

Carl's dedication continues to enrich the lives of both the students and the entire Passaic community. He is a member of the Passaic Optimist Club, Past Distinguished President of the Passaic Chapter of the NAACP. He is the recipient of numerous awards and honors for community service such as Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Pi Xi Omega Chapter 2003 Legacy Award, 2002 Passaic Liam Club Educator of Year, 2000 Outstanding Community Leader Award Passaic Chapter of NAACP, and the 1995 Roger Williams Baptist Outstanding Community Service Award in recognition of Black History Month in 2006, Carl was named one of the many exceptional African Americans by the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Over the years, Carl has received numerous other awards and recognitions.

Creech is very humbled by opportunities provided to him to make a difference in the lives of others. He finds solace in the words of the spiritual song "If I can help someone as I pass this way, then my living would not have been in vain".

Carl was married to the late Susie Carol Siler Creech, a union that was blessed with two sons, Rodney and Corey. He is a grandfather to two boys, Carl Michael Creech, son of Rodney and Caden Termain Creech, son of Corey.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to working with and recognizing the efforts of dedicated public servants like Carl Creech.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, the students and alumni of the Passaic Schools, the City of Passaic and its' education community, Carl's family and friends, and me in recognizing Carlist Athel Creech's outstanding service to his community.

RECOGNIZING A CHAMPION OF THE ARTS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: SISTER LANNIE SPANN MCBRIDE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 20, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sister Lannie Spann McBride of Jackson, Mississippi. As a humanitarian, educator and spiritual leader, Sister McBride's life has been a testament to her dedication to the community, the arts and the edification of our youth. She has devoted much of her life to public education and delivering the word of God.

Sister McBride is the sixth of eight children of the late Dr. and Mrs. S.L. Spann. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music with an emphasis in Voice/Piano from Tougaloo College in 1970, where she also completed the Summer Curriculum Institute in Black Music in 1972. After one complete year of study at Jackson State University, she obtained her Masters of Music Education Degree in 1982. Due to her devote love of music and her passion for education, Sister McBride continues to work as an adjunct professor in the music department at Jackson State.

For the last several decades, Sister McBride has served her community while carrying out

the mission of the Lord. She serves as Minister of Music at the Greater Fairview Missionary Baptist Church in Jackson, Mississippi and has devoted countless years to educating students in the Jackson Public School system.

In addition to her work as a minister, Sister McBride has worked as an adjudicator, lecturer, consultant, and clinician. Mrs. McBride has recorded several albums with the Greater Fairview Youth Adult Choir and was casted in the movie, Mississippi Burning by Allen Parker.

Madam Speaker, Sister McBride is founder and Chief Executive Officer of F&S Music KC Publishing in Jackson, Mississippi. Since the start of her company, she has written and published five faith books, nine volumes of music books, and many cross genre products of sheet music. She has also published school products including seven resource books, two scored music books, classroom programs, and one scored patriotic musical.

In 2004, after the catastrophic damage caused to Grenada and the extreme damage caused to Jamaica, the Grand Caymans and the western tip of Cuba, Mrs. McBride devoted much time and resources to the disaster relief efforts to those areas, particularly Jamaica after the destruction of the storm. Sister McBride has traveled all over the world, giving performances in places such as Spain during her affiliation with the Black Heritage Choir of the United States of America.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues to join me in celebrating a champion of the arts and Christian and music education, Sister Lannie Spann McBride. Her tenacious and zealous works as an artist, teacher, minister and performer have all been great contributions to both our communities and the arts.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL SUICIDE WEEK AND COMMENDING CRISIS-LINK FOR 40 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 20, 2010

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my support for the week of September 5th through the 12th, 2010 to be designated as the National Suicide Prevention Week. Suicide is the third leading cause of death among teens and young adults in the United States. Every 2 hours, a person under the age of 25 commits suicide, resulting in an estimated 12 youth suicides every day. CrisisLink, a nonprofit located in Arlington, Virginia, is a prime example of an organization dedicated to saving lives and preventing these tragedies. Located in my Northern Virginia eighth congressional district, CrisisLink gives vital support to people facing life crises, trauma and thoughts of suicide. They provide information, education and links to community resources throughout the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan region to those in need.

Mental health issues are a stark reality for many Americans, whether it may be themselves, a family member, friend, or coworker. Currently, more than 78,000 veterans of the military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan have sought help for mental health related issues. Sadly, 120 veterans commit suicide

every week. Nationally, suicide rates are highest among people older than 65; this age group makes up 12.5 percent of the population and accounts for 15.9 percent of all suicides. Although these are just a few examples, every community experiences the debilitating effects of suicide.

Since 1969, CrisisLink has provided invaluable, free and confidential crisis intervention and referral services to anyone who calls. CrisisLink has also played a vital role in educating the community on how to recognize the signs of depression and respond quickly to the signs that someone is in trouble. 2009 was a difficult year for many in our community. But CrisisLink has quickly been there to help every step of the way. I have known CrisisLink's work for many years and have seen both how they operate and the impact they have on our community. I know that they put their resources to good use. I commend CrisisLink for the 40 years of service to our community; answering more than a half-million crisis calls, responding to more than 25,000 potential suicides, providing more than a quarter million referrals, promoting mental wellness, educating people about depression and other mental illnesses, and reducing the stigma attached to mental illness.

My best to CrisisLink and good luck on another 40 years of commendable, vital service to those in need.

HONORING THE BICENTENNIAL OF MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE AND THE CENTENNIAL MEXICAN REVOLUTION

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 20, 2010

Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize two important celebratory events, the bicentennial celebration of Mexican Independence from Spain (Dia de La Independencia) that was (or will be) celebrated on September 16th and the Centennial of The Mexican Revolution (La Revolucion Mexicana) which will be celebrated on November 20th.

Both Dia de La Independencia and La Revolucion Mexicana are celebrating rather significant dates this year as Mexico celebrates their 200th year of independence and 100 years since the removal of Dictator Porfirio Diaz.

My Constituents will certainly celebrate these significant dates with events too numerous to list. I would however like to highlight two special events produced by the University of Arizona, which is located in my Congressional District.

On September 24th, UAPresents a nationally recognized host of world-class performances and programs for the communities of Southern Arizona, will celebrate Da de La Independencia. This celebration of the bicentennial celebration of Mexican Independence will also celebrate the rich and diverse culture and heritage of the Southwest. Arts programs such as this promote a common understanding that bridges all cultures and boundaries, coupled with education and dialog which will foster an understanding of the diverse cultures in the Southern Arizona community and