

Eddie's prowess in the halls of the State House in Augusta became legendary. He has forged coalitions, organized participation in hearings and provided key facts to legislators on labor issues. There is no doubt that Eddie's legislative skills have been a driving force behind the passage of major legislation benefiting Maine's working families, including the first in the country Chemical ID Law, Community Right To Know, minimum wage, severance pay, sexual harassment, toxic use reduction, VDT standards, workers' compensation and unemployment and training benefits.

In addition to his professional contributions, Eddie is a leader in his community. He currently serves as selectman in his hometown of Randolph, where he lives with his wife Diana and his three children, Matthew, Delia and James.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Edward F. Gorham for his life-long dedication and service to the working people of Maine.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Madam Speaker, I attended the grand opening events of the Kia Motors manufacturing facility in West Point, Georgia. As a result, I missed a number of votes. Had I been present, I would have voted the following: "Nay" on Agreeing to the Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2701) to authorize appropriations for FY 2010 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the U.S. Government, the Community Management Account, and the CIA Retirement and Disability System, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII. (rollcall No. 66);

"aye" on Motion to Concur in Senate Amendments to Medicare Physician Payment Reform Act. (rollcall No. 67); and

"aye" on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Urban Crimes Awareness Week (rollcall No. 68).

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

Mrs. MYRICK. Madam Speaker, I was unable to participate in the following votes. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall vote No. 67, on motion to concur in Senate amendments—H. R. 3961, Medicare Physician Payment Reform Act—I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote No. 68, on motion to suspend the rules and agree, as amended—H. Con. Res. 227, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Urban Crimes Awareness Week—I would have voted "aye."

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$12,507,536,462,861.04.

On January 6, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$1,869,110,716,567.24 so far this Congress.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

REVEREND DR. MAJOR A. STEWART

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Rev. Dr. Major A. Stewart as he is installed as pastor of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday, March 7th in my hometown of Flint, Michigan.

Pastor Stewart was raised in the Muskegon, Michigan, area. He confessed his call to preach the gospel in 1986, and was licensed to preach in 1992. He was ordained in December 1995. His ministry has included work as a youth pastor, associate minister, singles coordinator and assistant pastor, working in Michigan, California, Florida and Pennsylvania. His missionary work has taken him to Turkey, West Africa, and Liberia. He has also participated in a trip to Israel with the United Theological Seminary Pilgrimage Team.

In addition to his duties as senior pastor of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, Reverend Stewart also works at GM Parts World Headquarters and is an adjunct part-time instructor at Concordia University teaching accounting, business policy and marketing management. Pastor Stewart holds a bachelor of business administration degree from Eastern Michigan University; a master of business administration degree from California Lutheran University; a master of arts in Christian education from Michigan Theological Seminary; and a doctor of ministry degree from United Theological Seminary.

Reverend Stewart and his wife, Carla Brooks Stewart, are the parents of Alexandria Janine, Mikaela Ann and Karissa Danielle Stewart.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Rev. Dr. Major A. Stewart as he is installed as the new pastor of the historic Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church. Mt. Olive has been a rock of hope and guidance for 102 years and I pray that under Pastor Stewart's leadership it will continue to spread the good news of Our Savior, Jesus Christ, throughout the Flint area for many, many years to come.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND JAMES GLOVER, JR.

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a true military hero, a constituent and a valued friend Reverend James Glover, Jr. passed away on February 6, 2010, and we all owe him a debt of gratitude his service to our nation and his commitment to his community. Mr. Glover was a member of the Montford Point Marines, African Americans members of the United States Marine Corp, who served in World War II.

James Glover, Jr. was born August 16, 1916, in Eutawville, South Carolina, the son of a prominent Baptist minister. Although he felt a strong pull to follow his father's footsteps, the call to serve his country during World War II changed his course as a young man.

He entered the military February 28, 1942, as one of the first African Americans to be permitted in the Marine Corp and his unit became known as the legendary Montford Point Marines. As a marine, Lance Corporal Glover endured great hardships to begin a legacy that has brought honor to the United States Marine Corps and all those who have served our nation.

Lance Corporal Glover and his fellow Black Marines succeeded despite enduring segregated training conditions at the Montford Point Camp, which is now part of Camp LeJeune, North Carolina. They were subjected to racial abuse and discrimination, yet persevered and earned the respect of the other Marines.

Lance Corporal Glover served honorably in the Pacific theatre in the 51st Defense Battalion authorized in 1942. As a member of the 27th Marine Depot Company, a combat support unit, he helped supply the front lines with food and ammunition. Under sometimes heavy enemy fire, he loaded and unloaded supplies, resupplied frontline units, and evacuated the dead and wounded.

He was honorably discharged from the Marines on December 1, 1945 and returned to his beloved home in South Carolina where he pursued his calling in the ministry. Reverend Glover was called to pastor Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Orangeburg, SC in 1971. While ministering to his flock at Mount Calvary, Reverend Glover led the efforts to build a new church sanctuary. In addition, the church experienced tremendous growth under his leadership including: organizing numerous auxiliaries, clubs, and choirs. The church's educational center and children's choir have been named in his honor.

Reverend Glover resigned as pastor of Mount Calvary after 26 years of service in 1997, to devote all of his time to his home church, Spring Hill Baptist Church in Eutawville, South Carolina. He was appointed pastor of Spring Hill Baptist Church in 1973 following the rich legacy of his father, Reverend James S. Glover, Sr., and grandfather, Reverend John Glover. Because of the growth of the congregation while serving as the under-shepherd of Spring Hill Baptist Church, Reverend Glover also led the efforts to build a new church sanctuary and educational building in 1990. He retired as pastor of Spring Hill