

Walk, Gingerbread House Tour and Scavenger Hunt and "Light Up Lakewood" during the holiday season—an effort to create beautifully decorated storefront windows reminiscent of Cleveland's downtown department store windows of years past. Annually, he awards a \$500 scholarship to one boy and one girl, the king and queen of the Light Up Lakewood festival, to put toward college, asking only that they dedicate 20 hours of community service to Lakewood in return.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Mr. Stein for his leadership, loyalty, civic pride and above all, caring for his community and what he and his business has meant to the City of Lakewood and Northeast Ohio for the past ten years.

HONORING EVANGELIST PIA  
HAYNES WILLIAMS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 27, 2012*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the contributions of Evangelist Pia Haynes Williams, to the Texas Northeast First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ, Inc. Evangelist Williams is being installed as the Jurisdictional Supervisor of Women, where she will oversee the work and ministry of over 35,000 women and youth in 300 congregations throughout North Texas.

Evangelist Williams has a proven record of service to the church. In keeping with her lifelong dedication to advance her faith, Evangelist Williams is founding President and CEO of her own international evangelistic ministry. Evangelist Williams also oversees the Women's and Youth ministries at the Love Sanctuary Church in Fort Worth, alongside her husband of almost thirty years. There, she continues to focus her efforts on empowering women to succeed in their personal and spiritual endeavors.

Considered a true "Daughter of the Church," Evangelist Williams also comes from a rich familial heritage, filled with loyalty and service to the Church. Evangelist Williams is the granddaughter of the founding Jurisdictional Bishop and First Lady of the Texas Northeast First Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ, while her father currently sits on the General Board of Bishops. Despite this highly decorated past, Evangelist Williams has remained a humble and compassionate servant of the church and its followers.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to honor the work of Evangelist Pia Haynes Williams as she continues to provide spiritual guidance for thousands of North Texans. Her dedication to her community and faith will serve her well in this new capacity, and I wish Evangelist Williams continued success at the Texas Northeast First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MR. JOSEPH  
M. GAUL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 27, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Mr. Joseph M. Gaul, the former Mayor of Fairview Park, Ohio.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio to Leroy and Gertrude Gaul, Joseph was a lifelong resident of Northeast Ohio. He attended Cathedral Latin High School and graduated from John Carroll University in 1957. Between graduating from high school and attending college, Mr. Gaul bravely served his country during the Korean War with the United States Air Force from 1951 to 1953, during which time he was stationed in Panama.

In 1958, Mr. Gaul moved to Fairview Park and became active in politics. He was elected Ward 2 Councilman in 1965 and served until he was elected Councilman-at-Large in 1969. In 1971, Mr. Gaul was elected Council President and served in that role for four years. Mr. Gaul was elected the Mayor of Fairview Park in 1975 and would be reelected twice. He ended his career after more than thirty years in 1992. During his tenure as mayor, Mr. Gaul was instrumental in developing Willowood Manor, Fairview Park's Senior Citizens residential complex and in annexing RiverEdge Township.

In addition to his political accomplishments, Mr. Gaul also served as the Vice Chair of the RTA Board of Directors and worked as sales manager for Wolverine Express, Central Transport, Inc. He was a parishioner at St. Angela Merici Church for more than fifty years and was member of the Parish Council. In 1996 the Ohio State Senate named Mr. Gaul the "Irishman of the Year."

I offer my condolences to his former wife of 46 years, Joan Adler; brothers, William and Leroy; children, Joseph Jr. (Meg), Patty, Eileen (Bart), Brian (Kathy), Kathleen (Mike), John (Marybeth), Michael (Julie), and Megan; and twenty-two grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the memory of Mr. Joseph M. Gaul, who bravely fought for his country and valiantly served the residents of Fairview Park.

HONORING ELAINE WALKER  
MAYOR OF LOVETTSVILLE

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 27, 2012*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Loudoun County's longest-serving mayor, Elaine Walker of Lovettsville. At the end of the month, Mayor Walker will step down after serving as mayor of Lovettsville for nearly 22 years.

Mayor Walker's accomplishments during her tenure as mayor include acquiring land for a 92-acre county park, helping develop the Lovettsville bike and pedestrian path and most recently making the town's veterans memorial a reality. I have had the privilege of knowing and working with Elaine for many years. She has been an outstanding mayor and her leadership and steady hand will be missed.

Public service is one of our nation's highest callings and I extend my deepest gratitude for her service to our community. I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

I also submit the following article from Leesburg Today on Mayor Walker's final council meeting.

LOUDOUN MAYORS PAY TRIBUTE TO WALKER

[From Leesburg Today, June 22, 2012]

It was all hugs and tributes in Lovettsville Thursday night as Mayor Elaine Walker received flowers and praise from a bevy of well wishers, including four of her fellow mayors, in what was her final council meeting.

