

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE MEMBERS OF THE 529TH MILITARY POLICE COM- PANY USAEUR HONOR GUARD

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the prodigious service of the members of the 529th Military Police Company Honor Guard, first activated in July of 1945, which served at and protected the United States Army in Europe (USAEUR) Headquarters and handled internal security for the USAEUR Commander-in-Chief's command building and residence.

The 529th had the responsibility and privilege of honoring notable figures such as President John F. Kennedy, President Charles de Gaulle of France, General William C. Westmoreland, and Secretary of the Army Stanley Resor.

Beyond its important work to protect U.S. interests and dignitaries in Europe, this talented and dedicated MP company spent many long hours practicing the drill team manual, including perfecting the "click-tap-click" of the "Deuce Nine." In addition, the unit was assigned three 105mm Howitzers which formed their salute battery, and successfully fired 742 rounds without a misfire.

Across the nation and the world, U.S. military police provide an important duty to protect and serve not only our nation but also their colleagues. The tireless and selfless dedication of the 529th Military Police Company Honor Guard and all military police companies must not be overlooked.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in wishing all the members of the 529th Military Police Company Honor Guard our sincerest thanks and appreciation for their valiant service.

HONORING CHAD HIGDON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize a special member of my staff. After more than 11 years of service, Chad Higdon has left his position in my Saint Joseph District Office to become the Executive Director of Second Harvest Community Food Bank.

Chad had been with my congressional office nearly from the start. He began as an intern in 2001, helping to set up our first office in the St. Joseph Post Office Building. A year later, he was hired as the office Staff Assistant. Chad has filled many roles in the office, eventually working his way to become the congressional "go-to-guy" for the Saint Joseph community.

As a field representative, Chad spent many hours behind the wheel representing me in the small towns across Northwest Missouri. He built strong relationships with local leaders and always had his finger on the pulse of a community. Whether it was listening to a veteran's retelling of war stories, helping a local community find funding for sewer upgrades, or providing a legislative update to farmers, Chad's work was always done whole-heartedly and with a smile.

In 2010, Chad temporarily left his post to serve as my campaign manager. He helped secure a solid vote-margin that November and represented our organization well across all 26 counties. Chad's willingness to serve and his dedication to constituent service was a great example of how government should work. While I am losing a valuable member of my team, I am proud of Chad and excited to watch the next chapter of his career.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in thanking Chad Higdon for his many years of service to the people of the Sixth Congressional District. I know Chad's colleagues, family and friends join with me in thanking him for his commitment to others and wishing him many years of success to come.

HONORING RANDOLPH F. SNOWDEN OF NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Randy Snowden, who is retiring as the Director of the Napa County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA).

Mr. Snowden is a true public servant in the Napa Valley, and a leader in community public health programs and health care reform. As the director of the largest agency in Napa County, Mr. Snowden has consistently held himself to the highest levels of integrity, principle, and ethical business practice. In the recent recession, Mr. Snowden led efforts to stabilize Napa County HHSA's budget while maintaining critical services that other counties dramatically cut.

Mr. Snowden guided the agency and the county in integrating services and increasing accessibility. During his tenure, Napa County HHSA opened a satellite office in American Canyon, and an embedded Clinic Ole was established on HHSA's campus.

As the agency's leader, Mr. Snowden displayed a dedication to the pursuit of diversity, collaborative management, and program-based budgeting. He has overseen the transformation of HHSA's culture from one of compliance to one focused on quality management.

Above all, Mr. Snowden held fast to HHSA's mission to help those in need. For him, it is always all about the clients. He has remained

true to his and the agency's guiding principles and has served as a professional and personal role model for all who know him.

Mr. Speaker, Randy Snowden has a long and distinguished career of service to Napa County, most notably to the Napa Valley Health and Human Services Agency. It is therefore appropriate that we honor Mr. Snowden today and wish him well in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING REVEREND DR. JOHN F. WILLIAMS

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, this year, Reverend Dr. John F. Williams is celebrating twenty-five (25) years preaching, twenty-three (23) years in pastoral leadership and seven (7) years as Pastor of Antioch East Baptist Church this year, he has provided stellar leadership to his church and community; and

Whereas, Reverend Dr. John F. Williams under the guidance of God has pioneered and sustained Antioch East Baptist Church as an instrument in our community that uplifts the spiritual, physical and mental welfare of our citizens; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious man of God has given hope to the hopeless and is a beacon of light to those in need; and

Whereas, Reverend Dr. Williams is a spiritual warrior, a man of compassion, a fearless leader and a servant to all, but most of all a visionary who has shared not only with his Church, but with our state and the nation his passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Reverend Dr. John F. Williams, as he celebrates this milestone in pastoral leadership; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim August 25, 2013 as Reverend Dr. John F. Williams Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 25th day of August, 2013.

HONORING ST. JOHN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable historical church, St. John Missionary Baptist of Darling, Mississippi and the great leadership it is under.

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

St. John Missionary Baptist Church has been a part of the Darling Squirrel Lake, MS community for some 130 years. Many families have come and gone, but many can boast of a great start at this little wooden church in the country. Although, this is a small church, its pastor and members have always had big hearts. St. John has reached our into the community to host and sponsor reading classes in an effort to improve reading skills among the young and old; summer feeding program—preparing and serving hot balanced meals for the youths and disable in the church community; and doing a garden project to provide fresh vegetables for the church community.

Years has brought about change, but the hearts of St. John members are still big and fill with love. The name was changed to New St. John some ten years ago, but Jesus and saving souls is still the focus of the church.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing St. John Missionary Baptist Church for its dedication to serving our great country.

“THE LIVING MEMORIAL” PREPARED REMARKS BY LT. COL. SEAN N. DAY FOR CITY OF SAN JOSE MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I had the honor at Oak Hill Cemetery's Memorial Day event on May 27th to listen to Lt. Col. Sean Day's speech celebrating and honoring the memories of Americans who have died defending freedom. I would like to honor his words which are so meaningful.

“THE LIVING MEMORIAL” PREPARED REMARKS: CITY OF SAN JOSE MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE, OAK HILL CEMETERY, SAN JOSE, CA, 1100 27 MAY 2013

Lt. Col Sean N. Day, USMCR Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion, 23rd Marine Regiment

Mayor Reed, Supervisor Cortese, Congressman Honda, Congresswoman Lofgren, Vice Admiral Zukunft, Major General Regua, other distinguished guests, friends and fellow Americans.

Thank you for the opportunity to be a small part of your celebration of the lives and sacrifices of our most honored citizens. It is with profound humility that I am speaking with you on this sacred day, on this hour and in this place.

Now, if you would indulge me for a moment—

Do we have any veterans from the War in Vietnam in the audience?

It's with deep appreciation that if you have never heard it, or even if you have been told a thousand times, to the veterans of the War in Vietnam, we are so very proud of you and welcome home.

Now, I am keenly aware that as the final speaker of the day, I am all that stands between you and cookouts and the first game of the Bay Area brawl between the Giants and the A's. So, in the few minutes that we'll spend together this afternoon I won't talk about the great sales at Valley Fair Mall or the day off so many are enjoying. I won't speak of bands or bugles, or even the stone and marble monuments raised in memory of the sacrifices given by our most honored citizens.

But instead, my brief comments will center on “The Living Memorial.”

In every age, just as during the Vietnam War era, those who are willing to face down shot and shell are few. During the Revolution, only a few answered the call for help that rang out at the Rude Bridge in Concord. Many heard the call, had more pressing priorities and moved on with their lives. A few answered, and some who did gave the last full measure of devotion to enable the beginning of the Republic that we love so dearly.

And right down through the years, it has been the same. Many hear, few answer and a portion of those who do, consecrate our nation's highest ideals with their lives. On battlefields long forgotten, or for the mass of our fellow citizens not known or even cared about, this story of self-sacrifice, complete devotion and fidelity to the best and highest of ourselves, plays out again, and again and again. The many war veterans in the audience, from World War II right up to the ones of today, can tell you what it is like to hear an unremitting drumbeat demanding sacrifice.

