

1871, the board of trustees honored Bishop Payne by establishing a free-standing AME seminary at Wilberforce University that bears his name.

During his tenure at Wilberforce University, Bishop Payne made his first return to his hometown in more than 30 years. In 1865, he helped establish the AME denomination in Charleston, which then spread quickly among the African-American community in the South. He also authored two books before his death in 1893. In 1888, he published a memoir entitled *Recollections of Seventy Years*. Three years later he wrote *The History of the A. M. E. Church*, which was the first comprehensive account of the founding of the AME denomination.

Daniel Payne married in 1847, but his wife died during childbirth in their first year of marriage. He married again in 1854 to Eliza Clark of Cincinnati.

During the 2010 Founder's Week at Payne Theological Seminary, a year-long 200th anniversary celebration of Bishop Daniel Alexander Payne's birth was launched. As part of the commemoration, there is a five-city tour that is stopping in cities that impacted Bishop Payne's life.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life and contributions of Bishop Daniel Alexander Payne as the commemorative tour stops in his hometown of Charleston, South Carolina. Bishop Payne was a visionary leader who understood the importance of education and faith as an empowering force in the African-American community. His remarkable legacy lives on in the AME Church and in the generations of students who have attended Wilberforce University.

RECOGNIZING THE 2010-2011 CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR 500 HOURS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY—BEN CHOU

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure and privilege to inform the Members of the United States House of Representatives that the students of the 2010-2011 Congressional Youth Advisory Council (CYAC) from the Third District of Texas have completed a total of 500 community service hours, fulfilling and far-surpassing the requirements of their assigned CYAC in the Community service project.

This year 46 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 10 through 12 made their voices heard by joining CYAC. As the Third District's young ambassadors to Congress, these bright high school students met with me on a quarterly basis to discuss current events and public policy. These impressive young people recognize an important truth: the heart of public service is found when giving back to the community. CYAC students volunteered their time and talents with over 30 organizations including Adopt-A-Highway, Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, Teen Court, and the USO, to name a few. As one student shared, "CYAC in the Community has

allowed me to realize my calling to serve those in the U.S. Armed Forces." I am beyond thrilled that CYAC has helped students unleash their full potential and chase their dreams.

President George H.W. Bush once said, "A volunteer is a person who can see what others cannot see; who can feel what most do not feel. Often, such gifted persons do not think of themselves as volunteers, but as citizens—citizens in the fullest sense: partners in civilization."

With this statement as a benchmark, I am proud to congratulate the members of the 2010-2011 Congressional Youth Advisory Council for showing themselves to be outstanding young citizens of this nation. It is my privilege to submit summaries of their work to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to be preserved for posterity and antiquity. To these young public servants, thank you, and keep up the great work! I salute you!

A copy of each submitted student summary follows:

Volunteering at places is an experience that teaches you to help people. But just volunteering at one place isn't enough and wouldn't be a great enough experience. Volunteering at multiple places means that you have both the time to volunteer and the want to help people. I'm one of those people that volunteered at multiple places. The first place that I volunteered at was at the Haggar Carnival. The second place I volunteered at was at the Sheraton Hotel at Downtown Dallas to help with the event, Love For Kids. The first place I volunteered at was at the Haggar Carnival. Haggar was my elementary school, so going there to volunteer was a nostalgic feeling. Arriving there, the jobs I received were with helping with activities, manning stands and moving items around. The second place I volunteered at was at the event, Love For Kids, at the Sheraton Hotel. There, during the time when Santa would be coming in a few weeks to bring joy and presents to little children, we were being little helpers by helping wrap presents and move the presents into big boxes to move them down to trucks to be taken to the little children waiting for Santa to come.

—Ben Chou.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE I.C. NORCOM BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, they have done it again! I rise today to once again congratulate the Boys Basketball Team of I.C. Norcom High School in Portsmouth, Virginia, on winning the Virginia High School League Group AAA State Basketball Championship.

On Friday March 11, before a sellout crowd at Virginia Commonwealth University's Siegel Center, the Greyhounds of I.C. Norcom beat L.C. Bird of Chesterfield 54-45 to win their second consecutive State Basketball Championship. They are the first consecutive year champions since 2004, and have brought the second State Basketball Championship to the city of Portsmouth.

Not content to rest on the accomplishments of last year, Coach Leon Goolsby pushed the Greyhounds to even greater heights this year.

The team's 30-1 record this year, the best in school history, improved on last year's 25-4 record. This year's team was able to win four titles (Eastern District Regular Season Champions, Eastern District Tournament Champions, Eastern Region Champions, and State Champions) while last year's team only captured three of these four. Under the tutelage of Coach Goolsby, the Greyhounds have grown and matured into being one of the top three Boys' Basketball teams in the Nation in multiple national polls.

Perhaps more impressive than the number of I.C. Norcom's wins is the way in which they won their games. The Greyhounds have consistently rallied from behind beating opponents who thought they had their games won. I can say from first-hand experience that this persevering ethic makes their games even more exciting to watch. I had the opportunity to see I.C. Norcom play in both the State Tournament Semi-final game against Highland Springs, and the Championship against L.C. Bird, and in both games, the team trailed at the half. But like clockwork, the Greyhounds, with a smothering defense and deft offense came back in the second half of both games to win by a comfortable margin.

These consecutive state championships will be the newest milestones in the long and storied history of I.C. Norcom High School. It was founded in 1913 as the High Street School, the first public high school for black students in Portsmouth. I.C. Norcom was renamed in 1953 in honor of its first supervising principal Israel Charles Norcom, a pioneering educator, civic leader and businessman. Now, more than fifty years and three locations later, I.C. Norcom High School is still an innovating and inspiring place for Portsmouth students.

I.C. Norcom is doing a great job cultivating excellence both on and off the athletic field. In addition to excelling on the basketball court, the Greyhounds are also doing great things in the classroom. I.C. Norcom houses a Center of Excellence in Math and Science, which provides students with additional classes in science, math, and technology.

Once again, I would like to extend my congratulations to the I.C. Norcom players and their families, Principal Lynn Briley, Coach Leon Goolsby and the rest of his coaching staff. On behalf of the people of the Third Congressional District of Virginia, I.C. Norcom alumni, and the entire City of Portsmouth, I say job well done on a second consecutive championship, and I wish the program years of success in the future.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF MARY ELIZABETH FLAHIWE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Mary Elizabeth Flahive, whose life was marked by her strong ties to the Cleveland community.

Mary was born in Northampton, Massachusetts. She obtained both an undergraduate and graduate degree in Geology. She then spent ten years working at the Springfield, Massachusetts, Museum of Natural History.

She moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where she began her 42 year career with the Cleveland