

will complete college, get a good job and become productive, contributing citizens. Further, in California alone, 5,100 low-income children would lose access to child care services which their parents rely on to help them work to support their families.

Today, children under the age of 5 represent 12 percent of our national population, but 100 percent of our future. Cuts to programs that serve this critical population are shortsighted and will result in larger costs down the line.

We stand ready to work with you as colleagues next year to tackle the challenges which face our nation—challenges which know no partisan bounds. For now, know that, as your constituents, we stand behind you with the interests of the youngest among us in mind as you deliberate the fate of our fiscal house and a burgeoning problem which should not be left to address tomorrow.

Collegially,

Incoming First Term Members-Elect in the California Delegation—Julia Brownley, Scott Peters, Alan Lowenthal, Raul Ruiz, Mark Takano, Jared Huffman, Ami Bera, Tony Cardenas, Gloria Negrete McLeod, Juan Vargas, Eric Swalwell.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. HECTOR
MACLEAN

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 11, 2012

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Hector MacLean, one of the most influential leaders ever to live in my own hometown of Lumberton, North Carolina. Mr. MacLean passed away on December 7, and he will be remembered as a banker, lawyer, World War II hero, mayor, state legislator, civic leader, philanthropist, Sunday School teacher, and friend. He will be dearly missed.

Mr. MacLean was born Sept. 15, 1920, to Angus Wilton MacLean, who served as North Carolina's governor from 1925 to 1929, and Margaret French MacLean in Baltimore. Mr. MacLean grew up in Lumberton and graduated from my own alma mater, Lumberton High School, in 1937. He then went on to graduate from Davidson College with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1941.

A courageous servant to his Nation during World War II, Mr. MacLean served as a Captain in General George Patton's 3rd Army during its successful campaigns in Europe. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Major and a Bronze Star Award in recognition of meritorious service in a combat zone.

Upon returning from military service, Mr. MacLean enrolled in law school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, receiving his LLB degree in 1948. He returned to Lumberton to practice law, and his strong leadership in the community led to his being elected Mayor of Lumberton (1949–1953). He became president of the Bank of Lumberton, later called the Southern National Bank, in 1953. He also served as president of the Virginia and Carolina Southern Railroad Company.

Mr. MacLean continued as an effective leader when he was appointed to the North Carolina Senate in 1961, where he served for 10 years. During his tenure, he sponsored bills that led to Pembroke State College becoming

a part of the UNC System and the establishment of the North Carolina Zoo in Asheboro. He was also instrumental in bringing Interstate 95 through Lumberton when it was originally built. In 1997, it was my honor to lead the effort to designate that portion of I-95 which is in the city limits of Lumberton as the "Hector MacLean Highway."

During his life, Mr. MacLean contributed to numerous boards and civic groups, including serving as chairman of the board for St. Andrews Presbyterian College and on the boards for Peace College and Flora MacDonald College.

Mr. MacLean has received numerous accolades for his generosity and dedication to improving the lives of others, including the UNC-Chapel Hill's Distinguished Service Award, and honorary doctor of humane letters degrees at St. Andrews Presbyterian College and UNC-Pembroke. Mr. MacLean was inducted into the N.C. Business Hall of Fame and awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, our State's highest civilian honor. Mr. Speaker, during his 92 years Hector MacLean proved himself a devoted and effective public servant and a man of good character. He was a giant of a man who touched so many lives in so many ways—in church, community, and professional life.

He was also a devoted family man and dear friend. He was my neighbor growing up, and he was close friends with my mother, who was also a banker, and my father, who was a fellow Elder at our church, First Presbyterian of Lumberton. In fact, my father and I used to substitute for Mr. MacLean and teach the Lacy McKenzie Bible Class, broadcast live over local radio, in his absence when he was away on business trips. He was a mentor to me inasmuch as I sought his advice and counsel when I first contemplated running for the United States Congress.

While Mr. MacLean chaired the Bicentennial Celebration of both Lumberton and Robeson County in 1986–87, I chaired the Bicentennial Celebration of the U.S. Constitution for our county. Together, we worked on numerous projects that we presented as joint celebrations. He loved Lumberton, Robeson County, North Carolina, and our great country.

May we never forget the goodness, humility, service, and character that defined the life of Hector MacLean. May God continue to bless all of his loved ones, the work he did, and the greatness that he inspired within all who knew him.

TRIBUTE TO REPRESENTATIVE
YVONNE KENNEDY

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with sadness that I rise to note the untimely passing of a beloved South Alabama leader who devoted her life's work to advancing the cause of education among Alabama's youth.

On December 8, 2012, the people of Mobile received the sad news that State Representative Yvonne Kennedy passed away at age 67 after a brief illness. Her family was reported to be by her side. She leaves behind a rich legacy of leadership in both the Alabama Legislature as well as in Alabama higher education.

Born on January 8, 1945, Yvonne Kennedy received her B.S. from Alabama State University, an M.A. from Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland, a Ph.D. from the University of Alabama, and an Honorary Doctorate of Letters from Lane College in Jackson, Tennessee.

After completing her education she returned to Mobile to teach English at Bishop State Community College where she quickly assumed leadership roles, including assisting in the college's efforts to secure full accreditation.

First elected to the Alabama House of Representatives in a special election in 1979, Representative Kennedy served nearly 34 years in Montgomery, placing her among the most senior members of the Alabama legislature.

In the State Capitol, she was an active and influential member of the House Transportation, Utilities and Infrastructure Committee, the Economic Development and Tourism Committee (Ranking Minority Member), and the Children and Senior Advocacy Committee (Ranking Minority Member). She was also former Chairperson of the Alabama Legislative Black Caucus.

Believing that public service also involved engaging and preparing our youth for future careers, Representative Kennedy was a luminary in the Mobile education community. In 1981, she assumed the presidency of Bishop State Community College, serving until 2007. She was the first African American woman to head an Alabama state college. Under her leadership, Bishop State expanded its size from one to three campuses. She was a member of the Board of the American Association for Higher Education, and served as a Trustee of Miles College.

She gave much of her time to organizations devoted to uplifting our youth. Most notably, she served as National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, a non-profit organization devoted to economic and educational development, physical and mental health, and political involvement. She was active in the Junior Miss Scholarship Foundation and served as Youth Director for the Board of Christian Education of the Southeast Alabama Conference of the CME Church. She was also Chairman of the Mobile County United Negro College Fund Campaign.

Representative Kennedy was a long-time member of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Mobile.

On behalf of the people of Alabama, I offer my personal condolences to the family and many friends of Representative Kennedy. She was a good friend to many in our community where her selfless attention to the needs of our young people changed many lives for the better. She will be greatly missed.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARC A.
CEVASCO

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the exceptional service of Marc Cevasco, who has served with great distinction on my staff for more than seven years.