They can remember in jungle monsoons or savage desert sandstorms, seeing the very best our country can produce step forward. And then watching those same brave brothers in arms, friends and comrades fall to the violence of the cruel enemy. All the while, hearing that same drumbeat, demand more and more sacrifice.

How many friends have we held as their final breaths slipped away?

How many times have we seen flag-draped transfer cases placed on aircraft;

How many times have we stood at memorials in hot, dirty, dusty places;

And how many times have we been asked by parents and family members what the last days of their loves ones were like.

Everyone here knows the answer—far too many times.

So many of our friends are no longer here to teach their sons to throw a baseball, escort their daughters to quinceaneras, or to guide their parents into old age. We, who have born the battle, must give voice to our fallen comrades. They stood for all Americans when it counted most. So, we must stand tall today and everyday—because they cannot.

As witnesses to the most profound human tragedies, our charge now is to ensure their memories are not forgotten. But even more importantly—that the ideals of the great republic they gave their very lives to protect—live on and are strengthened. It is our sacred obligation to represent those whose lives were so cruelly ended; to be their “Living Memorial.”

One of our most distinguished countrymen, Oliver Wendell Holmes, not only served as a Supreme Court Judge for the great state of Maine, and on the Supreme Court of the United States, but he was also a wartime and combat veteran. Serving as an infantryman during the Civil War, Justice Holmes offered a poignant reminder to all of us. . .

“We have shared the incommunicable experience of war, we have felt, we still feel, the passion of life to its top. In our youth our hearts were touched with fire.”

And we stand in constant memory of our fallen brothers.

It is worth remembering that those brave Americans who fell threw the torch of freedom to those in the next generation, who would take it up and shield it. Each successive generation of patriots serves as a “Living Memorial” to those who gave all in the preceding age. And a few in this generation have caught that same torch of freedom.

When tyranny and terror have attacked the torch and caused its flame to flicker, a few have protected it from the violence of the enemy. They have given their blood and lives to shield it, and in so doing had their

own lives extinguished so that the light of liberty would continue to shine.

They have done so in the ancient Mesopotamian cities of Baghdad, Al Kut and Hillah in Iraq. From Afghanistan's desert plains of the Helmand province to its wispy heights of the Hindu Kush, where air to breathe is hard to come by, but enemy bombs, bullets and attacks are easy to find.

The honor roll of names who have given the last full measure is not nearly as popular or as well-known as the latest winner of American Idol, the results of the NFL draft or the latest cover story in People magazine. And because of this, it is up to us to carry their lives, loves and memories forward to serve as their “Living Memorial.”

For those esteemed fallen patriots are the precious few who were willing to step forward for all of America. The story of their lives and commitment answers the ancient question, “Who will go for us and who will we send.”

They answered the question through their actions; stepping forward for all of us.

The scriptures say, “A man has no greater love than to lay down his life for his brother.” What they showed may have been patriotism, may have been devotion, and it certainly was sacrifice—but what we know is that they gave their all, and in so doing, showed all of us today that those who will follow, love in its most basic form. A love for our country, our families—yours and mine, and our way of life; one that exceeded the love they had even for themselves. And as we look out across the years, and think of far-away places, our deep and humble appreciation is with those whose love exceeded all bounds.

So what to make of this devotion, belief and sacrifice?

One of our very distinguished Americans, Eleanor Roosevelt, witnessed some of the most significant events in our country's proud history. She carried in her wallet this poem to remind her daily of the sacrifices of our most esteemed citizens and it reads:

“Dear Lord,
Lest I continue
My complacent way,
Help me to remember that somewhere,
Somehow out there
A man died for me today.
As long as there be war,
I then must
Ask and answer
Am I worth dying for?”

Eleanor Roosevelt understood deeply that she was a “Living Memorial,” for those who enabled her to do all the wonderful things she did for our great country. She understood the deep debt of gratitude owed to those who “gave their today to ensure our tomorrow.” She understood that her life personally, and our nation's way of life, was a “Living Memorial” to those who gave all.

So, I leave you with this. Today is not a day for mourning.

It is, of course, a remembrance for what has been lost—the finest our country has produced from across the ages. However, this day is more than that, it is a celebration. A celebration of our national heritage, a celebration of the very best our country represents. We ought not lament the loss of our true champions. Instead, cherish the thought that such very fine Americans lived, such fine Americans sacrificed for your family and mine—such American gave all. Our challenge is to ensure that their sacrifices were not in vain.

Your presence in this place, at this hour indicates that you probably don't need to hear this message. However, many of our countrymen do need to hear it. So as you leave here today, each of you has a mission.

Carry forth the memory of those who gave all they had to give for the finest ideals of our country and of all humanity.

Carry forth the memory of our honored dead.

Remind others that our champions were not victims, but Americans who made our way as a people possible. They carved the path that brought freedom from the yoke of distant tyranny, they served as the guarantors of independence, they made the proclamation of emancipation real. And they ensured that liberty remained a reality rather than a mere idea, a word on a page, or a hope for dream.

I ask each of you to resolve to live in such a way as to carry on the work of the fallen. To make our great country better each day, and in doing so to serve as "Living Memorials," to our most honored citizens.

Thank you for taking the time out today to be part of this celebration.

God Bless America and Semper Fidelis.

RECOGNIZING AMERICORPS ON
THEIR TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the national service organization AmeriCorps on its twentieth anniversary. AmeriCorps has provided young Americans with the opportunity to meet critical needs in the communities in which they work.

AmeriCorps partners with nonprofit organizations, government agencies, schools, and faith-based organizations to support intensive community service work. AmeriCorps was first formed under President Clinton in 1993 as a part of the Corporation for National and Community Service. Since its inception, 800,000 people have taken the AmeriCorps oath, with about 80,000 now serving annually.

Mr. Speaker, AmeriCorps members are hard at work in my district and all across the country. They tutor students in junior and high schools. They work directly with families to help them overcome barriers to employment. They advocate for victims of domestic violence. They teach CPR classes. In short, AmeriCorps members are making a difference and are strengthening communities.

Not only do communities benefit from AmeriCorps—so do the participants. These young people are able to work side-by-side with local community partners on issues that are important to them. AmeriCorps functions as a framework for how individual citizens motivated to public service can come together and make a difference in a tangible way.

AmeriCorps has demonstrated remarkable successes over the last 20 years; I look forward to more accomplishments and more impact over the next 20 years. I am hopeful that a new task force created by President Obama earlier this year can help identify new ways that AmeriCorps can employ members' talent and ingenuity to further national priorities. As Martin Luther King, Jr., once said, "Everyone can be great because everyone can serve."

Mr. Speaker, I would like to close by extending my gratitude for the hard work AmeriCorps members are doing by serving and making America even greater.

HONORING NEW BEGINNING FULL
GOSPEL BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, for the past twenty years, New Beginning Full Gospel Baptist Church has been and continues to be a beacon of light to our county and district; and

Whereas, today, Bishop James H. Morton and the members of the New Beginning Full Gospel Baptist Church family continue to uplift and inspire our county and district; and

Whereas, the New Beginning Full Gospel Baptist Church family has been and continues to be a place where citizens are touched spiritually, mentally and physically through outreach ministries and community partnership to aid in building up our county and district; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious Church of God has given hope to the hopeless, fed the needy and empowered our community for the past twenty (20) years; and

Whereas, this Church has produced many spiritual warriors, people of compassion, people of great courage, fearless leaders and servants to all, but most of all visionaries who have shared not only with their Church, but with our community their passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the New Beginning Full Gospel Baptist Church family for their leadership and service to our District on this the 20th Anniversary of their founding; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim August 18, 2013 as New Beginning Full Gospel Baptist Church Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 18th day of August, 2013.

SEPTEMBER 11

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, twelve years ago, the course of our country's history changed.

In an unprovoked attack that sought to bring America to its knees, the world was reminded instead that ours is a nation of heroes—where people run toward danger for the sake of their fellow man; where a new generation of protectors, knowing full well the risk, chose to answer its country's call to defend liberty and pursue peace.