Walker, who did not seek reelection in May, steps down June 30 after 10 years on the Lovettsville Town Council and almost 22 as the town's mayor—a governance record that is unlikely to be matched any time soon.

The mayors of four other Loudoun towns attended the meeting as well. "It was a complete surprise, I had no idea," Walker said of the appearance of Purcellville Mayor Bob Lazaro, Leesburg Mayor Kristen Umstaddt, Middleburg Mayor Betsy Davis and Hamilton Mayor Greg Wilmoth. Hillsboro Mayor Roger Vance and Round Hill Mayor Scott Ramsey were unable to be present.

Davis said Walker's first reaction was to say to the group "What are you doing here?"

Lazaro led the delegation, presenting Walker with a plaque honoring her service. "We knew this was your last meeting and we wanted to say thank you for those 30 years," and for being a good friend and colleague to local government.

Davis told Walker "how much I will miss you as a friend, seeing you at all our [Coalition of Loudoun Towns] meetings. Thank you for all you've done for the county."

"But, we'll still have lunch," Umstaddt said to her longtime colleague, also expressing her appreciation of Walker's service. Umstaddt, who has been Leesburg's mayor for 10 years following service on the Town Council, will take over as the most tenured Loudoun mayor.

Wilmoth, the newest mayor in the group, said he appreciated all the help Walker has given him. "You have set the bar high for the rest of us," he said.

Walker's husband Cliff Walker, who served on the council in the 1970s, was present as was Lazaro's wife Carolyn—who both would get together during Virginia Municipal League conferences. "They're VML soulmates," Lazaro teased.

Walker said she did not plan to go away into the sunset. "I hope to still do some conferences, including the VML meetings. I love the camaraderie," she said.

Vice Mayor Bob Zoldos, who will become Lovettsville's mayor July 1, invited everyone to share some sweet-toothed goodies in recognition of the occasion.

The tributes went on with more flowers being presented—by the Lovettsville Fire-Rescue Squad in appreciation for Walker's long support, while Bob Zoldos' fifth grade son Bobby also presented a bouquet of flowers and read aloud a poem he had written in Walker's honor.

The last tribute came from Lovettsville's Community Police Officer, Sheriff's Office Deputy Bryan Wacker, who is being transferred to a new assignment. He thanked Walker for her assistance and said she had been "a great ally." He said his time with the mayor had been "one of the best working relationships" he'd ever had.

IN HONOR OF H.E. AMBASSADOR  
SAMEH SHOUKRY

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 27, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of H.E. Ambassador Sameh Shoukry, who is ending his tenure as the Arab Republic of Egypt's Ambassador to the United States of America.

Born on October 20, 1952 in Cairo, Egypt, Ambassador Shoukry is a second generation diplomat. He graduated from Ein Shams University in 1975 with a law degree and specializes in disarmament and non-proliferation issues. Just a year later, in 1976, Ambassador Shoukry joined the Egyptian Diplomatic Corps. Throughout his more than 30-year career, he has served in the Egyptian Embassies in London, Buenos Aires and the Permanent Mission of Egypt in New York.

Prior to being appointed Egypt's Ambassador to the United States in September, 2008, Ambassador Shoukry served as Egypt's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva, Egypt's Ambassador to Austria and as Permanent Representative to the International Organizations in Vienna. He has also served as the Director of the Minister of Foreign Affairs cabinet and led the department of the United States and Canada in the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring H.E. Ambassador Sameh Shoukry, the Arab Republic of Egypt's Ambassador to the United States, as we bid him farewell.

RECOGNITION OF GENERAL (RET.)  
BRUCE CARLSON, DIRECTOR OF  
THE NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

**HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 27, 2012*

Mr. TURNER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today we recognize General (ret.) Bruce Carlson, who will step down as the Director of the National Reconnaissance Office in July 2012 after three years of exemplary leadership.

General Carlson leaves a legacy of remarkable accomplishments with the National Reconnaissance Office including, the most aggressive launch campaign in a quarter of a century, all major systems acquisition programs operating at or below budget, a corporate process for making critical budget and space architecture decisions, and a significantly more healthy space reconnaissance constellation. General Carlson's dedicated leadership; integrity and hard work have positioned the National Reconnaissance Office for continued success that will have an enduring impact on our national security.

