

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO HERMAN MERRITT

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Herman Merritt for his contributions to education and his community.

Herman Merritt, a lifelong resident of Brooklyn, New York, was born and raised in the Gowanus Housing Project. He won a Martin Luther King Scholarship to attend New York University and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Education and a Master of Arts in Educational Administration. He also received an Advanced Certificate in Educational Administration from City College.

Mr. Merritt began his career in 1974 as a Social Studies and Mathematics teacher at JHS 265 in District 13. He continued his service to the New York City Department of Education in various positions. After serving as an Assistant Principal at P.S. 13 in District 19, he was appointed Principal at the Lewis H. Latimer School (P.S. 56) in District 13. He served there for 13 years until he became a mentor and finally Coordinator of the Supervisory Support Program. Mr. Merritt is retiring from the Department of Education after 36 years of service.

As a recipient of the Martin Luther King Scholarship, he has tried to make working for social justice an integral part of his life. He is active in many community organizations and a founding member of the Men's Caucus for Ed Towns.

Mr. Merritt resides in Bedford Stuyvesant with his wife Sherry and son Adam.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Herman Merritt.

HONORING AMITY TOWNSHIP CRIME WATCH

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Amity Township Crime Watch as the organization celebrates its 25th anniversary.

Since its founding in 1985, Amity Township Crime Watch has been a valuable crime-prevention resource for residents and businesses concerned for the protection of their homes and property. Known as the "eyes and ears" of Amity Township, Crime Watch has organized patrols, trained residents on how to recognize and report possible criminal activity and supported local law enforcement by providing supplemental funding for equipment and other items.

Thanks to extremely dedicated and hard-working volunteers and the outstanding sup-

port of the Police Department and Board of Supervisors, Amity Township Crime Watch has demonstrated the positive impact engaged citizens can have in keeping their community safe and making Amity Township a great place to live, work and raise a family.

Volunteers, residents, law enforcement and others will celebrate the 25th anniversary on Saturday, September 25, 2010 at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church in Douglassville, Berks County, Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating the volunteers and supporters of Amity Township Crime Watch as they commemorate this memorable milestone and in extending best wishes for continued success in preventing crime and serving the community.

HONORING NATHAN MIDDLETON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Nathan Middleton. Nathan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 235, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Nathan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Nathan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Nathan has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Nathan designed and constructed ten wood duck boxes for Happy Holler Conservation Area in Andrew County, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Nathan Middleton for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 175th anniversary of the Trinity United Methodist Church in West Frankfort, Illinois.

In 1835, the same year that noted American author Samuel Clemens—better known as Mark Twain—was born, a dedicated group of Methodists in Frankfort, Illinois gave birth to a

new church and constructed a log structure as a place of worship. While the earliest history of the church existed as oral narrative, the church was known as the "Old Frankfort Methodist Church."

The first pastor of record was the Reverend J.P. Crawford. As the church and the Methodist denomination evolved, there were several name changes. In 1853, the church was named the Methodist Episcopal Church and then, in 1939, already over 100 years old, it became the Trinity Methodist Church. In 1968, it was named the Trinity United Methodist Church, after the Evangelical United Brethren Church and the Methodist Church merged to form the United Methodist Church.

As the congregation grew, the old log church could no longer meet its needs and a new frame church was built around 1875. Further structural changes were made after the Second World War, when the church was bricked and the parsonage was remodeled. A new parsonage was constructed in the 1960s.

The 175 year history of Trinity United Methodist Church has not been without some lean years. In the early part of the 20th century, it was feared the church would cease to exist but, through the dedicated efforts of a few determined parishioners, the church got through those tough times and has continued as the oldest church in what is now West Frankfort, Illinois.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 175th anniversary of the Trinity United Methodist Church and wishing the best to the congregation for many years to come.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES ANSBACHER

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 pay tribute to an admirable leader and beloved friend's husband, Charles Ansbacher. His life exemplifies an attainable American dream. Mr. Ansbacher was a firm believer in the power of music to lift individual spirits. For this, I commend his legacy.

Mr. Ansbacher was born in Providence and grew up in Vermont. His parents, noted psychologists Drs. Heinz Ludwig and Rowena Ripin Ansbacher, encouraged his study by sending him to Greenwood Music Camp and Tanglewood. He later majored in physics at Brown University but switched to music after creating a successful chamber orchestra with his classmates. He studied music at the University of Cincinnati in Ohio and at the Mozarteum in Austria.

His faith in music's ability to forge and repair a community led him to guest conduct far outside the typical circuit. He worked with orchestras in Beirut, Jerusalem, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Macedonia, Moldova, and Uzbekistan and

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