

graduate with honors from Livingstone College in Salisbury, North Carolina, Dr. Smith also earned two masters and two doctoral degrees. He has an MBA in Marketing and Finance, a Master of Divinity degree, a Doctorate in Higher Education Administration and Finance; and a Doctorate in Ministries.

Grand Master Smith is the Senior Pastor of the Mother African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, a major stop on the Underground Railroad, located in Harlem New York, which is the oldest African American institution in the State of New York, founded in 1796 and chartered in 1799. Dr. Smith is very proud of the history of Mother AME Zion, which was one of the earliest and most vocal opponents of slavery and a constant champion of abolition. Slaves who escaped north in search of freedom, knew they could find refuge and assistance at Zion Church, which became affectionately known as "Freedom's Church." In fact, Mother AME Zion became an important stop on the "Underground Railroad," hiding runaway slaves behind the pulpit in a secret passageway. Abolitionist and women's rights activist Isabella Baumfree transferred her membership from the John Street Methodist Episcopal Church to Zion Church in 1827. It was at the altar of Mother AME Zion in 1843 that she changed her name to "Sojourner Truth" and there she was also reunited with her sisters, who had been separated during slavery.

Sojourner Truth became one of the foremost voices for women's and equal rights and the abolition of slavery in America. Throughout its long history, Mother AME Zion has had many illustrious members who were leaders in the historic fight for freedom, including Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, Paul Robeson, Madame C.J. Walker and many others who fought so valiantly to free African Americans socially, politically and spiritually. The legacy of this historic church is difficult to surpass, as it has always been a promoter of education and racial self-help for African Americans in this great city, playing a role in many of the social organizations that were founded to assist and improve the condition of the Negro. Reverend Dr. Smith holds and has held several major positions in the AME Zion Church, including Presiding President of the Elder's Council, and he serves on the Connectional Budget Board Executive Committee.

In 1976 at the age of 26, he was elected Director of Public Affairs and Convention Manager of the denomination, the youngest person to ever be elected to a worldwide office. In the past, he has served as Executive Secretary of the AME Zion Church Ministers & Lay Association, and, as pastor of the Mt. Hope AME Zion Church located in White Plains, New York, where in 5 years he transformed that congregation from 85 to 635 members, built and furnished a new multi-million dollar worship center and a pre-school program. Dr. Smith was also responsible for directing worldwide international relief assistance and other aid for the National Council of Churches' (NCC) 30 Protestant denominations. While at the NCC he raised more than \$200 million in program support.

Dr. Smith is a true "renaissance man," successfully integrating a successful career in business, public service and ministry. He has a proven track record of success leading nongovernmental, private, voluntary and religious agencies, with a strong expertise in the development of strategic alliances between public

and private sectors. He has 20 years of marketing, finance and managerial experience in Fortune 100 and Fortune 500 companies, with responsibility for over \$2 billion in revenue.

In December 1990, he was appointed by President George H.W. Bush as President and Chief Executive Officer of the African Development Foundation, an independent Federal agency located in Washington, D.C., with offices in 25 African nations and a staff of more than 300. He continued to serve in this capacity under President William J. Clinton's administration until May of 1995. He also serves as an officer and member of numerous boards of directors. Dr. Smith was interviewed by "The History Makers" on January 24, 2007, who designated him as one of the "Outstanding Men of America," and he was also the first African American in New York State to be selected by a major political party as their moral candidate. He continues to be active in local, State and national politics, as well as serving as President of Prince Hall Temple Associates, Inc. He is a member of Sigma Pi Phi—Beta Zeta Boulé, and is very well traveled, having visited all but five countries throughout the continent of Africa and over 30 other nations across the globe.

Madam Speaker, since our founding in 1812, The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons has followed in the Christian principles that were established in God's Holy Book, the Bible, of "Making Good Men Better"—which the foundation is character, the purpose is service and the measure is giving. As the grand nephew of our beloved spirited hero Paul Robeson, Reverend Dr. Gregory Robeson Smith was destined in his development to embody the principles, truths and heritage set forth by our founding fathers of the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons. Dr. Smith takes over the leadership of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge at a crucial time in the history of the organization, and faces the daunting task of translating the historical usefulness of this ancient and honorable institution to meet the several challenges of its more than 10,000 members in today's "Information Age." His philosophy of life and service is stated in the words of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who said in 1948 on his application to Crozer Seminary, "I have an inescapable urge to serve society, and a sense of responsibility, which I could not escape."