Prior to his time at the National Reconnaissance Office, General Carlson had a distinguished career spanning over 37 years with the U.S. Air Force. He began his military career as a commissioned officer in 1971 after graduating with distinction from the Air Force Reserve Officer Training program at the University of Minnesota, Duluth. He is a com-

mand pilot with more than 3,700 flying hours in ten different aircraft, and saw combat as a forward air controller in the OV-10 Bronco. His various flying assignments included commanding the 49th Fighter Wing at Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico, the Air Force's first stealth fighter wing. His staff assignments included positions at Tactical Air Command, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, and the offices of the Secretary of the Air Force and Secretary of Defense. He also served as the Director of Force Structure, Resources and Assessment on the Joint Staff; Commander, 8th Air Force, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana; and Joint Functional Component Commander for Space and Global Strike, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Nebraska. Prior to his retirement from the U.S. Air Force, General Carlson served as Commander Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, which is responsible for development, testing, acquisition and sustainment of Air Force weapons systems. In that role, he had responsibility for 74,000 people and \$59 billion annually. He was promoted from Lieutenant General to General, pinning on his fourth star, on September 1, 2005.

He and his wife, Vicki, are very proud of their three children and ten grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, Bruce Carlson has been a dedicated public servant, both in his service to his country in the U.S. military and as a senior executive at the National Reconnaissance Office. It is appropriate that we honor him today for his many contributions.

IN RECOGNITION OF WIRE-NET

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 27, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize WIRE-Net, Cleveland's West Side Industrial Retention and Expansion Network, on the event of its annual meeting on Wednesday June 27, 2012.

WIRE-Net is a premier business-led organization, one of the few that focuses on the shared interests of manufacturing companies and urban communities. Its mission focuses on providing programs and services that strengthen manufacturing to create healthy communities and fuel economic growth.

WIRE-Net is a membership organization with 260 members. WIRE-Net was organized in 1988 to help manufacturing businesses—and jobs—stay in the community at a time when plant closings and downsizing were commonplace. Its staff went straight to the source, visiting almost 200 companies to better understand their challenges. WIRE-Net found that even though manufacturing companies, most with fewer than 100 employees, provided about 60 percent of the community's jobs, they had been overlooked and under-appreciated as community assets. WIRE-Net helped businesses get organized to win attention from federal, state and local government, and built relationships between business leaders and public officials. This effort helped get streets repaved, improved neighborhood safety, and led to new programs like Cleveland's Industrial Retention Initiative (CIRI) to support manufacturing. WIRE-Net also effectively blocked efforts to weaken industrial zoning on Cleveland's west side.

At this year's annual meeting, WIRE-Net recognizes its Executive Director, John Colm, for his 25 years of service to the community through the organization. WIRE-Net will also present its 2012 Mission Builder Award for plant expansion, new business growth, and/or creating jobs to: Electric Cord Sets; Miceli Dairy Products; Nestle Professional—L J Minor Division; Norlake Manufacturing; National Safety Apparel (NSA); and Philips Healthcare. This year's keynote speaker is Rob Atkinson, founder and president of the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, who will discuss his work promoting U.S. based manufacturing and organizing the American Manufacturing Charter, which is supported by a broad coalition of labor, business, and economic policy leaders.

Mr. Speaker and respected colleagues, please join me in recognizing WIRE-Net, its long-time Executive Director John Colm, the winners of its 2012 Mission Builder Awards, and its influential speaker Rob Atkinson at WIRE-Net's Annual Meeting on June 27, 2012.

HONORING LEMUEL McWILLIAMS

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 27, 2012*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor, Lemuel McWilliams. Mr. McWilliams is the third of five children born to Mrs. Eva McWilliams and the late Mr. Milton McWilliams of Ruleville, Mississippi. He was born in Clarksdale, Mississippi. Mr. McWilliams is a member of Merry Grove Missionary Baptist Church where he is a Sunday School Teacher, usher, and he is also active in other church auxiliaries.

From the time Lemuel entered school he always worked to excel. While at Ruleville Middle School he received numerous academic awards and graduated Salutatorian of his class. When Lemuel entered high school he continued to make education his priority, and has received numerous awards. He received the highest average in English III, Algebra II, Advance Placement History, and Creative Writing; and Lemuel was also awarded the Sunflower County Chamber of Commerce scholarship, and both the Principal's and the Superintendent's Scholar Awards.

As a member of the Leaders Envisioning a Future, he has also been involved in community service projects. Mr. McWilliams has been a mentor to fellow classmates by encouraging and helping them reach their educational goals. He wants to encourage younger students that they can accomplish any of their goals as long as they are committed to working hard to achieve it.

Mr. Williams received full scholarships to Jackson State University and Alcorn State University. In the fall he plans to attend Jackson State University where he will major in PreMed and Biology. After obtaining his degree, Lemuel wants to become a Pediatrician.

Mr. Lemuel McWilliams credits his parents for encouraging and supporting him to pursue his dreams of becoming a physician. His siblings Toni, Rahman, Ivan, and Ezra also encourage him to achieve his educational and career dreams, because they understand