

discharged from the Marines in 1948 as a Staff Sergeant. Upon his return home, he went into the dairy business with his brothers.

Mary Dorothy Couto was born in Kerman, California, on October 18, 1922. In the 7th grade, Mary was pulled out of school, so she could contribute all of her time and energy into the family farm. In 1944, Mary bravely joined the Navy where she served our country for two years. In 1946 she returned home; a few years later, she met Tony at a local dairy.

Tony and Mary were married on October 18, 1952. In the early years of their marriage, Tony and Mary owned a dairy farm. The farm was sold in 1959, and they opened a liquor store in Biola, California. Over the years, they experienced great success and had the opportunity to expand their store, which was aptly named the Biola Variety Liquor Store. Tony and Mary were proud owners of the store for over 20 years. They worked long hours and were open seven days a week.

In the past six decades they owned and operated three businesses, raised their children, Antoinette and Charles, remained active in the community, and have acted as loving and caring grandparents and great grandparents. Clearly, their marriage not only reflects a partnership filled with deep affection and love, but also one that enjoys the intelligence of two business savvy people.

Tony joined the Biola Chamber of Commerce in 1959, and was a past president in 1963. He was a past commander of the Biola VFW Post. Tony is extremely proud of a veterans' memorial that was put up near an elementary school in Biola. He believes it is a perfect location because children can walk by and better understand the sacrifices men and women make to serve our country. Tony is also a member of the Biola American Legion Post and the Kerman American Legion Post. He has proudly served as Grand Marshal at the Biola Raisin Day Parade.

The Cardosos retired in 1979. They stay busy by working in their vegetable garden, being involved in the community, and spending time with family. Having a cohesive and close-knit family is very important to Tony and Mary. As a grandmother, Mary made it a point to bring all of her grandchildren together whenever possible, so all the cousins would have close relationships. Mary and Tony truly understand what is important in life. On a personal note, Mary and Tony have served as exceptional role models for me—their nephew. Their work ethic and commitment to service allowed me to witness first-hand the best of what our nation has to offer and encouraged me to do the same.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Tony and Mary Cardoso for their 60 years of commitment to one another and for their long lives that exemplify the genuine meaning of hard work and dedication.

HONORING EDDIE McCORD

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Ms. Eddie M. (Thompson) McCord was born in Lake Providence, Louisiana. She graduated from

Monticello High School in 1989. She then attended and graduated Magna Cum Laude from Alcorn State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education. While at Alcorn, she also joined Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. She later graduated from the University of Mississippi with a Master of Education Degree in K–12 Educational Leadership.

Ms. McCord began her career as an educator in the Vicksburg-Warren School District, teaching fifth grade. She later relocated to East Tallahatchie School District and served as a teacher of first and second grade students and eventually the assistant principal. The desire for professional growth then led her to West Tallahatchie School District where she served as Assistant Principal of R.H. Bearden Elementary School for three years and later became the Principal. After serving as the Principal at R.H. Bearden, she became the Principal at West Tallahatchie High School for two years. Currently, she is the Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment for the West Tallahatchie School District.

Ms. McCord has been an asset to the West Tallahatchie School District because of the relationships she has developed with local stakeholders and throughout Tallahatchie County serving in various capacities in both West Tallahatchie School District and East Tallahatchie School District. She has been involved in initiatives and partnerships that have been critical to meeting the educational needs of school-age children in surrounding communities. These partnerships include collaborative professional development sessions between elementary school teachers and Head Start teachers. As a result of this collaboration, more students are entering kindergarten ready to learn at the necessary academic level. Additionally, she was instrumental in securing the district in-house GED Option Program which assists students who have academic deficiencies in meeting the requirements necessary for obtaining their general education diploma.

IN RECOGNITION OF NANCY LYNN
ANN D'AVERSO

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2012

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nancy Lynn Ann D'Averso on her retirement from Brookdale Community College at Long Branch, New Jersey. Ms. D'Averso dedicated over 31 years to Brookdale Community College, and her many achievements should be celebrated.

Nancy Lynn D'Averso's commitment to education is not only evident in her years as a teacher, but also in her many personal academic achievements. A graduate of Long Branch High School, Ms. D'Averso went on to earn a "Certificate of Culture" from the University of Madrid, Spain as well as a Bachelor's of Arts Degree in Spanish and a Grade 7–12 Teaching Certificate from Montclair State College. After 6 years of teaching at Memorial School in Eatontown, New Jersey, Ms. D'Averso continued her studies at Montclair State College, graduating with a Master's of Arts Degree in Spanish Literature. She later also received an Associate Degree in Human

Services from Brookdale Community College, which helped her to excel at her work at Checkmate Fort Monmouth Homeless Shelter in Oceanport, New Jersey.

After teaching briefly at the primary education level, Ms. D'Averso went on to teach at Brookdale Community College at Long Branch in 1981. Combining her educational studies in Spanish and teaching, Ms. D'Averso taught English as a Second Language, GED studies in Spanish and Citizenship Studies. Her commitment to helping others through her various positions is admirable, and the impact she has had on the Brookdale Community College community is immeasurable.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Nancy Lynn Ann D'Averso on her retirement. Her commitment to the Brookdale Community College at Long Branch community is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

HONORING THE CHRISTIAN
HARMONIZERS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a gospel singing group, The Christian Harmonizers. They were organized in the late 1980s by Jerome Williams along with Bobby Bailey and Ellison Brown.

The group began to grow over the years, adding such singers as Thomas Murray, Larry Thompson, Jerry Davis, Ronnie Polk, Calvin Harris, Frank McGriggs, Jr., Xavier Hampton, Frank Curtis, Maurice Buck, and the late Sherman King, Sr., who sang with the group for over 22 years, and Antoine Eakins, who sang with them for over 17 years. The current members of the group are Elder Frank Curtis, Elder Antoine Eakins, Bobby Bailey, and of course, the founder and organizer, Jerome Williams. In the earlier years, the late Walter Griffin and the late Robert Moore served as the group's teachers and advisors.

In 1988, the Christian Harmonizers recorded popular songs such as "Consideration" and "Don't Doubt the Lord" which were penned by Jerome Williams. Their current album is "30 Years Live" which is comprised of 10 songs and features two of Williams' originals: "Somebody" and "Grateful." The remaining tracks of the album were rearranged by Jerome Williams.

The Harmonizers are known worldwide for their performances and have shared the stage with such great gospel artists as: Lucille Polk & Pearly Gates, the Jackson Southernaires, The Angelic Gospel Singers, The Swanee Quintet, the Sensational Nightingales, Debra Snipes, Ronica & The Blazing Stars, The Mighty Clouds of Joy, Willie Banks & The Messengers, the Canton Spirituals, and Gold City.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring The Christian Harmonizers, a Mississippi gospel singing group.