

Shalla prison today and thousands to starve while Al-Bashir smiles for the camera during his re-election photos.

Mohammed Yahya said, "I know there are many good, compassionate people in this world, who will listen to us and help us."

HONORING KEVIN DOWLING

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Kevin Dowling, who is retiring from the Hayward, California City Council after 26 years of public service. Over the course of his career, he has served on many Council commissions and intergovernmental agencies, including the Hayward Economic Development Committee, City Council Commercial Center, Hayward Youth Commission, Hayward Economic Development Committee, and the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Agency.

Mr. Dowling has been a Hayward resident since 1962. He received his high school diploma from Moreau Catholic High School in 1980 and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Santa Clara University in 1984.

Before becoming a council member for the city of Hayward, Mr. Dowling served as an aide to Alameda County Supervisors Gail Steele and Alice Lai-Bitker. He was Alumni Director for Moreau Catholic High School and Development Director for Eden Information and Referral. He serves as Development Director for the Boys and Girls Clubs of San Leandro.

Mr. Dowling has been a vital part of many projects in the city of Hayward, including downtown redevelopment and neighborhood improvements. His leadership and exemplary public service have made an impact in Hayward and beyond.

He is retiring from the City Council at the end of his term on July 13, 2010. I join the city of Hayward in expressing appreciation for his many years of public service.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$12,926,785,477,772.98.

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 \$2,288,359,731,479.18 so far this Congress.

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

HONORING MR. JOSEPH RIHEL

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor the tireless service of Joseph Rihel as a dedicated volunteer for the Glen Burnie VA Outpatient Clinic. To salute his service, Mr. Rihel was awarded the 2009 Congressional Volunteer Recognition Award by the Veterans Advisory Council for Maryland's 2nd District.

Veterans of the United States Armed Forces have dedicated themselves to protecting the lives of every American. Their service to our Nation deserves the highest level of gratitude. It is important that we take the time to recognize the individuals who give of their time and talents to support veterans and ensure their comfort, care, and well-being.

A retired Baltimore City firefighter and reservist in the U.S. Navy, Mr. Rihel continues to serve his county and community as a volunteer at the Glen Burnie VA Outpatient Clinic. Mr. Rihel has driven more than 20,000 miles transporting veterans to their clinic appointments and back home. To date, he has given more than 1,700 hours of volunteer time to the Disabled American Veterans Transportation.

Time and again, Mr. Rihel has gone above and beyond expectations. When an illness disrupted the regular driving schedule, he worked overtime to keep the office moving. After a major snow fall, he cleared the snow off the vans, then moved them to a snow-free area so that Veteran patients and other drivers could access them safely. Mr. Rihel's colleagues describe him as "phenomenal."

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Mr. Joseph Rihel. His compassion and dedication to veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces are an inspiration to us all, and are deserving of the utmost gratitude. It is with great pride that I congratulate Mr. Joseph Rihel on his exemplary service as an advocate and a volunteer.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF RICHARD SMALLWOOD

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Richard Smallwood, a beloved husband, father and friend who lived life with a sense of joy.

Mr. Smallwood served in the Seabees division of the U.S. Navy. After his service he met and married the love of his life, Donna Reese. Together, he and Donna raised their six children with an abundance of love and devotion. He instilled within them a positive attitude, a strong work ethic, and an unwavering commitment to family and service. He worked for many years at Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, the City of Parma Recreation Department, and he also ran a family business; a gift store called the Treasure Isle.

A modest man, Mr. Smallwood never sought the spotlight, but his volunteer work did not go unnoticed. He was honored numerous times

by the City of Parma and other organizations for his efforts. Mr. Smallwood was an active member and leader within many community organizations and initiatives, including Proud of Parma, the Parma Chamber of Commerce, the Parma Amateur Athletic Association, and the Parma Rib and Rock. He was also an avid softball and volleyball player and enjoyed traveling.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Richard Smallwood, a man who will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. I offer my condolences to his wife of 41 years, Donna; to his children, Dave, Terri, Scott, Bruce, Vicki and Sherri; to his daughters-in-law, Barb, Karen and Mary; to his sons-in-law, Ken, John and Bob; to his 21 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren; and to his extended family members and numerous friends.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 245, I inadvertently voted "no," but intended to vote "yes."

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL FRANKLIN L. "BUSTER" HAGENBECK

HON. JIM MARSHALL

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Mr. MARSHALL. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today not only as the Representative of the 8th District of Georgia but also as the Chairman of the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy at West Point, to honor the service and accomplishments of Lieutenant General Franklin L. "Buster" Hagenbeck, the 57th Superintendent.

LTG Hagenbeck distinguished himself through exceptionally meritorious service to the Nation during more than thirty-nine years of active military service in peace and war, culminating as the Commanding General and 57th Superintendent of the United States Military Academy, West Point.

Madam Speaker, during LTG Hagenbeck's tenure as Superintendent, West Point was recognized as the number one college in the Nation by Forbes Magazine (2009) and the number one liberal arts college by US News and World Report (2010). West Point also won twenty-four national championships in athletics and earned twenty-eight competitive scholarships (Rhodes, Truman, Fulbright, East-West, Gates, and Rotary).

LTG Hagenbeck instituted the first significant change to the cadet program since 1987 by establishing a measured leadership development experience during the summer of senior year. In only one year, he achieved a substantial improvement in the battlefield tested leadership qualities of West Point graduates based on feedback from battalion commanders. Through the establishment of Centers of Excellence at West Point, LTG