

James A. Ardaiz, who is retiring as Presiding Justice in the California Court of Appeal—Fifth Appellate District. Justice Ardaiz has had a long and distinguished career spanning over three decades, adhering to extremely high standards of quality and integrity.

Justice Ardaiz is retiring at the end of this year, and his absence will be noted by all who have followed his honorable legal career. He has a reputation of being a hard worker, an intelligent and principled jurist, and a firm adherent to justice. He was recognized by the Judicial Council of California in 1999 as the California Jurist of the Year.

Justice Ardaiz is a recognized leader in our community. In addition to his legal accomplishments, which are many, he is co-author of a book called California Evidence, which looks at evidence law in California. He has also written articles about the death penalty and the California “Three Strikes” law. Another mark of success in Justice Ardaiz’s life is his family. He has been married to his wife, Pam, for 40 years, and they have three children.

It is clear that Justice Ardaiz’s service as Presiding Justice in the Fifth District Court of Appeal will continue to sustain justice and inspire others for generations to come. Madam Speaker, please join me in commending Justice James A. Ardaiz for a job well done.

HONORING THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF PASTOR TED TRAYLOR AS PASTOR OF OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize Pastor Ted Traylor’s twentieth anniversary as pastor of Olive Baptist Church in Pensacola, Florida.

Founded in 1894, Olive Baptist Church has experienced great growth by the grace of God and through its devout leadership. Almost a century after its founding, Dr. Ted Traylor was called to become its Pastor. Since November 1990, Pastor Traylor has answered his calling; his inspirational preaching over the last twenty years has brought people a fresh understanding of God’s Word and has challenged them to dedicate themselves to follow the tenets of the Lord.

In addition to Sunday services and the various spiritual activities held at the church, Pastor Traylor reaches thousands of homes along the Gulf Coast through his weekly radio and television ministry, At the Heart of Things.

His weekly messages of faith also reach an international audience through the internet, and while Pastor Traylor has preached extensively throughout the United States, he has also traveled the globe to share the Word of God. Emanuel University in Oradea, Romania, has honored Pastor Traylor by naming him to their Pastoral Leadership. He travels frequently to preach and teach the Gospel in Eastern Europe. Through Pastor Traylor’s leadership and vision to uphold and spread the Word of Christ, Olive Baptist has sponsored international mission trips to Russia, Kazakhstan, Indonesia, Egypt, Costa Rica, India, Bahamas, and Brazil.

Pastor Traylor is noted for his unwavering stance on Biblical issues and unyielding defense of the Christian faith. Pastor Traylor has served as First Vice President of the Southern Baptist Convention in 2000, President of the Florida Baptist Convention in 1995, President of the Southern Baptist Convention’s 2004 Pastors’ Conference, and he currently serves as moderator of the Pensacola Bay Baptist Association. Through his passion and leadership, Pastor Traylor has touched numerous lives throughout the northwest Florida community and throughout the world.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to celebrate twenty years of Pastor Ted Traylor’s dedicated service. I know that this anniversary is only the first of many more to come. My wife Vicki and I wish him, his wife Liz, and their two children, Rachel and Bennett, all the best. May the Spirit of the Lord continue to bless Pastor Traylor, his family, and the congregation of Olive Baptist Church.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. PATRICK LYNCH FOR MANY DECADES OF SERVICE AS HE ASSUMES THE PRESIDENCY OF THE NATIONAL FUNERAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Patrick Lynch as he assumes his presidency of the National Funeral Directors Association. As a Member of Congress, it is my honor and privilege to recognize Mr. Lynch on achieving this milestone in his career.

As owner and operator of Lynch and Sons Funeral Directors in Clawson, Michigan, Mr. Lynch has worked since 1972 to provide support for families in their time of greatest need. As a second generation funeral director, Mr. Lynch has worked diligently to ensure a high quality of service and support for families in grief over the loss of their loved ones. Mr. Lynch’s career is marked with many years of service in both the Michigan (MFDA) and National Funeral Directors Associations (NFDA). His many assignments have included work on the executive boards of both MFDA and NFDA, as well as service on NFDA’s Public Relations, Pursuit of Excellence and Consumer Protection Committees.

Mr. Lynch has shown a lifetime of leadership in his field and unyielding commitment to the pursuit of excellence in service. Under his leadership, the Lynch and Sons Funeral Directors have sought to the highest standards in its work at its seven Detroit area locations. As President of the Michigan Funeral Directors Association, MFDA passed landmark consumer protections to ensure the rights of grieving families. Furthermore, while leading the MFDA, Mr. Lynch brought together over 1,600 clergy, hospice workers, and funeral directors to discuss how to provide the best continuum of care to the dying, the dead and the bereaved. At the national level, Mr. Lynch has been recognized with the Golden Eagle Award for his work in the NFDA’s Pursuit of Excellence program.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Mr. Patrick Lynch on the occasion of his installation as President of the National Funeral Directors Association for 2010–2011. Mr. Lynch’s career is comprised of decades of tireless dedication to assisting grieving families in a time of great need. I wish him success in his tenure of President of NFDA and many years of continued service to our community and country.

HONORING THE CONGRESSIONAL CLASS OF 2006

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, as the 111th Congress comes to a close, it is fitting for us to recognize our colleagues who will not be joining us in January for the start of the 112th Congress. Specifically, 16 of my classmates from the incoming Congressional class of 2006 will be moving on to new endeavors, where they will undoubtedly achieve great success and distinguish themselves, just as they did while serving their constituents and the American people in this body.

For the outstanding accomplishments that we achieved during their tenure, I would like to recognize these representatives and thank them for their service: HARRY MITCHELL, PHIL HARE, CAROL SHEA-PORTER, JOHN HALL, CHARLIE WILSON, PATRICK MURPHY, STEVE KAGEN, PAUL HODES, RON KLEIN, BARON HILL, MICHAEL ARCURI, ZACK SPACE, CHRIS CARNEY, CIRO RODRIGUEZ, BRAD ELLSWORTH, JOE SESTAK.

Each of these members has been instrumental in formulating and implementing policies that serve the best interests of the American people and that will continue to shape our future in a positive way for generations to come.

These colleagues of mine—though their service, intellect, and companionship will be missed dearly—can look back on these last two years in Congress and take pride in the historical legislative achievements of which they were a part. The Class of 2006 can take heart in the knowledge that our legislative achievements assisted in pulling the country through some of its toughest times, marked by the housing crisis, financial crash, and ensuing recession. You were instrumental in the passage of landmark legislation such as:

Health Care Reform, ensuring that the wealthiest country in the world gives all of its citizens an opportunity to receive decent care and ending the worst insurance industry abuses.

Wall Street Reform, promising to the American people that the greed of Wall Street executives will never again jeopardize their savings, retirement, or livelihood.

The Recovery Act, providing the funding necessary to establish a foundation upon which the American economy could create new jobs while saving existing ones, and spur economic activity while investing in long-term growth.

The Class of 2006 can also proudly look back at other important accomplishments such as: Housing and Economic Recovery Act, Emergency Economic Stabilization Act, Honest Leadership and Open Government Act,