

HONORING THE CAREER OF
PRINCIPAL WILLIE SANDOVAL

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Principal Willie Sandoval, who is retiring after dedicating 45 years of his life to the Kern High School District in California.

In 1968, Willie began as a teacher and—how I remember him best—a coach at Bakersfield High School, my alma mater. In the mid-1980s during my time at BHS, Coach Sandoval taught me the importance of perseverance and a constant desire to learn, both on and off the field.

By 1997, Willie was eligible for retirement. Instead, his passion for educating our young people led him to take on new challenges and continue to serve Bakersfield students. He is the only principal in Kern High School District's history to open two new schools—Golden Valley High School and Independence High School. And as principal of Independence, he was constantly innovating new opportunities and educational experiences for his students. For example, Willie partnered with the California Department of Energy and PG&E to found the New Energy Academy, which infuses career technical education into our students' traditional academic endeavors at Independence. Coach Sandoval is a living example of the mantra "never give up."

Though his tenure in the education system comes to an end, his legacy will forever be found in the halls of our schools. President John F. Kennedy once said, "After the dust of centuries has passed over our cities, we will be remembered not for victories or defeats in battle or in politics, but for our contribution to the human spirit." Mr. Speaker, Principal Willie Sandoval's contribution to the human spirit through the education of our young Americans is truly admirable. Throughout his illustrious career, he has remained steadfast to his vision, passion, and advocacy for education.

I wish Willie well in retirement. And, as he enters this new chapter in his life, I know he is looking forward to spending more time with his wife Nettie, their daughter Carrie, son William, and his four grandchildren. On behalf of thousands of parents and students, I salute and honor a truly exceptional teacher, coach, principal, and leader in our community, Willie Sandoval, who leaves a legacy of hope, education, and inspiration through Kern County and the State of California.

HONORING DOROTHY ROGERS
PORTER

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

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Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to the life and legacy of Mrs. Dorothy Rogers Porter, a beloved musical icon and mentor from the Great state of Alabama who passed away on June 1, 2013 at the age of 77. This phenomenal woman was an extraordinary source

of wisdom and guidance to me and so many others. While I am deeply saddened by her passing I am confident her legacy will live through the countless lives she touched during her lifetime.

For 38 years, this American jewel was first lady of the historic Sixth Avenue Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. Alongside her husband, civil rights icon Rev. John T. Porter, Mrs. Porter became a fixture in the local community. But many will remember her for her extraordinary musicianship and her dynamic voice. As head of the children's choir, Mrs. Porter inspired a sincere love for music in the young lives that were under her direction.

The classically trained mezzo-soprano also taught music at Lawson State Community College and performed for audiences across the country. She graduated from Alabama State University with a bachelor's degree in music and went on to obtain a masters degree in music education from Wayne State University in Detroit.

Mrs. Porter was a committed servant leader active in so many community and civic endeavors. She led Sixth Avenue's scholarship committee and was instrumental in preparing graduating seniors for the next phase in their lives. Mrs. Porter was a member of The Links Incorporated and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She also served on the Birmingham Library Board.

On a personal note, Mrs. Porter was a mentor of mine and countless others. I will miss her loving smile, wise counsel and warm embrace. I was proud to call her a sorority sister, fellow Link and most importantly, my mentor. We will all miss her dearly.

We are indeed grateful for the life of this awesome woman. On behalf of the 7th Congressional District, the State of Alabama, and this nation, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of Mrs. Dorothy Rogers Porter.

HONORING DR. SHIRLEY RAINES

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Shirley Raines on all of her achievements. A longtime resident of West Tennessee and originally from my home county of Crockett, I am especially proud to celebrate with her today.

A driving force bringing notoriety to Memphis for not only her work in education, but also her achievements in research, work-force and economic development. She is to be commended for her vision of bringing an urban institute that reaches all parts of West Tennessee that provides an educational opportunity for all.

Dr. Raines has served as the President of the University of Memphis for the past 11 years. Originally from Bells, TN, Dr. Raines holds a doctorate in education from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and a Master of Science from the University of Tennessee at Martin. Before joining the University of Memphis, Dr. Raines was the Vice Chancellor for Academic Services and the Dean of the College of Education at the University of

Kentucky. Dr. Raines is also an accomplished author, with fourteen books and several articles published.

Dr. Raines's accomplishments as the President of the University of Memphis are numerous and far-reaching. She has increased total enrollment to 22,000 and extended the campus by acquiring the Lambuth campus in Jackson, TN. Dr. Raines has also been crucial in the relocation of the Cecil C. Humphreys Law School and the construction of the Kemmons Wilson School of Hospitality and Resort Management, the FedEx Institute of Technology and several other campus developments. Dr. Raines has spearheaded the Empowering the Dream capital campaign, which aims to raise \$250 million by June 30th.

Dr. Shirley Raines's contributions to education and West Tennessee are undeniable and inspiring. I congratulate Dr. Raines on her many accomplishments and wish her well.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. PAUL RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2217) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 3, 2014, and for other purposes:

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Chair, I want to commend the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee and the members of the Committee for producing bills that meet the current law limit on appropriations of \$967 billion. The one area of the budget where we are exercising real fiscal discipline is discretionary spending and Chairman ROGERS and the Committee are to be commended for bringing about that result. The Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2014 (H.R. 2217) funds critical programs that promote the safety and security of the United States. In total, the bill provides \$44.6 billion of discretionary funding for the operations of the Department of Homeland Security. While the majority of this funding is provided in accordance with the budget resolution adopted by the House of Representatives, \$5.6 billion is provided in excess of the levels anticipated by the budget resolution using the disaster relief exception to the normal budget rules. We should be budgeting for these expenses and not adding funding through cap adjustments that provide funding in excess of the limits on discretionary spending. Congress should afford disaster relief the priority it deserves within the budget. Notwithstanding my objections to the use of this budget loophole, on balance, I believe this bill is worthy of support.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall votes 188