

humble, yet gracious leader; when asked about challenges faced while achieving her goal of higher education, Ms. Odom replied that she is challenged daily, but will not allow anything to discourage her dream of becoming a physician.

As a resident of North Carolina's First Congressional District, I am proud to call her one of our own. The United Health Foundation has shown great judgment in selecting Ms. Stephanie Odom as a Diverse Scholar.

Again, congratulations. Best wishes for her continued academic success and commitment to the uplift of science and humanity.

HONORING THE PASADENA JEWISH TEMPLE AND CENTER

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2012

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Pasadena Jewish Temple and Center in Pasadena, California, upon its 90th anniversary.

Incorporated in 1921, Jewish members of Pasadena built their first synagogue, Temple B'nai Israel, on Hudson Avenue in Pasadena. In 1929 the congregation moved to a larger meeting room due to a rapid growth in membership. By 1932 membership had grown to 207 family members. In the 1940's, the congregation purchased land and built a new temple on Altadena Drive in Pasadena, its current location.

David Cohen became Rabbi in 1942, followed by Rabbi Max Vorspan, who served from 1947 until 1952. During this time, the Pasadena Jewish Community was re-named as the Pasadena Jewish Temple and Center (PJTC). In 1952, Maurice T. Galpert became Rabbi, serving until his death in 1988. Rabbi Galpert led the PJTC through growth and modernization, which included building a new sanctuary and school and the ratification of a new constitution. In 1989, Rabbi Gilbert Kollin, long established as a rabbinic leader in the greater Los Angeles Jewish community, led PJTC until his retirement in 2003. Joshua Levine Grater became Rabbi in 2003 and under his leadership, the PJTC has become not only a place to worship but also a positive role model with many service and outreach programs.

Since its inception, the PJTC has provided spiritual guidance to its members and support for the community. In addition to hosting affiliated Jewish organizations such as the Weizmann Day School and B'nai B'rith, there are many service committees including the Sisterhood, United Synagogue Youth, Men's Club, and Israel Committees. The Tikkun Olam & Social Justice Committee coordinates ongoing humanitarian and social action work within PJTC and the greater community, and its efforts include coordinating charitable responses to occurrences such as Hurricane Katrina and ending the genocide in Darfur. Members also volunteer with Union Station Homeless Services and Project Isaiah, a food and clothing distribution program, and provide tutoring to Longfellow Elementary School students in Pasadena.

I consider it a great privilege to represent the Pasadena Jewish Temple and Center and

I ask all Members to join me in congratulating the congregation upon their 90th anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL R. HOLLIS

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2012

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a natural born leader, an entrepreneur, a trailblazer and a very dear friend, Michael R. Hollis departed this life on June 18, 2012, at the tender age of 58, but not before he achieved his goal to "do something in life that would make a difference."

A native of Atlanta, Georgia, Michael was born in Grady Memorial Hospital, a beloved institution that later in life he would help save. From a young age he demonstrated he was extremely gifted. When he was only 15, he led the Atlanta Youth Congress and worked on Sam Massell's mayoral campaign, which earned him a spot on the Mayor's race relations commission. The following year, Michael's talents landed him a coveted job in the Atlanta Braves' public relations department. At 16, he also served as a Georgia delegate to the White House Conference on Youth and led the Young Atlantans for Maynard Jackson during Jackson's 1969 bid for the U.S. Senate. It was only after he accomplished these remarkable achievements that he graduated from Booker T. Washington High School.

Michael went on to graduate with honors from Dartmouth College and earned a Juris Doctorate from the University of Virginia School of Law. While in law school, he continued to demonstrate extraordinary leadership by becoming the first African American to be elected national president of the American Bar Association's student organization.

Following law school, Michael returned home to Atlanta, but his political connections called him into service. President Jimmy Carter appointed him to serve as associate chief counsel to investigate the legal implications of the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant accident in 1979. In that position, he helped lead the investigative committee to recommend nuclear safety protocols that are still in effect today.

In addition to his political acumen, Michael was an entrepreneur at heart. While serving as Vice President for Public Finance at Oppenheimer & Co. in New York, he incorporated Air Atlanta at the age of 27. He left the investment firm three years later in 1983 to lead his fledgling airline. It folded in 1987, but Michael was not deterred.

In the years that followed, he formed Hollis Communications and helped build a 50,000 watt radio station in Atlanta. He also launched Hanover Credit Company, Blue Sky Petroleum Company and Nevis Securities, LLC.

Michael served on the Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority and the Grady Memorial Hospital board. He was founding trustee of Clark Atlanta University and served as a member of the Emory University Board of Visitors.

Michael is survived by his beloved wife, Deena Freeman Hollis; sisters Virginia Hollis and Joan Hollis Mitchell; and brothers, Flem Hollis and Julius Hollis.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and our colleagues to join me in honoring Michael R. Hollis, a

bright light that was dimmed too soon. He was a remarkable example of what one can accomplish if you hold fast to your dreams. In his own words he couldn't "pass through this life and pass up on great opportunities." His many achievements stand as testaments to a life well lived, and will serve as his lasting legacy.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. CALVIN HYLTON SHIRLEY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2012

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of an outstanding human being. Dr. Calvin Hylton (Kappa) Shirley passed away on June 23, 2012 at the age of 91. He was my doctor and great friend.

Dr. Shirley was born on January 28, 1921, grew up in Pensacola, Florida and graduated from Florida A&M University. He served as a Navy corpsman in the Pacific during World War II, and went on to earn his degree from Boston College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Dr. Shirley was an accomplished physician who specialized in the fields of obstetrics and family practice. He was among the first black doctors to work in Broward County, starting the historic Provident Hospital in Fort Lauderdale, which was the first medical facility in the city for blacks. Dr. Shirley served there for 54 years and delivered over 6,000 babies. In 1949, he established his own practice, and allowed those who could not pay for his services to offer him crops as payment. Dr. Shirley was a man who lived by his principles, stating that, "A good doctor is one who is concerned with giving service, as opposed to one who's only concerned with the almighty dollar."

In addition to his outstanding service to the community, Dr. Shirley paved the way for African Americans in the medical community. He was one of the first four black physicians in Broward County to have his own medical practice. He was also the first medical advisor to the Sickle Cell Foundation. Furthermore, Dr. Shirley was the first and only black physician to receive the coveted Heideman Memorial Doctor of the Year award, and serve on the Executive Board of the Florida State Health Planning Council as well as serve on the staff of Broward General Hospital. He was also the first black obstetrician-gynecologist in Broward County and the first black staff physician at Broward Health Medical Center.

On top of his professional career, Dr. Shirley was affiliated with many organizations rooted in the South Florida community. He was one of the founding members and first Polemarch of the Fort Lauderdale Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., an organization of which I am a proud member. Additionally, Dr. Shirley was a 32nd Degree Mason, a Shriner of Kazah Temple 149, and a member of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity of Alpha Rho Boule.

My chief of staff Art Kennedy, also a Kappa with Dr. Shirley and myself, remembers him fondly, "Brother Shirley was always a gentleman, very cool and calm, and he loved Kappa."

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to offer my sincere condolences to all