Last year on this day we were again reminded that freedom has its foes. We mourn the lives of the four dear Americans we lost to terror in Benghazi and pledge justice on their behalf.

To the families bound together by this tragic date eleven years apart, we promise our continued prayers for peace, and we take comfort that the nearness of Almighty God is always with the brokenhearted.

September 11, another infamous date for our Republic, revealed the strength and resolve of American character, and proved once

again to the adversaries of liberty that the champions of freedom will not be stopped. We will never waiver, we will not cede strength, and we will stand firm as the last best hope of earth.

IN HONOR OF R. BURNETT
MILLER'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Sacramento's former mayor, city councilman and a prominent member of our community, R. Burnett Miller, as he celebrates his 90th birthday. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this great civic-minded individual who has served his country with honor and has contributed so much to the Sacramento region.

Burnett was born in Sacramento, California, in 1923 and graduated from C.K. McClatchy High School. He began his life of service by joining the ROTC at Santa Clara College in 1941. He was a sophomore when World War II began, and went on to serve our nation in the Battle of the Bulge, and was a part of the U.S. 11th Armored Division when it liberated the Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria on May 6, 1945. His service earned him a Purple Heart and the Silver Star for gallantry in action against an enemy of our nation. His experiences were featured in Ken Burns' documentary *The War on PBS*.

Burnett completed his college education at Georgetown University and lived in Europe for several years; however, he never forgot his hometown. Burnett moved back to Sacramento and joined his family's lumber business, which later became known as Burnett and Sons Planing Mill and Lumber Company. For over 144 years, this company has prided itself in special and unique craftsmanship and has provided high-quality jobs to local Sacramentans.

Burnett continued his lifetime of public service by serving first as a member of the Sacramento City Council and then as mayor. As a leader in our community, Burnett has championed local causes and organizations, raising funds for the Crocker Art Museum, the Sacramento Symphony, and the Sacramento History Center.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing the great life of my friend, R. Burnett Miller, as he celebrates his 90th birthday with his lovely wife Mimi, his children and his friends and family in Sacramento. His life and legacy are an inspiration to us all.

HONORING FRIENDSHIP
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Friendship Missionary Baptist Church for their unwavering resiliency and unity in continuing to spread the Gospel

among members of their congregation and community for over 143 years.

Since its beginnings in early spring of 1870, the church has had a number of spiritually led pastors who, through the years, have helped the congregation grow in number and in spiritual knowledge. Among the ministers who have led the congregation were Reverend James Williams, Reverend A.H. Davis, Reverend H.W. Scott, Reverend S.S. Butler, Reverend W.P. Whitfield, Reverend Curtis L. West, and Reverend McKinley K. Nelson.

In March 1965, the congregation elected Reverend Bobby Burks as their leader. Under Reverend Nelson, the church underwent significant changes, ultimately leading to impressive growth in many different areas. During Pastor Burks' leadership, the church saw a considerable growth in membership, implementation of prayer meetings and bible class, youth ministry, sick and shut-in ministry, fellowship breakfast, Praise Team group, and an annual church trip and picnic. In addition to implanting a number of new activities for the membership, Pastor Burks was also instrumental in establishing numerous ministries.

With such growth in activities and membership, the church deemed it necessary to expand to accommodate the increase members. Many physical improvements to the church were made from 2003 through 2007. Completion of a handicap accessible sidewalk and rails, new bathrooms added near the front entrance of the church, addition of a public address and security system, construction of the Family Life Center, and the furnishing of the church's finance room with a copier, computer, fax, and binding machine all took place as a result of a 249+ increase in membership.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in its commitment to remain grounded in the true traditions of the Baptist doctrine within the Edwards community.

RECOGNIZING MS. ANTOINETTE
TUFF

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, today we pause to recognize a virtuous woman of God whose actions, thinking, and spirit blessed the lives of the children, parents, teachers, and support staff of not only the Ronald E. McNair Discovery Learning Academy, but the hearts of citizens across America; and

Whereas, Ms. Antoinette Tuff on August 20, 2013 gave of herself to calm and defuse an incredibly dangerous situation that could have devastated our community and our Nation; and

Whereas, Ms. Antoinette Tuff talked down an armed and troubled intruder who was focused on harming elementary school children, their teachers, support staff, and police officers on the scene; and

Whereas, Ms. Tuff stood as a citizen diplomat, cool and calm, communicating with the would be assailant, as she advocated for life, not only for the intruder and herself, but for every life in the school building on that day; and

Whereas, this wise woman of God shared her stories, her struggles, her trials and her triumphs, to breathe in words of encouragement and comfort, transforming a spirit of destruction into a spirit of redemption, allowing herself to be an instrument of God ensuring that all would live to see another day; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. Antoinette Tuff for her bravery, her selflessness, leadership, and service not only to those students, teachers, support staff, police officers, and administrators at Ronald E. McNair Discovery Learning Academy in DeKalb County, Georgia, but also for her heart and spirit that have touched our Nation and the World; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim August 25, 2013 as Ms. Antoinette Tuff Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 25th day of August, 2013.

RECOGNIZING THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF DELANEY STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a special occasion for Delaney Street Baptist Church in Orlando, Florida. Delaney Street Baptist Church will celebrate their 85th anniversary this upcoming Sunday, September 15, 2013.

The First Baptist Church of Orlando began a Mission in 1923, which later would develop into Delaney Street Baptist Church. Under the leadership of Reverend T.E. Waldrup, thirty-six Charter members laid the foundations for what would become Delaney Street Baptist Church. On September 14, 1928, Delaney Street Baptist Church was officially founded.

This is a special moment in the history of Delaney Street Baptist Church, and they deserve to be commended for their 85 years of service to their community. I would like to thank them for their many years of faithful ministry to our community and their dedication to Christian leadership.

On behalf of the people of Central Florida, it is my pleasure to recognize and congratulate Delaney Street Baptist Church on this momentous occasion. May God continue to bless their church and ministry throughout future generations.

ON RECOGNITION OF THE TRAGEDY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR SURVIVORS

HON. RON BARBER

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. BARBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors.

The Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors or TAPS assists families of our Armed Forces who have lost their military loved one. TAPS is a resource that provides 24/7 tragedy

assistance based on a framework of peer-to-peer emotional support. Their programs fill the crucial need of connecting survivors with survivors to provide comfort, compassion, healing and hope in time of need.

For nearly 20 years, TAPS has provided essential support to more than 40,000 military family members and those assisting them. TAPS successfully builds on the experience of survivors by connecting them as peer-mentors to other grieving family members in similar circumstances.

However, connecting survivors is just the beginning. TAPS continues its outreach and support through grief seminars, camps for kids and physical events. The TAPS network in not a one-time liaison but a continuing support framework that provides continuous compassion and assistance to families as they grieve.

Ms. Bonnie Carroll founded TAPS in 1994 after she tragically lost her husband in 1992, Brig. Gen. Tom Carroll, in a military plane crash. Sensing an unfilled need, Ms. Carroll established TAPS to ensure surviving military family members have the necessary resources to cope with their loss. Since then, Ms. Carroll has dedicated her life to supporting our surviving military families. Ms. Carroll and all of the TAPS volunteers are deserving of our highest thanks and honor.

HONORING BROWNSVILLE
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Brownsville Missionary Baptist Church for exemplifying the importance of resolute faith, persistence, and ultimately perseverance in the face of many historical adversities, consequently serving as a model for others within the Baptist community.

The beginning of the initial foundation was formed under the guidance of Reverend Nelson in 1862, thus sparking the beginning of Brownsville Beaufort Colored Church. Brownsville Beaufort Colored Church began its initial foundation at the intersection of Highway 22 and Bolton-Brownsville Road, north of the site it now stands. Preaching services were held at Beulah Memorial Baptist Church (now named Brownsville Beulah Baptist Church). Reverend Nelson conducted services for both congregations (black and white), when Brownsville's shared the church. Service was conducted in the morning for Beulah's congregation and the evening for Brownsville's.

