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HONORING QUINN CHAPEL AME
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HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, on May 28 Quinn Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church will celebrate 135 years of Christian service in my hometown of Flint, Michigan.

Mrs. Nancy West opened her home for a prayer service in 1875 and Quinn Chapel was formed. Named after Bishop William Paul Quinn, the congregation dedicated their first sanctuary 2 years later. Over the years Quinn Chapel has occupied different structures, dedicating the current edifice in 1958.

For the past 135 years, Quinn Chapel has provided leadership, inspiration, guidance, and strength to individuals and families in the Flint area. The Ministries of Quinn have encouraged the priorities of higher education, healthcare, business and professionalism in the congregation. The Ministries include: The After School Program; The Young People's Department; The Scholarship Committee; The Commission on Christian Social Action, The Commission on Health; The Commission on Public Relations; The Commission on Christian Education; The Commission on Mission and Welfare; The Commission on Membership and The Debutante Cotillion.

The keynote speaker at the 135th Anniversary celebration is Roland Martin, award-winning journalist and nationally syndicated columnist. Named by Ebony Magazine in 2008 and 2009 as one of the 150 Most Influential African Americans in the United States, Mr. Martin is a commentator for TV One Cable Network, host of "Washington Watch with Roland Martin," a CNN Analyst and Senior Analyst with the Tom Joyner Morning Show. He has authored several books, received numerous awards both in the United States and the United Kingdom and was inducted into the Texas A&M University Journalism Hall of Honor in 2008.

Madam Speaker, under the leadership of Reverend Stanley U. Sims, Quinn Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church continues the long tradition of Spirit-filled enthusiasm for worship, love, service, and "assisting them to become all that God created them to be." I pray that the ministers, staff, and congregation of Quinn Chapel will continue their work and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ for many, many years to come.

RECOGNIZING PETTIS NORMAN

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a truly remarkable man and exceptional citizen of Dallas, Texas, Mr. Pettis Norman. I am very privileged to consider Mr. Norman a dear friend, and it is an honor to recognize him before this Congress and the entire country.

Pettis Norman has always been a man of strong character and deep emotional conviction. He was born to Fessor and Eloise Norman in Lincolntown, Georgia and spent his formative years in North Carolina. As the youngest child in a large family, he learned early on the value of his own personal integrity, and to this day, it remains one of his most admirable qualities.

Mr. Norman received a degree from Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, North Carolina, and it was there that he became active in the civil rights movement. He participated in lunch counter sit-ins that ultimately spread to cities and states across the country. These sit-ins marked a turning point for the movement and served as a spark for the African-American community to organize, be heard, and protest peacefully. Mr. Norman took part in these with a deep sense of integrity and the simple belief that all people should be judged on the depth of their character and not the color of their skin.

After Mr. Norman graduated from college, he moved to Dallas, Texas to play for the Cowboys in 1962. To this day, he is regarded as one of the greatest tight ends the team has ever had, and his resolve on the field has yet to be matched. Truly, the city fell in love with Mr. Norman just as Mr. Norman fell in love with Dallas, and I believe that the city has gained so much because of him. As a football player, Coach Landry held him in high regard, and still says that trading Mr. Norman to the San Diego Chargers was one of the most difficult decisions he ever made.

Mr. Norman returned to Dallas after two seasons in San Diego to settle into a permanent home. He has been active in civic life ever since, and he is still highly regarded in the community. The people of Dallas consider him an all time favorite, and I believe that it is his moral character and steadfast nature that so endear him to the people he meets.

Madam Speaker, Pettis Norman was an amazing football player and is an outstanding citizen today. I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in honoring this great man who has done remarkable things throughout his life and still considers his personal integrity his most variable trait.

MR. SHANE KENNEDY

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Mr. COLE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Shane Kennedy for his quick thinking and level-headedness during the severe tornado outbreak in Oklahoma on May 10th.

Kennedy, a co-manager at the Country Boy IGA in Norman that was leveled during last week's tornado outbreak, left his place of employment, observed the oncoming tornado, and returned to the store to direct 40 customers and employees to seek shelter in the store's freezer. While the store sustained irreparable damages, none of the 40 patrons suffered significant injuries. As two tornadoes ripped down Highway 9 and through the Country Boy IGA, Kennedy led the group in prayer until the storm system passed.

Madam Speaker, had it not been for Kennedy's foresight and resolve, this severe storm

could have ended in great tragedy. But his fortitude and strength protected these 40 lives from grave danger.

Time and again, Oklahomans have risen to the challenge in the face of adversity. I am once more impressed by the strength and resiliency of Oklahomans through Kennedy's swift and skillful response to protect his fellow Oklahomans.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Kennedy deserves our thanks and appreciation. As an American and an Oklahoman, I am proud to be able to represent Mr. Kennedy, and wish him well.

RECOGNIZING PROGRESSIVE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. ON ITS 15TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Progressive Financial Services, Inc. as they celebrate their fifteenth year of doing business in Tempe, Arizona.

As our economy recovers, Progressive Financial Services, Inc. has successfully weathered the downturn and managed to create and maintain jobs in our community, building a workforce of more than 200 employees. This, in addition to the company's future plans to add more jobs, embodies the current mission in the United States Congress to stimulate the economy and provide work for its citizens. Therefore, my office would like to thank and congratulate Progressive Financial Services, Inc. and wish the company continued success in the future.

As a former mayor, I am pleased to have such a vibrant and prosperous business in my hometown of Tempe and within my district.

I urge you, Madam Speaker, to join me in rising to applaud the employees, management team of Progressive Financial Services, Inc. for their achievements and growth over the last fifteen years.

HONORING CAPTAIN JOSEPH
GUYTON

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay special tribute to a dedicated American and true patriot for whose service to this country as a Captain in the United States Army deserves our sincere gratitude. Capt. Joseph "Joe" Guyton of Stafford, Virginia served with the U.S. Army's 5th Stryker division in Kandahar, Afghanistan. On August 11th, 2009, while Capt. Guyton was conducting a mounted area reconnaissance his unit was attacked by an improvised explosive device. Against all odds he somehow survived, however, the attack left him with severe injuries that resulted in the bilateral amputation of both of his legs.

Currently Capt. Guyton is continuing his recovery with the aid of his loving wife Amy at Walter Reed Medical Army Center. He amazes and inspires us all with his will to live