RECOGNIZING SERGEANT
JENNIFER EVITTS

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank Sergeant Jennifer Evitts for her exemplary service to the United States House of Representatives through her work with the United States Marine Corps Office of Legislative Affairs.

Sergeant Evitts has been a steadfast asset for Members and staff, especially for my office, in responding to the myriad administrative and logistical questions and needs the House of Representatives often requires of our military liaison services. Her attention to detail, her ability to work quickly and independently,

and her cheerful engagement with whomever she encounters is always appreciated.

It is unfortunately usually the case that we fail to tell the individuals who mean the most to us, who do the most for us, how much they are valued until it comes time to send them on to their next adventure with our best wishes. I'm pleased, however, that Sergeant Evitts' contributions were formally recognized while she was still with us. It is my particular pleasure to note that due to her diligence and the merit of her efforts, Sergeant Evitts was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for meritorious service to the Marine Corps Office of Legislative Affairs. I am proud of Sergeant Evitts for earning such a prestigious award.

I personally congratulate Jennifer on her accomplishments, and I wish Jennifer and her family success and happiness in her future endeavors. She will be missed.

ALL THE MOORE—A TRIBUTE TO
AN AMERICAN HERO: SGT JOHN
MOORE, THE 1-25 STRYKER BRIGADE
COMBAT TEAM, THE
UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a poetic tribute penned by Albert Carey Caswell in honor of one of Tennessee's finest, SGT John Moore of Dickson Tennessee. On January 6th 2009 in Diyaoa Province in Iraq, SGT Moore was almost killed in an IED explosion. Like many of our nation's heroes who cheat death, they must then come back home and continue to fight another war. While John fought valiantly to try to save his leg, he lost that battle . . . but his courage and faith has helped sustain him through his darkest days. As he is a shining example to us all, as he inspires us all with his courage and positive attitude.

ALL THE MOORE

In this our Country 'Tis of Thee . . .

There have been such fine patriots, so indeed!

Whom, have so given up so much for Country!

All to insure this our land of the free, for us . . . so much would endure you see . . .

As generation after generation, have so served this our fine nation . . .

Who have so given up life and limb, all in those darkest of days war . . . so then . . .

Who have so given, All The Moore!

How can one so ask for more?

Putting one's country first, while their own fine precious lives so last . . .

Yet, knowing of the worst!

From places, like Tennessee . . . have come such fine men, so indeed . . .

Who are but The Toast of Tennessee!

Men like John Moore, heroes who so boldly marched off to war . . .

Leaving behind, all that they so love and adored!

A man, of The 1-25 Stryker Brigade Combat Team . . .

For this is how Angels are made it seems!
So boldly marching off to war, as was John so seen . . .

When, in the midst of hell . . . a bomb would almost take all of his future dreams . . .

Coming back from the dead, he fought for five months until it was said . . .
 John, your leg is dead . . .
 As in that moment, as in that fight . . . as he reached down into his soul, so bright!
 And asked, for All The Moore . . . faith and courage, to endure!
 As he began to shine, and begin a new battle once more!
 All The Moore!
 As on that morning he awoke, as to him his fine heart spoke . . .
 I've got a life to live, I've got so much to this our world to give . . .
 I will not feel sorry or sad, just to be alive I'm glad . . .
 For I have fine brave Brothers, who now lie in the ground . . .
 And it's for them also the courage, I've found . . .
 Until, the day they lay me down . . .
 For ever in life, Striking Hard! I will be found!
 Arms and legs we all need, but without a heart one can not surely breathe . . .
 And I will walk, and I will run . . . and I will face the morning's sun!
 All with what's inside of me, All The Moore . . .
 While, all of this pain and heartache I will defeat!
 All for my Country Tis of Thee . . .
 As I will be Walking Tall In Tennessee
 All The Moore, this you must believe!

RECOGNIZING MIKE TOWN

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, many in this House do our part in promoting sustainable living, sustainable building and environmental responsibility. In my District—the 8th of Washington—an environmental science teacher is doing a masterful job at teaching the same values, and more—and he has received much deserved recognition for his efforts.

Redmond High School teacher Mike Town was awarded the inaugural \$25,000 Green Prize in Environmental Education from the NEA Foundation on April 19. Mr. Town's curriculum, "Cool School Challenge," teaches students how to perform energy audits of their school buildings and reduce their carbon footprint by doing simple things like powering down computers at night, composting, and recycling. Mr. Town's award comes after leading the entire school toward being one of the "greenest" schools in America. He has inspired his students and the rest of the student-body to "think globally and act locally" to beautify our schools, our neighborhoods, and our environment. Mr. Town—or simply 'Town' to his students—is an innovative and dynamic high school teacher who is making a positive impact on every student who walks through the doors of Redmond High.