A "brush harbor" was erected on the land purchased during the period of growth and separation. The land the present church is on, is recorded to have been bought on March 18, 1862. The members worshipped and held service faithfully under the brush harbor structure, thus, history continued to be made and the initial foundation set forth. Because limitations of space and format necessitated the need for even more land, additional land was purchased in April 1890.

Since the earlier days of the church beginnings, many events have occurred in the life of the church and its members. The church has been rebuilt, expanded several times, and

the latest remodeling consisted of renovation of the sanctuary after the ceiling collapsed in August 2005. The church underwent its first major renovation in 1968 under the leadership of Reverend L.M. Robinson. With the renovation of the church came a number of other construction projects that ultimately enhanced the church and solidify it as a concrete fixture of spiritual guidance within the community. Among those additions were construction of a kitchen, a baptismal pool, a handicap accessible ramp, additional bathrooms, paving of the parking area, refinishing of the church pews, replacement of sanctuary windows, and completion of the Fellowship Hall.

Members of the Brownsville Missionary Baptist Church congregation are tirelessly committed to maintaining a solid foundation for spiritual growth within their church home and community. A number of church auxiliaries and committees have been established through the 146-year existence of the church, which includes the Benevolent committee, Brotherhood, Beautification, Bible Class, BTU (training of Christian values to the members that strengthen earthly lives), Cemetery, Mission Society, Praise Teams, and Brownsville Review.

During Brownsville's 146 years of existence, the church has been under the leadership of 21 pastors. Little is known of the lives of the earlier pastors, but the effectiveness of their work is evidenced by the fact that the church has survived and developed through the years. The most notable pastor was Reverend Eddie Gibson. Pastor Gibson' ministry is characterized by his gift of compassion and his concern for individual growth and for each member of the congregation. He faithfully served the church for 20 years. Currently Minister Stanley Garner serves as leader of this magnificent congregation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Brownsville Missionary Baptist Church in its commitment to remain grounded in the true traditions of the Baptist doctrine within the Bolton community.

HONORING MRS. BARBARA ANN
FLANIGAN

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, a virtuous woman of God accepted her calling to serve in the Educational System; and

Whereas, Mrs. Barbara Ann Flanigan began her educational career in teaching thirty-seven (37) years ago, and this year she retires from teaching at Cedar Grove Elementary School in Ellenwood, Georgia, she has served the DeKalb County School District well and our community has been blessed through her service; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents as a Teacher, Educator, and Motivator, giving the citizens of Georgia a person of great worth, a fearless leader, a devoted scholar, and a servant to all who want to advance the lives of our youth; and

Whereas, Mrs. Flanigan is formally retiring from her educational career today, she will continue to promote education because she is a cornerstone in our community that has enhanced the lives of thousands for the betterment of our District and Nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mrs. Barbara Ann Flanigan on her retirement from the DeKalb County School District and to wish her well in her new endeavors; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim June 2, 2013 as Mrs. Barbara Ann Flanigan Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 2nd day of June, 2013.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF SEPTEMBER
11, 2001

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House to observe a moment of somber remembrance for the 12th anniversary of the September 11th attacks on the United States.

Twelve years ago, nearly 3,000 innocent men and women in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania perished when our nation suffered its worst terrorist attack in our history.

While together we have moved a decade beyond that tragedy, the memories of September 11th will forever be with us. All across the country, Americans are coming together for what has become a day of service and remembrance. As we take the time to reflect today, we are reminded that what unites us is far stronger than what divides us, and that the courage and perseverance of the American people should never be underestimated.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to not only join me in remembering those who lost their lives, but to also remember the many first responders, members of the military and ordinary citizens who answered the call of duty.

IN HONOR OF GLEN DOHERTY AND
TYRONE WOODS

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, on the one year anniversary of the terrorist attack on our consulate in Benghazi, Libya, I rise to honor Glen Doherty and Tyrone Woods, two former Navy SEALs that were killed during the attack.

Glen was born in Massachusetts and always had a sense of adventure. He became a pilot, and enjoyed skiing and whitewater rafting. His desire to serve his county led him to join the Navy and become a Navy SEAL, where he was part of the team that responded to the attack on the USS *Cole*. Several years later, Glen fought in Iraq, earning the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Combat Distinguishing Device.

Tyrone grew up in Oregon and was the father of three children. After high school he joined the Navy with the goal of becoming a SEAL. During his first attempt at SEAL training, Tyrone suffered an injury, but his perseverance led him to try again, and he earned his trident in 1991. During his 20 years of service in the Navy, Tyrone participated in Operations in Somalia, Iraq and Afghanistan, where his bravery earned him the Bronze Star with combat "V" device.

After both men left the military, they continued to serve their county by protecting Americans serving overseas. On night of September 11th, 2012, our consulate in Benghazi, Libya, was under siege by terrorists. As the coordinated attack unfolded, Glen and Tyrone exposed themselves to enemy fire as they engaged attackers that were armed with guns, mortars and rocket-propelled grenades. Their ultimate sacrifice saved the lives of numerous American personnel that were rescued and safely returned to their families. Despite their brave actions, Glen and Tyrone's heroism and sacrifice has not been recognized through a formal awards process.

In recognition of their sacrifice, I have introduced H.R. 1186, which would award Glen and Tyrone the Congressional Gold Medal. As we remember those that we lost on that tragic day in Benghazi, we must not forget the heroic acts and selfless courage displayed by Glen Doherty and Tyrone Woods.

HONORING NICHOLETTE P.
STEFFES

HON. E. SCOTT RIGELL

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. RIGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a first for Accomack County, Virginia, in the 2nd Congressional District which I am honored to represent. On August 4, 2013, the Accomack County Department of Public Safety promoted Fire Medic II Nicholette P. Steffes, to the rank of Fire/EMS Captain, the first female Captain ever in the service of Accomack County. Nicholette joined the Department of Public Safety in 2007 as a recruit fire medic, another first for Accomack County, and after completing her fire training at the Eastern Shore Regional Fire Training Center, and earning her EMT basic certificate, Nicholette began her service as a Fire Medic. After several years of intensive training and course study, much of this on her own time, Nicholette completed her National and Virginia certification as a Paramedic in 2012.

Mr. Speaker, the Accomack Director of Public Safety, Mr. Jeff Terwilliger, should be commended for his leadership and dedication for providing Accomack County with a first class and effective Department of Public Safety. Nicholette is to be congratulated for her hard work, dedication, and achievements in the service to the residents of Accomack County. I am proud to represent the dedicated men and women of the Department of Public Safety, Accomack County Virginia, whose motto is "Together We Make a Difference."

HONORING MOUNT OLIVE
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an irreplaceably important architecture of worship in the town of Bolton, Mississippi. For 143 years, the Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church has served as a beacon of spiritual light for so many in the community.

The beginnings of Mount Olive were formed through a coordinated effort among a group of God-fearing, Christian individuals who regularly gathered to conduct Sunday worship service beneath a small bush harbor in the late 1800s. The group subsequently established the Forkey Hill Missionary Baptist Church, located at the intersection of Mount Olive Road and Joe Hall Road. In 1883, the congregation decided to move and build a new sanctuary; in doing so, the church was renamed to Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church.

In order to finance the construction of the new sanctuary, Brother John H. Jones and his wife, Earnestine Jones, allowed the church to use their home as collateral to have the new church built. Once financing was achieved, the church was built and continued to grow in number. One notable pastoral leader was Reverend Augustus Harper. Under his leadership, the church became debt-free by completing the terms and payments on the mortgage for the sanctuary in November 1971. The church also purchased 8 acres of prime farmland from Sister Alma Reuben and family, of which 2 of the acres were designated for the church cemetery and 3 acres were designated for the church parking lot. Through additional contributions made from Sister Reuben, the church was also able to construct the first lighted outdoor recreational facility for children of the community.

The construction and establishment of the Mount Olive community park encouraged other members of the congregation to spearhead the church's first athletic program, softball, and baseball teams. With so many positive advancements occurring within the congregation and the community, the Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church saw it necessary to construct a larger sanctuary to accommodate the growing membership. By September 2010, the membership performed a ribbon cutting ceremony, officially opening the new sanctuary.

