

IN HONOR OF SAMUEL L. ODLE ON
HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Samuel L. Odle on his retirement from Indiana University Health. IU Health is our state's most comprehensive healthcare provider, encompassing twenty hospitals and health centers. U.S. News & World Report has named IU Health as one of the "Best Hospitals in America" for fourteen consecutive years—a laudable achievement and further evidence of Mr. Odle's prowess as one of the very best health care executives in the Nation. For 31 years, Mr. Odle has worked to improve patient care and expand the reach of IU Health to underserved communities throughout Indiana. The establishment of the new IU Health Pathology Laboratory and Neuroscience Center are testament to his leadership and devotion to advancing the practice of medicine.

In addition to spending long hours at IU Health and raising his three children, Mr. Odle has worked tirelessly on behalf of the United Way of Central Indiana, the Jordan Foundation, the Crossroads of America Boy Scouts Council, and the Methodist Health Foundation.

Mr. Odle is more than just an outstanding executive, community leader and philanthropist. On a personal level, he has served as a role model for me and a source of inspiration for many years. Samuel L. Odle is a pillar in the community; he sets a fine example for all of us.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Sam Odle for his exceptional service to the 7th District of Indiana. I wish him the very best in his retirement, and look forward to working with him for many years to come.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$15,907,138,660,280.97. We've added \$5,280,261,611,367.89 to our debt in just over 3 years. This is debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

IN HONOR OF SISTER MARY
CECELIA HARRISON, FMS

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

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Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an inspiring woman of faith, beloved educator and spiritual leader, Sister Mary Cecelia Harrison, FMS. Sister

Cecelia will be retiring after 25 years of outstanding leadership as Principal of Mother Mary School in Phenix City, Alabama. On Saturday, August 4, 2012, Sister Cecelia will be honored with an appreciation luncheon at the Columbus Trade and Convention Center in Columbus, Georgia.

Sister Cecelia, a native of Kingston, Jamaica, was born on May 7, 1937, the ninth child of Philip and Agnes Harrison's ten children. In 1956, she entered the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help of Jamaica. She graduated from Boston College in Massachusetts in 1966 and then assumed a variety of principalships in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands where she oversaw the increase of enrollment in several schools and was appointed Member of the Cayman Islands Board of Education by the Governor for seven years.

In 1988, Sister Cecilia was assigned as School Principal and Program Coordinator at Mother Mary Mission School in Phenix City, Alabama at a time when the school was almost defunct. It had poor academic standing and low enrollment and plans were in place for its closing. Sister Cecelia was only too happy to take on this challenge. Within three years, Mother Mary School was thriving with increased enrollment, high academic standards and improved facilities.

In her 25 years as Principal of Mother Mary School, Sister Cecelia has become an educational and spiritual mentor in the community. Not only does she contribute to the education of young minds but she also works to provide assistance to the needy within the community. Her generosity is flowing and never ending and her faith is strong and enduring.

Mr. Speaker, one of the things I admire most about Sister Cecelia is her selfless determination to help others. While she was in the Cayman Islands, there was an area of land next to the school where she was Principal that was unusable because of its rocky and uneven terrain. Sister Cecelia wanted the children to be able to use this land for much-needed recess so in any spare moment she had, she would go out there and pick up the rocks one by one herself. Her dedication inspired others to help and within a year, Sister Cecelia had the area leveled, graded and cleared of rocks for the children to enjoy.

Proverbs 11:25 says, "A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." Sister Cecelia has given her life to God and dedicated herself to the service of others. She has been blessed in many, many ways and enjoys watching the children she has mentored and nurtured grow into good, generous and hardworking men and women of faith.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to Sister Mary Cecelia Harrison for her legacy of selfless life service and her 25 years of dedicated leadership to Mother Mary School and the surrounding community.

A STORY OF RECOVERY FROM
THE ALABAMA TORNADOES

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, the State of Alabama will never forget the devastating tornadoes of April 27, 2011.

But the story that has been told since that destructive day is an inspiring one of personal resilience and a resolve to rebuild neighborhoods and communities.

A critical factor has been the commitment that employers have made to their communities.

After a natural disaster of this scale, there is always a choice to confront: rebuild or relocate?

An important part of the economic recovery efforts in Jefferson County was the decision made by Cliffs Natural Resources to rebuild its Oak Grove Mine and Concord Preparation Plant and remain as a strong presence in Alabama.

The tornadoes caused significant damage to the mine preparation plant and overland conveyor system at the coal facility, an employer of more than 500 workers in the western portion of Jefferson County. It also disrupted the transportation system that Cliffs and other companies rely on to receive and move materials.

Most critically, and thankfully, all employees were accounted for after the storms and no one was reported as injured.

Even before the full magnitude of the recovery challenge facing Alabama became clear, company officials were already thinking about how quickly they could begin to resume operations. It soon became evident that this would entail the plant providing its own power and even building a new road. The company's management and workers were undeterred.

In spite of many daunting challenges, underground mining was restarted within two weeks. Within eight months, coal was again being processed to meet our nation's energy demands.

While planning for the long-term work needed for full capacity, the company responded to the emergency needs of the ravaged communities around it. Cliffs donated \$100,000 to the American Red Cross and another \$60,000 to organizations serving storm victims in the immediate area.

The Oak Grove operations marked a significant milestone on May 16, 2012 with a ceremony that highlighted the rebuilding of the Concord Prep Plant. This engineering and construction achievement represented a \$52 million investment and was accompanied by an additional \$30 million investment in a new, LEED-certified mine portal facility.

In all, Cliffs invested \$120 million towards its Alabama operations and preserved more than 500 jobs during a year when our state needed it the most. It is a tale of resilience, determination, and a strong work ethic that stands out as my state continues its recovery from the historic storms.