

Eric Botkin. His life and presence will be sorely missed and I extend my condolences to his dear family and friends.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREENSBORO LUNCH COUNTER SIT-IN

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 15, 2010

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Greensboro Lunch Counter Sit-In.

Bucking the convention of segregation, on February 1, 1960, Ezell Blair, Jr. (Jibreel Khazan), Franklin McCain, Joseph McNeil and David Richmond sat at a Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina, refusing to leave without service. These four courageous young students at the Agricultural and Technical College of North Carolina, now the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, became known as the A&T Four. Their actions on February 1st inspired a wave of sit-in demonstrations across the nation that played a pivotal role in the Civil Rights Movement.

After the first sit-in on February 1st more than twenty other A&T students joined the A&T Four for the second day of the sit-in. By the end of the first week, hundreds of students from colleges throughout the area came to the downtown Greensboro area to participate in the Woolworth sit-in and rally in the streets in support. The following week, student sit-ins were launched across the state of North Carolina, and soon thereafter, across the country. After months of commitment by young civil rights activists, the first African-American was served at the Greensboro Woolworth's lunch counter on July 25, 1960. The lunch counter was officially desegregated the following day.

As a Representative from the great state of North Carolina, it brings me great pride to recognize the outstanding efforts of this group whose actions were instrumental in securing equal treatment for African-Americans throughout North Carolina and the United States. The story of the A&T Four exemplifies the sacrifices made by countless courageous individuals to end inequality. The culmination of their efforts resulted in the end of an era of racial segregation and structured discrimination.

Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and appreciation that I recognize the bravery shown by the young men who launched the Greensboro Lunch Counter Sit-In, and all those who followed in their footsteps, making the state of North Carolina and the nation a better place for all Americans.

HONORING ASSISTANT CHIEF LENN GRANT OF THE BARRINGTON ILLINOIS FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. MELISSA L. BEAN

OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 15, 2010

Ms. BEAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Assistant Chief Lenn Grant of the Bar-

ington Fire Department. I would like to thank Assistant Chief Grant for his 37 years of service to the Barrington community and congratulate him on his recent retirement. Assistant Chief Grant has made a valuable contribution to his community, and to the district I represent.

During the course of Assistant Chief Grant's career, the Barrington Fire Department has grown along with the needs of the community, evolving from a small on-call team to a modernized full-time squad with advanced emergency capabilities. Assistant Chief Grant's rise from a part-time firefighter to assistant chief reflects the dedication and professionalism that have earned him the respect of his colleagues and community. Throughout Assistant Chief Grant's time with the department, he has continually reached beyond the call of duty, serving on numerous public safety committees and developing innovative training programs for fellow firefighters.

Madam Speaker, the Village of Barrington will greatly miss Assistant Chief Grant's hard work and initiative within the fire department, but I know he will continue to apply the same talents and values to the benefit of the Barrington community for years to come. I thank Assistant Chief Grant for his service and wish him continued success in the future.

Thank you and I yield back the balance of my time.

IN RECOGNITION OF STEPHANIE R. DAWKINS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 15, 2010

Mrs. MAHONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Stephanie R. Dawkins, a respected business leader both here and abroad. The founder and CEO of Stephanie Dawkins International, Inc., and a former Senior Vice President of AB Volvo, Stephanie Dawkins is widely respected in the world of business for her expertise and acumen, which she now shares as a renowned consultant, strategic advisor, and professional public speaker on business management.

Stephanie is a leader and innovator in her field, where she has amassed more than two decades of operations and human resources experience. As the former Senior Vice President of AB Volvo, Stephanie Dawkins was responsible for labor and employee relations, safety and the environment, health and well being, performance management, organizational effectiveness, exit management and global policy harmonization at an international corporation with tens of thousands of employees. She was the first African-American to be promoted to the ranks of Volvo's senior executives.

Stephanie Dawkins' achievements have been recognized by a wide range of respected organizations. She serves as a Trustee of the Business and Professional Women's Foundation and as a member of the European-American Women's Council, the National Speakers Association, the Executive Leadership Council, the Society for Human Resources Management, the Associated Society for Training and Development, the National Association of African Americans in Human Resources, and the Swedish-American Chamber of Commerce.

The hallmarks of Stephanie Dawkins' success in her professional and civic engagement have been her optimism, her work ethic, and her persistence. As she herself so eloquently stated in the June 2006 edition of the North Carolina Journal for Women, ". . . I understand the importance of always being at your personal best. You never know under what circumstance another person's path will meet with your own. You never know who is watching, who is seeing you as a role model, or who will make the decision to emulate you."

Stephanie R. Dawkins has worked tirelessly in her professional life and leadership roles to support the accomplishments of women both in the United States and abroad. Through her involvement in and leadership of such vital and vibrant organizations as the European-American Women's Council (EAWC) and the Business and Professional Women's Foundation, she strives to forge ties and improve communications between professional women around the globe. She has dedicated her efforts to expanding and improving training for future leaders of EAWC and has consistently demonstrated her commitment to the mission of the EAWC in helping women in the workforce achieve their business and professional goals.

Madam Speaker, I request that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to Stephanie R. Dawkins and her vital contributions to our nation's civic and business endeavors.

HONORING AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM GREINER

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 15, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding citizen of Buffalo and Western New York and a dear friend who will be profoundly missed, William Greiner. Bill Greiner, the 13th president of the University at Buffalo, died due to complications from heart surgery at the age of 75. This is a devastating loss to his family and friends, and to our community.

William R. Greiner, who spent 42 years at UB as president, provost, and longtime Law School faculty member, joined the law faculty in 1967. He rose through the faculty and administrative ranks, culminating with his appointment as the University at Buffalo's 13th president in 1991. He served until 2003 and was named president emeritus on November 17, 2009 by the SUNY Board of Trustees.

Greiner's administrative leadership resulted in a period of unprecedented growth at the University at Buffalo. His extensive list of major accomplishments includes the expansion of the university's research enterprise, including the creation of major research institutes and recruitment of world-class faculty, solidifying UB's place as a top-flight research university. He established the university as a leading international educational institution, and under his leadership UB became the first American university to establish a branch in China when it opened a center in Beijing.

Bill was deeply loved by his family, friends, and the community. He will be remembered as much for his engaging, hands-on administrative style, and tireless advocacy on behalf of