In addition to acquiring a new sanctuary, the church was blessed with many other new amenities from members of the congregation, including a new refrigerator, a new stove, cabinets, dishes, a hot water tank, and a kitchen vent. Amongst all of the additions and changes came a revelation that Reverend Harper would honorably resign as pastor of Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church in 2002. The following year, Reverend Wayne C. Moore became pastor and established numerous new ministries and goals for the church.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church for being an inspiration for change, growth, and unwavering spiritual unity for its congregational members and local community.

RECOGNIZING MS. PATRICIA
PARKER

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, A virtuous woman of God accepted her calling to serve in the Educational System; and

Whereas, Ms. Patricia Parker began her educational career in teaching thirty-eight (38) years ago, and this year she retires from teaching at Dunaire Elementary School in Stone Mountain, Georgia, she has served the DeKalb County School District well and our community has been blessed through her service; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents as a Teacher, Educator and Motivator, giving the citizens of Georgia a person of great worth, a fearless leader, a devoted scholar and a servant to all who want to advance the lives of our youth; and

Whereas, Ms. Parker is formally retiring from her educational career today, she will continue to promote education because she is a cornerstone in our community that has enhanced the lives of thousands for the betterment of our District and Nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. Patricia Parker on her retirement from the DeKalb County School District and to wish her well in her new endeavors; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim May 21, 2013 as Ms. Patricia Parker Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 21st day of May, 2013.

HONORING WOODY HUNT

HON. BETO O'ROURKE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor distinguished El Pasoan Woody Hunt as the recipient of the Ysleta High School "2012-13 Outstanding-Ex Award," which recognizes exceptional school alumni. Mr. Hunt has earned this distinction through a lifetime of serving the El Paso community in his roles as a successful business leader, tireless education advocate, and generous community servant.

Mr. Hunt, a fourth generation El Pasoan, graduated from Ysleta High School in 1962 and earned his Bachelor's Degree in Finance from the University of Texas at Austin (1967). He received his MBA in Finance from UT Austin (1970) and later earned his MA in Management from the Drucker School of Management in Claremont, California (1986).

Mr. Hunt began his career by returning to El Paso to work for the family business, which he eventually grew into one of the nation's leading construction and development companies. As Chairman and CEO of Hunt Companies, Inc., Mr. Hunt manages more than \$13 billion in assets focused on the key areas of public-

private partnerships, community development, real asset investment management and multi-family housing. Mr. Hunt uses his business expertise as a board member of numerous business and leadership nonprofits in El Paso.

Beyond his notable business achievements, Mr. Hunt has been a particularly effective higher education advocate. He understands that access to college is essential to growing our middle class and ensuring that all Americans have an opportunity to succeed. Mr. Hunt is a board member of several national, statewide and local education organizations focused on college access, including Complete College America; the College for All Texans Foundation; and the Development Boards of the University of Texas at El Paso and the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso. He previously served as the Vice-Chairman of the University of Texas System Board of Regents. This work allows him to focus on closing achievement gaps and increasing opportunity for traditionally underrepresented students. He is one of the first people I call when issues of higher education are before Congress.

Mr. Hunt is also passionate about promoting quality and accessible healthcare. He is the founding Chairman and current board member of the Medical Centers of Americas Foundation in El Paso; a member of the Board of Visitors of the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston; and was the Chairman of the Paso del Norte Health Foundation.

Mr. Hunt serves as Chairman of the Hunt Family Foundation, which he and his wife Gayle established in 1987. The El Paso community continues to be enriched by Woody Hunt's legacy of leadership, integrity and generosity. I thank Mr. Hunt for his commitment to improving the quality of life for everyone in El Paso, and in particular for his tireless efforts to ensure young people in our community have access to excellent educational opportunities.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, September 10, 2013, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: on rollcall No. 452, "yea."

HONORING DR. LARRY RIDLEY

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, legendary jazz artist Dr. Larry Ridley will be honored this year by the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF) at the Jazz Issue Forum and Concert that will take place during the 43rd Annual Legislative Conference (ALC). Dr. Ridley, an internationally renowned bassist/composer/bandleader/educator, will also perform at the concert, which will take place on Thursday, September 19, 2013, at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, in Washington, D.C. Dr. Ridley will receive the 2013

CBCF ALC Jazz Legacy Award for his contributions to jazz and world culture.

Hugh Wyatt of the New York Daily News described Dr. Ridley as a “master bassist” and a “musician’s musician.” He has been one of the most in-demand bassists of the past six decades, performing with over 150 artists including Wes Montgomery, Carmen McRae, Freddie Hubbard, Thelonious Monk, David Baker, Dizzy Gillespie, Marvin Gaye, Tammi Terrell, and Alicia Keys. Ridley has also recorded over 50 sessions as a sideman. His recordings as a leader include *Other Voices* and *Live at Rutgers University* (with the Jazz Legacy Ensemble), and *Sum of the Parts*.

Dr. Ridley served as Chairman, Music Department, Livingston College of Rutgers University, 1972–1980; Professor of Music, Rutgers University, 1972–1999, and has served as Professor Emeritus at Rutgers, beginning in 1999. He has served as Artist-in-Residence at a number of colleges, universities and institutions including Southern University, College of the Virgin Islands, University of Natal-Durban and the Schomburg Center/New York Public Library, where he has been in residence since 1993.

Dr. Ridley’s numerous honors and awards include the Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation’s Living Legacy Jazz Award (1997), Howard University’s Benny Golson Award (2001) and the Don Redman Society’s Don Redman Heritage Award (2011). He has also been inducted into The International Association of Jazz Educators Hall of Fame (1998); Down Beat Magazine’s Jazz Education Hall of Fame (1999) and received the Rutgers University/Livingston College Legacy Award (2011).

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Larry Ridley is a living jazz treasure and I urge all members to join me in commending him for his magnificent contributions as an artist and educator.

HONORING ANDERSON UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Anderson United Methodist Church Jackson, Mississippi.

Anderson United Methodist Church began as a mission in 1914 under the leadership of local ministers from the Central and Pratt Methodist Episcopal Churches. One of the ministers, the late Rev. R. L. Pickens, then pastor of Central, helped organize the Cloverleaf Methodist Episcopal Mission. During the 1920s, the first group of members met at the home of William Harper on Woodrow Wilson Avenue where they worshiped until a specific location was secured.

By 1928, a temporary house of worship for the Mission had been obtained, an old abandoned store on Whitfield Mill Road, (now Martin Luther King Dr.). In 1936, a lot on Spring Street was purchased, and the first church building was constructed. It was named for the Rev. R. L. Anderson the first conference appointed minister. Rev. Anderson died in 1930. The Rev. I. R. Kersh, Sr., was the pastor at the time Anderson Chapel, as it was known then, was constructed. During the next fifty-

five years, the following ministers Pastored Anderson Chapel: Reverends J.C. Bell, Golden Price, S.L. Webb, W.J. Eubanks, N.W. Ross, R.D. Gerald, Whalon Blackmon, T.S. Davis, A.L. Holland, F.P. Leonard, C.P. Payne, H.C. Clay, Sr., and John L. Baker.

In September 1952, under the leadership of Rev. Blackmon, a new structure was built on Page Street and given the name Anderson Memorial. In 1968, under C.P. Payne, Anderson Memorial became Anderson United Methodist Church. In 1972, during the tenure of Rev. Clay, the white and black United Methodist conference merged into one conference. In 1985, Rev. Jeffrey A. Stallworth was appointed pastor at Anderson. It was under his leadership that the church moved to 485 West Northside Drive.

Because of the tremendous growth, Anderson relocated to 1–220 at Hanging Moss Road in November, 1994. At this time, membership was over 1,600. After being at this location for only two years, in December 1996 the membership at Anderson surpassed the 3,000 mark.

In June 2002, the Reverend Joe W. May became Pastor of Anderson United Methodist Church. As membership continue to rise, Anderson United Methodist Church works diligently to provide a friendly worship atmosphere.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Anderson United Methodist Church.