One of his former students and my former staffer, Marshall Reffett, described Mr. Town as an educator this way: "Through his genuine enthusiasm for the subject, depth of knowledge, and hands on teaching methods, I developed a real sense for how the policies we adopt can have a profound effect on the sustainability of the Earth."

Aside from his teaching work, Mr. Town is a policy advocate for sustainability and the

preservation of public lands. He is a vocal wilderness advocate—and worked closely with my office helping to create my Alpine Lakes Wilderness Proposal—a citizen lobbyist, and eloquent speaker on behalf of environmental protection. The man practices what he preaches and is a great example for his students and his community.

What a delight it is for me to highlight the work of one of America's great professional educators. I'm pleased Mr. Town's efforts are not going unnoticed. His enthusiasm in the classroom and his tireless advocacy combine to make him a one-of-a-kind educator.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 243, 244, and 245, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

IN RECOGNITION OF JULIE SWITKY

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Julie Switky upon her retirement as executive director of the Hillsborough Schools Foundation.

When Julie joined the Foundation in 1982, parent participation was about 64 percent with \$242,000 raised that particular year. The 2009–2010 Annual Giving Campaign will surpass \$3.1 million with parent participation close to 80 percent. These statistics speak volumes about the dedication and hard work of Julie Switky over the past 28 years. Amazingly she worked alone for the first decade until she was joined by Judy Kagan in the early 1990s. Today the Foundation has three additional staff members and a camaraderie that is off the charts—another testament to Julie's inspirational leadership.

She was raised in the Bronx, earned a degree in elementary education at City College of New York and later taught first grade in New York City and Baltimore. She and her husband, Dan, have lived in my district (San Mateo) for the past 30 years where they raised three children.

In this electronic age I want to note that Julie started her remarkable career at the Foundation without any technological tools. She went on to develop a computer tracking program and most currently was working to provide the Foundation with the most up-to-date online technology possible.

I'll be candid. Other school communities in California look to Julie Switky as the shining star of raising money to support education. No wonder that she is often asked to speak at other school foundation conferences.

Funds raised by Julie and her team go directly to school budgets and that helps maintain the level of excellence at Hillsborough's four schools. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to honor the dedication and leadership of Julie

Switky and I wish her the best in her newest endeavor, retirement.

BOLEY CENTERS OF ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA CELEBRATES 40 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE TAMPA BAY AREA

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, Boley Centers of St. Petersburg, Florida, which I have the privilege to represent, is a private, not-for-profit organization that was established 40 years ago to serve individuals with mental disabilities, the homeless and youth in Pinellas County and the five county Tampa Bay area.

Tomorrow night our community comes together to pay tribute to Boley's 40th anniversary of service and to give thanks to the thousands of individuals they have helped gain the highest level of independent living. Boley provides 42 housing and service center locations; a wide variety of treatment, recovery and vocational services; a network of living opportunities in community residences and apartments; and a large staff of hard-working professionals who are dedicated to improving the lives of individuals with disabilities. Boley provides housing options that range from highly structured group homes to permanent supported apartments that are affordable and safe units for more than 1,200 individuals. This makes Boley one of the largest providers of these services in the entire southeastern United States.

Boley has a dedicated board of volunteer directors Chaired by Cynthia McCormick and includes First Vice Chair Loretta Ross, Second Vice Chair Sally Poynter, Immediate Past President Paul Misiewicz, and Virginia Battaglia, Rutland Bussey, Major Sharon Carron, Hal Gregory, Jack Hebert, Sandy Incorvia, Martin Lott, Robert Pitts, and Linda Scott-Leggette. Together they oversee an outstanding organization of professional staff members led by President and Chief Executive Officer Gary MacMath who treat their clients with compassion and dedication.

Boley also has a devoted network of volunteers who support the work of the Board and staff. This network includes the Boley Angels, who were founded in 1984 by board member Mary Koenig. They provide invaluable help to Boley's clients by raising funds to fulfill their unmet medical and dental needs and to provide furniture for the residential programs.

Madam Speaker, Boley Centers brings together the resources of our local community, our state and our nation to provide help to the less fortunate of our community who have nowhere else to turn for housing and treatment options. It has been a real pleasure for me to be able to work with the members of the board and the staff on a number of projects over the years.

Please join me in thanking all involved with Boley Centers for a job well done as they gather together to celebrate 40 years of service to Pinellas County, Florida and the Tampa Bay area.