

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SERVICE TO THE PONTIAC COMMUNITY

### HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2010*

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary of service to the Pontiac community. As a Member of Congress, it is my privilege to honor the Church, its leadership and its congregation on achieving this most impressive milestone.

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church began its service to the community as a house of fellowship, joining the community together to affirm the goodness of spirituality under the vision of Reverend Alvin Hawkins, the Church's first Pastor. Under Rev. Hawkins' leadership, the congregation of Friendship flourished, creating a Sunday School, nurses' guild, and a music ministry. Furthermore, to forever enshrine and guide them in their greater service to the community, the congregation adopted a covenant and the Articles of Faith.

After seven years of service to the community through piety, charity and faith, Rev. Hawkins was called to a new journey, and leadership of the Church was entrusted to Rev. Eddie McDonald. Rev. McDonald, another man of vision and action, guided Friendship in its spiritual journey, creating an outreach ministry and a young women's group. During the prosperity of Rev. McDonald's strong stewardship, the Church paid off the mortgage on its first home on Williams Street and expanded its congregation, eventually seeking a larger space on Michigan Street, its current home.

It was with great sadness that the congregation of Friendship Baptist Church said farewell to Rev. McDonald after 32 years, but with hope for the future, they welcomed in Rev. William Dulaney. Rev. Dulaney has continued upon the steadfast and strong leadership of his predecessors and established the Learning Lab and youth department to further expand the service of the Church to the community. Under his leadership, the congregation of Friendship continues to grow strong.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me, and the congregation of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in celebrating their 50th Anniversary of fellowship in spirituality and service. I wish the congregants and leadership of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church many more years of prosperity to come.

HONORING THE MILITARY SERVICE OF LANCE CORPORAL ANTHONY ROBERTSON

### HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2010*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lance Corporal Anthony Robertson of the United States Marine Corps.

Lance Corporal Robertson grew up in Justice, Illinois and currently lives in neighboring Willow Springs. After joining the Marines, he was deployed to Afghanistan. While there, he was severely injured by a roadside bomb. It was an honor to personally congratulate and thank Lance Corporal Robertson, and his wife, Sheri Robertson for his brave service when we met on July 26th at a welcome home celebration conducted by the Village of Justice. His sacrifice will rightfully be honored with a Purple Heart—our Nation's oldest actively used military medal.

It is a privilege to welcome home to his family and community someone who has given so much. As Lance Corporal Robertson prepares to enter the ranks of almost 600,000 living veterans who have received the Purple Heart Medal, I ask you to join me in honoring his service, and the work of all men and women in uniform who have shed blood in the service of our country.

HONORING MR. ALVARO BOTERO

### HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2010*

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, this week Colombia celebrates 200 years as a sovereign nation. As we congratulate our democratic ally and friend on its Bicentennial, it is fitting that we also honor some of Colombia's finest, and among them, is Alvaro Botero.

Alvaro is a respected journalist, author and writer. He is a strong advocate for freedom of the press. He knows that many around the world are censored and prohibited from speaking the truth, so he values his ability to write and report in a free and democratic society. Alvaro is committed to keeping the connection between his native Colombia and his home of 23 years, South Florida. He works hard to ensure that the Colombian American community in the United States is informed and in tune with what is happening in Colombia, South Florida and around the world.

For more than 16 years, Alvaro has published "El Notiloco de Botero" a satirical news magazine and in recent years launched a corresponding news site. He started his career in Colombia studying journalism and public relations. His work has appeared in publications throughout Latin America and the United

States and he has published several books, earning recognitions at the Feria Internacional de Libro, International Book Fair. Alvaro has served as a correspondent for Colombian news network RCN, RCN Radio and RCN Miami, and was instrumental in the creation of Radio Caracol, South Florida's Colombian Radio Station, with daily programming in the United States and Colombia.

Alvaro works to promote democracy and speak out for those who cannot express themselves freely as he can, and he continues to humor us each day through his writing. After 23 years of living in Miami, he is still as passionate about his native Colombia as he is about his home, the United States.

I ask that you join me in honoring Alvaro Botero, a fine journalist, friend and the voice of South Florida's Colombian American community.

HONORING MACCULLOCH HALL

### HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2010*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Macculloch Hall, in Morristown, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 200th anniversary, as well as the 60th anniversary of the Macculloch Hall Historical Museum.

The cornerstone of Morristown's National Historic District, Macculloch Hall Historical Museum preserves the history of the Macculloch-Miller families and the Morris area, and the legacy of its founder, the Honorable W. Parsons Todd through its historic site, collections, exhibits, educational and cultural programs.

George Macculloch emigrated with his family to America from London and in 1810 built the Federal-style brick mansion in Morristown. Macculloch is best known as the "father" of the Morris Canal, an international engineering marvel. Mrs. Macculloch was instrumental in establishing St. Peter's Episcopal Church and the Female Charitable Society, today Family Service of Morris County. The family and their descendants influenced education, economics, politics and culture.

In 1949, Morristown philanthropist and former mayor, W. Parsons Todd, purchased and restored Macculloch Hall to house his collections of American and English decorative and fine arts as well as a major collection of original works by Thomas Nast, America's leading 19th century political cartoonist. Nast once lived across the avenue and created the Republican Elephant, the Democratic Donkey, and popularized America's image of Santa Claus.

With the Morristown Garden Club, Todd restored Macculloch Hall's gardens—the oldest in Morris County. Three acres of original plantings and landscape features include more than 40 varieties of heirloom roses; the first documented tomato grown in New Jersey is

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