HONORING DR. BENNIE
PENNINGTON

HON. HENRY C. “HANK” JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, a tenacious man of God accepted his calling to serve in the Educational System; and

Whereas, Dr. Bennie Pennington began his educational career in teaching thirty (30) years ago and this year he retires from teaching at Dunaire Elementary School in Stone Mountain, Georgia, he has served the DeKalb County School District well and our community has been blessed through his service; and

Whereas, this remarkable man has shared his time and talents as a Teacher, Educator and Motivator, giving the citizens of Georgia a person of great worth, a fearless leader, a devoted scholar and a servant to all who want to advance the lives of our youth; and

Whereas, Dr. Pennington is formally retiring from his educational career today, he will continue to promote education because he is a cornerstone in our community that has enhanced the lives of thousands for the betterment of our District and Nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Dr. Bennie Pennington on his retirement from the DeKalb County School District and to wish him well in his new endeavors; now therefore, I, HENRY C. “HANK” JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim May 21, 2013 as Dr. Bennie Pennington Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 21st day of May, 2013.

CONGRATULATING THE BENSON
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR
THEIR STRAIGHT A REPORT
CARD

HON. RON BARBER

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. BARBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Benson Unified School District on the high honor of being named Arizona’s top performing school district.

The Benson School District serves 1200 students in the community of Benson as well as other areas across San Pedro Valley. Their mission is to provide a safe and welcoming learning community that prepares students to be competitive and productive citizens.

The success of Benson Schools comes after years of commitment to proven instructional practices and a strong academic curriculum for their students. This dedication has led to the accolades we celebrate today.

This distinguished recognition is testament to the hard work and dedication Superintendent David Woodall, the school board, and the dedicated staff and teachers of the district. I am proud to represent these outstanding schools in Congress.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHIEF
KENNETH BROOKER

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the illustrious career of Chief Kenneth Brooker of the Flower Mound Police Department as he retires after 40 years of committed service in law enforcement. Over his past 30 years with the Flower Mound Police Department, Chief Brooker has advanced from Patrol Officer to Chief of Police, a leadership position he has held since 1999.

During his tenure, as the Town of Flower Mound’s population has grown from 4,400 to over 62,000, Chief Brooker has capably overseen the expansion of the police force in accordance with the town’s needs. In addition to the growing from 13 employees on staff to its current 86 sworn officers and 82 civilians, the Flower Mound Police Department has achieved accreditation through the Commission on the Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, developed a SWAT team, Citizen’s Patrol, Chaplain Corps, School Crossing Guard Program and Junior Police Academy.

Under Chief Brooker’s direction, the Flower Mound Police Department has been honored nationally for well-designed police vehicles and was recognized as a Webber Seavey Award for Quality in Law Enforcement finalist by the International Association of Chiefs of Police. The Town of Flower Mound has been repeatedly recognized as one of the safest cities in Texas, a phenomenal and challenging feat.

Chief Brooker’s legacy of honorable service, diligence to duty and inspired leadership will continue to positively influence the Town of Flower Mound and the police department he has supervised over the past 14 years. It is

my privilege to commend Flower Mound Police Chief Kenneth Brooker and wish him well in his retirement and to represent the Town of Flower Mound in the U.S. House of Representatives.

HONORING PEARL STREET AFRICAN
METHODIST EPISCOPAL
CHURCH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Pearl Street African Methodist Episcopal Church in Jackson, Mississippi. In 1865, Reverend Thomas W. Stringer organized Pearl Street African Methodist Episcopal Church. The first church was known as Foley Chapel, and Reverend Stringer served as pastor until Reverend James Ellsworth was appointed as pastor. The church was located on the corner of Clifton and Pearl Streets. About seventeen pastors served the church in its initial edifice, including Reverend Hugh Miller Foley, the pastor for whom Foley Chapel was named.

In 1898, Reverend James E. Carter, who had served as president of Shorter College in Arkansas, came to Mississippi and was assigned in 1899 as pastor. Under Reverend Carter's leadership, the name of the church was changed to Pearl Street African Methodist Episcopal Church, and a new edifice was built in 1902. The newly built church was on the corner of Clifton and Pearl Streets. Foley Chapel remained on the property as Foley Hall.

In 1956, Bishop W. W. Wright appointed Reverend G. R. Haughton to Pearl Street A.M.E. Church as pastor. During his pastorate, the city requested the property at Clifton and Pearl Streets for opening a new street. Reverend Haughton immediately focused members' attention on building Greater Pearl Street African Methodist Episcopal Church in another location at 925 West Pearl Street. A home at 1051 Deer Park Street was purchased for the new parsonage. Members began use of the new church in April 1961, and it was dedicated on April 30, 1961. Successors to Reverend G. R. Haughton include the following: Reverend Dr. George A. Sewell (1965–1967) and Reverend William Portis (1967–1974).

In October 1974, Reverend Thomas Benjamin Brown, Jr. was appointed as pastor of Pearl Street. He served as pastor for eight years. In 1976, during Reverend Brown's leadership of the church, the trustees purchased additional property around the church at 925 West Pearl Street. Also, the church sold the parsonage on Deer Park Street and purchased a home at 219 Claiborne Street as the new parsonage. Four years later, Reverend Brown kicked off his campaign for Bishopric on May 24, 1980 in his native Greenwood, Mississippi. Two years following the kick-off campaign, Bishop Cummings determined that perhaps Reverend Brown stood a better chance of winning the Bishopric if he were to run for the Bishop serving as pastor of Union Bethel, New Pearl Street. So in November 1982, Bishop Frank Curtis sent Reverend Brown to New Orleans as pastor of Union Bethel, and he sent Union Bethel's pastor,

Reverend Lorenzo G. Clarke to Pearl Street. Reverend Clarke was pastor of Pearl Street from November 1982–October 1985.

At the General Conference 1984, Bishop Donald George Kenneth Ming was assigned to the Eighth Episcopal District Bishop Ming appointed Reverend Johnny Barbour, Jr. as pastor of Pearl Street A.M.E. Church in October 1985. Reverend Barbour, Pearl Street's longest serving pastor, remained as pastor for 15 years. In 1987, under Reverend Barbour's spiritual leadership, the church moved from 925 West Pearl Street into a church edifice at 2519 Robinson Street (valued at 3.5 million dollars). During this same year, 1987, Mrs. Ruth Roseman Dease, dedicated church historiographer from 1958–1987. Shirley Hopkins Davis was privileged and honored to have worked with Mrs. Dease in typing the history, which she so competently recorded on a weekly basis. Following Mrs. Dease's death, Reverend Barbour appointed Ms. L'Dina Robinson as church historiographer.

Ten years following the purchase of the edifice at 2519 Robinson Street (1997), Reverend Johnny Barbour, Jr. and the officers and members burned the mortgage. The presiding bishop then was the Rt. Reverend Richard Allen Chappelle, Sr. Since the church has been purchased under Rt. Reverend Donald G. K. Ming's bishopric, Reverend Barbour invited Bishop Ming back to preach at the Mortgage Burning. Bishop Chappelle conducted the Mortgage Burning ceremony. Reverend Barbour had announced his candidacy for Secretary-Treasurer of the A.M.E. Sunday School Union at the General Conference 1996. So, he was campaigning for the office during this time. He remained pastor of progressive Pearl Street for several months after he was elected to the office at the General Conference 2000, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

During the General Conference 2000, the 8th Episcopal District was assigned Bishop Cornal Garnett Henning, Sr. whose father, Reverend H. W. Henning, had served as pastor of Pearl Street from 1940–41. Bishop Henning asked Reverend Barbour to remain pastor of Pearl Street until Planning Meeting in December 2000, and Reverend Barbour remained as pastor while carrying on his new General Officer position of Secretary-Treasurer of the Sunday School Union.

On December 2, 2000 the Rt. Reverend C. Garnett Henning, Sr. appointed the Reverend Dr. Samuel Boyd, Sr. as pastor of Pearl Street African Methodist Episcopal Church. Reverend Boyd had served as pastor of Historic St. James A.M.E. Church, New Orleans, LA for ten years. He preached as pastor of Pearl Street on December 3, 2000.

