasons, the Order of the Eastern Star, the Order of the Amaranth and he spent many years as a Scout Master for the Boy Scouts. Dale and his wife Jean are also very active in the First Baptist Church of Fairfield.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Dale Hanington for his life of dedication and service to his community and his country.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN
WARREN COOKE

HON. FRANK R. WOLF-
OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, December 10, 2009

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise to share with our colleagues the recent passing of John Warren Cooke, former speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates. He died on November 28, 2009, at the age of 94.

Born on February 28, 1915, in Mathews, Virginia, Speaker Cooke had a long history of service to Virginia, spending almost 4 decades in the House of Delegates from 1942 to 1980. After serving as the Democratic majority leader for 12 years, he became Speaker in 1968. He was well regarded on both sides of the aisle and considered a true gentleman.

After retiring from the Virginia House of Delegates, Speaker Cooke returned to his hometown to continue serving as the publisher of the Gloucester-Mathews Gazette Journal, as he had done since 1954.

Speaker Cooke's father, Major Giles B. Cooke, served on the general staff of General Robert E. Lee during the Civil War. As a 26-year-old, Major Cooke was on Lee's staff at Appomattox.

As the ninth generation of his family to serve in the Virginia General Assembly and one of the last living Americans with a father in the Civil War, Speaker Cooke will surely be missed by the people of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

I submit an obituary for Speaker Cooke published in The Washington Post on December 2.

[From the Washington Post, Dec. 2, 2009]
COURTLY, POWERFUL SPEAKER OF VA. HOUSE
FOR 12 YEARS
(By Matt Schudel)

John Warren Cooke, 94, who served 12 years as the quietly influential speaker of the Vir-

ginia House of Delegates, died Nov. 28 at his home in the Mathews County town of Gloucester. The cause of death could not be learned.

Mr. Cooke, the last member of the Virginia legislature who was the son of a Confederate veteran, was the Democratic majority leader in the House of Delegates for 12 years before becoming speaker in 1968. He exercised his authority with a courtly demeanor and a gentle hand but was, as described in a 1979 Washington Post article, "one of the state's most powerful but little-noticed officials."

He served in the House of Delegates from 1942 to 1980, when Virginia was struggling with integration and changing from its Democratic, rural roots to a more urban and Republican-leaning state. Among other achievements, Mr. Cooke helped bring a new bipartisan spirit to Richmond by appointing Republicans to key committees for the first time in the legislature's history.

Until 1969, Virginia's legislators had no offices and conducted their business from their desks and briefcases. As speaker, Mr. Cooke had absolute authority to appoint the 100 members of the House to committees as he saw fit. His committee choices, usually based on seniority, could affect the direction and tone of legislation and whether it reached the full House for a vote.

Mr. Cooke, known as "John Warren," was well liked and was praised by his colleagues as "the soul of fairness."

A 1970 Post story said Mr. Cooke's "geniality" and "quick dry wit" served him well in politics: "He guides smoothly and skillfully, he is courteous, he is a gentleman down to his toes—and he is very, very popular."

Mr. Cooke was considered a possible gubernatorial candidate in 1969 and 1973, but he bowed out of the races to remain in the House, representing a Tidewater district north of Williamsburg.

In 1972, as the Democratic speaker, he helped arrange a compromise between contentious factions of the Democratic-controlled legislature and Republican governor Linwood Holton to institute a sweeping reorganization of the state government.

John Warren Cooke was born Feb. 28, 1915, in Mathews, Va. His father, who was 76 when his son was born, was an Episcopal priest who had served on Gen. Robert E. Lee's staff during the Civil War.

Mr. Cooke attended the Virginia Military Institute and returned to his home town to work for the Gloucester-Mathews Gazette-Journal. He was publisher of the weekly newspaper from 1954 until March of this year and was president of the old Tidewater Baseball League.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Anne Brown Rawn Cooke of Mathews; and two children, Giles Buckner Cooke III of Williamsburg and Elsa VanNess Verbyla of Mathews.

HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI'S HISPANIC-AMERICAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEH TINEN
OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, December 10, 2009

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Hispanic-American Cultural Institute of the Koubek Center of the University of Miami on their 25th anniversary.

The Hispanic-American Cultural Institute is part of the University of Miami's Division of

Continuing and International Education, which was founded in 1984 by Mr. Pablo Chao.

The Institute's primary mission is to offer cultural and academic services to elderly professionals who wish to remain active. The good work done by the Institute has helped countless individuals in our South Florida community. The Institute has offered conferences in various academic disciplines, which have been hosted by recognized educators, writers and leaders of the Hispanic community.

I congratulate the extraordinary leadership of the center's president for the past 10 years, Mr. Manuel I. Muñiz, and Director Chao on the Institute's 25th anniversary. The Hispanic-American Cultural Institute is a valued part of our community. I am sure that the Institute will continue to allow individuals to pursue their academic dreams regardless of age, as well as be a forum where the brightest minds of the Hispanic community can shine.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF JERRY EUBANKS

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, December 10, 2009

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jerry Eubanks upon his retirement from the United States National Park Service. Jerry has been a life-long public servant, and I am humbled to honor his service and commitment.

A native of McCool, Mississippi, Jerry joined the National Park Service in 1960 after graduating from Mississippi State University with a degree in Civil Engineering. Since joining the Park Service, he has worked across the country from Missouri to California to Virginia to preserve and protect America's national parks. In 1976, Jerry became Assistant Superintendent of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Tennessee and North Carolina. Jerry moved to the Gulf Coast in 1984 to serve as Superintendent of the Gulf Islands National Seashore, where he has remained ever since.

As Superintendent of the Gulf Islands National Seashore, Jerry has worked tirelessly to ensure the protection and viability of our area's natural resources and beauty. Over the past 25 years, he has led the park through numerous organizational and operational changes, resulting in substantial natural, cultural, and recreational program improvements. Among his many successes, Jerry helped lead recovery efforts during several damaging hurricanes including Hurricane Ivan in 2004 and Hurricane Katrina in 2005. He was able to bring operations back online quickly after the storms, ensuring the repair and protection of damaged resources and the restoration of major infrastructure. For his efforts over the course of his career, Jerry has received numerous awards for exemplary service including the Department of the Interior Meritorious Service Award in 2000.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am honored to recognize Jerry Eubanks for his service to Northwest Florida. He is a dedicated community leader who will be sorely missed after his retirement. My wife Vicki and I wish all the best for continued success to Jerry and his wife Anne, his