Pearl Street has a rich history of growth and development as a church family and community supporter. After 136 years, the church remains a stronghold and a source of spiritual empowerment for its members and the community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Pearl Street African Methodist Episcopal Church.

RECOGNIZING MR. VAL ARCHER

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, a cool, calm, collected and very tenacious man, Mr. Val Archer was born April 13, 1929, raised in Chicago, Illinois and now resides in Conyers, Georgia; and

Whereas, during WWII at the tender age of 15, and even in the face of segregation and discrimination, out of a strong sense of patriotism and love of country, he answered the call to service in the U.S. military; and

Whereas, Mr. Archer served honorably in the U.S. Army Air Corps, the United States Air Force and as a member of the renowned Tuskegee Airmen, a unit with a strong sense of honor and duty who performed with great precision in combating the enemy in the European theater; and

Whereas, he saw active duty in Korea, Japan, Guam, the Marshall Islands and Europe where he was always proud of the performance of his fellow Tuskegee Airmen who proved beyond a doubt that they were there to excel; and

Whereas, he served with great distinction as the President of the Atlanta Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc and he is the recipient of The Congressional Gold Medal, the nation's highest civilian honor; and

Whereas, this model citizen continues sharing his time, talents and great wisdom with young people urging them to not drift or follow the crowd, to get an education, practice self-respect, integrity and responsibility to themselves, their family and their country; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mr. Val Archer for his outstanding leadership and service to the citizens in the 4th District, the state of Georgia and the nation; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim May 18, 2013 as Mr. Val Archer Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 18th day of May, 2013.

HONORING THE ROTARY CLUB OF
JOLIET

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Rotary Club of Joliet for selflessly working for 100 years to improve communities in Illinois. The organization's motto of "Service Above Self" inspires its members to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and promote good will in the world. The Joliet Rotary Club has over 130 members and is part of Rotary International. It was established in 1910 as the Study Club, and it became the first Rotary club in a city with less than 75,000 residents.

Joliet Rotarians learned the best practices of service, and went on to help establish new Rotary clubs in surrounding communities over the next decades. They participated in the

foundation of the Joliet Chamber of Commerce, the conservation of Higginbotham Woods, and collecting shoes and supplies for World War I soldiers. They have always been instrumental in providing financial assistance for groups and foundations in their call to community service.

The Guiding Principles of Rotary capture important and admirable values for our community. The principles state: "The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster: first, the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service; second, high ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society; third, the application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life; fourth, the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world of fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service."

Rotary International founder Paul P. Harris said it best, "Rotary brings men differing in social status, religious beliefs and nationality together in order that they may be more intelligible to each other and therefore more sympathetic and friendly." If we all follow this model, we will leave our community and our world a much better place.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Rotary Club of Joliet, not only for its longevity, but also for its dedication to service of our fellow man. I commend the club's continued dedication to making the world around us a better place for all.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, on August 2, 2013 I was not present to vote on the Motion to Recommit and Final Passage of H.R. 2009—the "Keep the IRS Off Your Health Care Act of 2013." I want to inform you that if present I would have voted: "aye" on the Motion to Recommit to H.R. 2009; and "nay" on Final Passage of H.R. 2009.

The legislation prohibits the Secretary of the Treasury, or any delegate of the Secretary, from implementing or enforcing any provisions of or amendments made by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act or the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010.

This bill marks the 40th time House Republicans have brought forth legislation seeking to repeal, obstruct and undermine the Affordable Care Act. It is time for Congress to focus on legislation that strengthens the middle-class, creates jobs and grows the economy.

IN HONOR OF RESCUE 5 AND THE
78 FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS OF 9/11

HON. MICHAEL G. GRIMM

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. GRIMM. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following.

Staten Island Strong "Go Together, Stay Together" in honor of Rescue 5 and the 78 fallen firefighters of 9/11 and their families.

F/F Faustino Apostle, Jr., Battalion 2, F/F Louis Arena, Ladder 5, A/C Gerald Barbera, C.W.C. F/F Arthur Barry, Ladder 15, F/F John P. Bergan, Rescue 5, F/F Paul Beyer, Engine 6, F/F Brian Bilcher, Squad 1, F/F Carl Bini, Rescue 5, F/F Greg Buck, Engine 201, F/F Salvatore Calabro, Ladder 101, F/F Michael Cammarata, Ladder 11, F/F Brian Cannizzaro, Ladder 101, F/F Peter Carroll, Squad 1, F/F John Chipura, Engine 219, F/F Michael Clarke, Ladder 2.

F/F Reuben Correa, Engine 74, F/F Robert Curatolo, Ladder 16, Lt. Edward Darti, Squad 1, F/F Michael D'Auria, Engine 40, F/F Scott Davidson, Ladder 118, F/F Edward Day, Ladder 11, F/F George Dipasquale, Ladder 2, Capt. Martin Egan, Jr., Division 1, F/F Francis Esposito, Engine 235, Lt. Michael Esposito, Squad 1, Capt. Joseph Farley, Division 1, F/F Michael Fiori, Rescue 5, F/F Andre Fletcher, Rescue 5, Lt. Michael Fodor, Ladder 21, F/F Gary Geidel, Rescue 5.

F/F James Giberson, Ladder 35, F/F Jeffrey Giordano, Ladder 3, F/F James Gray, Ladder 20, B/C Joseph Grzelak, Battalion 48, Lt. Joseph Gullickson, Ladder 101, F/F Sean Hanley, Ladder 20, F/F Thomas Hannifin, Ladder 5, Lt. Harvey Harrell, Rescue 5, F/F Jonathan Hohmann, HazMat, BC Charles Kasper, Special OPS CD., F/F David LaForge, Ladder 20, F/F Robert Lane, Engine 55, F/F Neal Leavy, Engine 217, F/F Daniel Libretti, Rescue 2, F/F Joseph Maffeo, Ladder 101.

Lt. Charles Margiotta, Rescue 5, Lt. Peter Martin, Rescue 2, F/F Joseph Mascalli, Rescue 5, F/F John McAvoy, Ladder 3, F/F Timothy McSweeney, Ladder 3, F/F Douglas Miller, Rescue 5, F/F Henry Miller, Jr., Ladder 105, Capt. Louis Modiferri, Rescue 5, F/F Christopher Mozzillo, Engine 55, F/F Joseph Ogren, Ladder 3, F/F Patrick O'Keefe, Rescue 1, F/F Jeffrey Olsen, Engine 10, F/F Eric Olsen, Ladder 15, F/F Jeffrey Palazzo, Rescue 5, F/F Paul Pisani, Engine 10.

Lt. Glenn Perry, Battalion 12, Lt. Philip Petti, Battalion 7, Lt. Michael Quilty, Ladder 11, F/F Louis Ragaglia, Engine 54, F/F Nicholas Rossomando, Rescue 5, F/F Thomas Sabella, Ladder 13, F/F John Santore, Ladder 5, F/F John Schardt, Engine 201, F/F Stephen Siller, Squad 1, F/F Jeffrey Stark, Engine 230.

STATEN ISLAND STRONG (By Albert Carey Caswell)

All in these,
Our darkest of all hours!
Will we so find the strength,
to somehow overcome,
the power?

To go so courageously forth,
to shine and not to cower!
While, all there but in the face death!
While, putting our own lives all at risk to
others bless!

To so show the world of faith's true power!
And become Angels,
all because of these our last and most finest
of all hours!

And how will our loved ones so find the
strength?

To so accept God's Will,
knowing what their loss has meant?
As all around them such heartache towers!
As their tears roll down their chins,
all throughout the coming years and hours!
And how will they so find the grace,
to wipe all those tears from their face?

And start again with hearts of courage full
so breaking then!

With the kind of pain that only heaven
heals, so ends!

As upon bended knee,
as all across this Nation we now so pray for
them!

As we so ask our Lord to help them find the
strength!

Because strength cannot so be measured in
girth and power!

Or muscle mass acquired,
while working out in a gym for hours!
But from rather what so comes from heart
within!

For the greatest of all strength so comes. . .
With the kind strength,
that lets one run up those steps into the face
of hell!

And let's their love ones hearts so mend,
as each new day in such heartache they so
dwell!

All in the shadow of America's Liberty. . .
All in this Empire State for all to see. . .
But lies such a magnificent community. . .

An island to its self which greaves,
as to all hearts now so speaks!
So speaks of faith and courage and dignity!
Of an Island made of Staten Steel which
breathes!

Of blue collar workers,
just trying to live That Great American
Dream!

Of such strength and courage,
a monument to all the world to be!
Of such heroic hearts which beat!
Who against all odds would succeed!

And would not waver,
as why up to heaven they so rose Godspeed!
All because of the greatest of all gifts they
gave!

Who with such Strength In Honor so be-
haved!

Who on 9/11 so taught you and me!
Just how truly great a heart can be!
Because, all in the moments of our lives. . .
When, who lives and who so dies. . .

When, it all so depends upon you, relies!
Will we so with our hearts of courage full,
rush in to shine bright like a jewel?
To over evil to so rule!

To make a difference with it all!
To save life,
while Standing Strong!
While, Standing Tall!

Leaving the Angels in such awe!
Would we be so willing to pay such a price?
With these,
our own most precious of all lives?

All with such selfless sacrifice!
Bringing tears to our Lord's eyes!
People, who in one another so believed!
You go! I go!

As all into that face of death together, WE!
'GO TOGETHER, STAY TOGETHER',
was but their most heroic creed!
And all of those most heroic families!

Who so lived with all of that worry. . .
As each new morning off to work they'd
leave!

Who so faced death, To So Rescue Me!
Such fine Men and Women of humanity!
Who Stood Staten Island Strong,
to be all that they could be!

Who all in that moment of truth,
so showed us how Angels are so conceived!
When, their fine hearts. . .
just like a song would speak!

Living by such a most selfless creed!
All but To Rescue Me!
Armed with such brave hearts which no
longer beat!

Who all out upon war wagons came rushing
these,

jumping up upon them to death to cheat!
 As it was one for all,
 and all for one!
 You go. . . I go!
 A band of brothers so willing to die and
 bleed!
 Who upon each other so relied,
 the need!
 For they were some of America's greatest
 ones!
 Whose families are our Nation's quiet heroes
 and heroines!
 As no new day is so promised to anyone!
 And on 9/11 as their day begun,
 just like all those others, had each one. . .
 For on this day of days they all stood Staten
 Island Strong!
 As each and everyone could so be counted on!
 Armed but with such Gotham Hearts,
 to which belonged!
 As why now up in Heaven they are Angels all
 among!
 To watch over us from dust to dawn!
 Rescue 5 and these Fire Fighters,
 up on a pedestal so belong!
 "GO TOGETHER, STAY TOGETHER"
 Just like a Psalm!
 As you rushed up while others rushed down!
 As you rushed in while others rushed out!
 While, the face of death you stared down!
 With each new most heroic step,
 closer to Heaven your soul was swept!
 As you gave all,
 That Last Full Measure,
 would accept!
 So many heroes from that Island died that
 day!
 Standing Staten Island Strong in every way,
 as all of their fine lives they gave!
 Heroes come all in such shapes and sizes!
 But it's what's within their hearts which so
 comprises!
 Who they are!
 That which so lives on bright like a star!
 And for all of those families,
 Husbands and Wives who now so weep!
 And for all of those children without Mom's
 and Dad's,
 whose pain now mounts so ever deep!
 And all of those Brothers and Sisters,
 who in your arms your best friends can't
 keep!
 Could we just as your loved ones such cour-
 age speak?
 To a place where only hearts of courage beat!
 And be Stand Staten Island Strong,
 as once had all of these!
 And as you lay your heads down to rest, to
 sleep!
 In Staten Island there comes a gentle rain,
 so very deep. . .
 As it's your loved ones tears,
 from up in Heaven to so ease. . .
 To so ease your pain as you weep. . .
 Until one fine day up Heaven you'll all so
 meet. . .
 And you won't have to cry no more!
 So hush little baby don't you cry,
 one day up in Heaven you will look into your
 parent's eyes!
 And you will hear them on the wind,
 and when you wake feel them again and
 again. . .
 And remember my child,
 on the day you were born,
 their greatest wish so formed. . .
 Was for you to have a happy life,
 to live on...
 So make your parents dreams come true,
 and somehow carry on. . .
 Goodness!
 Evil!
 Darkness!
 Light!
 Those brave hearts who evil must fight!
 Who bring their light!
 Were but all of those who fought that fight!

Who Stood Staten Island Strong with all
 their might!
 And in the shadow of America's Liberty. . .
 All in this The Empire State for all to
 see. . .
 But lies such a magnificent community. . .
 An island who out to all hearts now so
 speaks!
 That which stands even stronger this day in-
 deed!
 All because of them, these!
 Who so showed us all how to so live and die,
 and how to grieve!
 As they Stood Staten Island Strong,
 for their families and what they believed!
 For We Will Never Forget,
 Never.., all of these!
 And The Greatest Strength,
 all within a heart so beats!
 All in this most heroic community,
 which sits in the shadow of Liberty!
 Amen!

HONORING AALIYAH COLE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speak-
 er, I rise today to honor Ms. Aaliyah Cole, a
 dedicated student, who is making a difference
 in her community.

On a crisp winter day in December of 1994,
 Aaliyah Cole was born to Biven and Beatrice
 Cole. She grew quickly both physically and in-
 tellectually. At the age of two, she was able to
 read children's books on her own. In Sep-
 tember of 1999, her little brother, Biven Cole
 Jr., was born. They grew together as siblings
 and companions. As a young girl she began to
 set her sights high on accomplishing things
 bigger than herself. She was motivated, deter-
 mined, and driven to make a difference and
 dream big.

Throughout her years in school, Aaliyah has
 maintained exceptional academic records
 backed by outstanding leadership roles and
 giving dynamic service to her community. In
 the second grade, she wanted to be the Val-
 edictorian of her graduating class and she ac-
 complished that. She has held three state offi-
 cer positions—State President, State Sec-
 retary, and State Treasurer—in the Technology
 Student Association and she is also the cur-
 rent chairman of her high school yearbook
 committee. She received several leadership
 awards for her leadership abilities.

Aaliyah has served her community, since
 she was a little girl, whether it was recycling
 plastics and aluminums, hosting voter registra-
 tion drives, or visiting the community nursing
 home, she has always found urgency in mak-
 ing a difference in the world and in people's
 lives.

In March of 2011, Aaliyah launched her very
 own organization by the name of Team
 M.A.W.M.A.C. (Make a Wave, Make a
 Change), an organization designed to raise
 awareness about the many things that plague
 communities around the world. With this orga-
 nization, she held a Teens for Jeans drive
 which helped her school to collect 152 pairs of
 blue jeans to donate to homeless teens
 around the world. They also plan to cultivate
 her school flower beds on Earth Day this April,
 2013.

Upon completing high school, Aaliyah plans
 to further pursue her dream of making a dif-

ference by attending either the University of
 Southern Mississippi or Xavier University of
 Louisiana. There she will pursue a degree in
 Biochemistry/Pre-Medicine, to later attend
 medical school and become a licensed Pedi-
 atric Neurologist. She also plans to open her
 own private practice. During her career, she
 plans to help rebuild the Jefferson County
 community by renovating their schools and
 seek businesses to invest the area. She also
 dreams about creating a scholarship program
 that will give African American students in un-
 derprivileged communities like her hometown
 greater funds to assist students with paying for
 college.

Aaliyah likes to live by this motto: "When
 you have big dreams don't listen to what no-
 body says that is trying to turn you away.
 When you have big dreams, keep your eyes
 on the prize and don't fall by the wayside;
 reach for the sky."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me
 in recognizing a talented student, Ms. Aaliyah
 Cole, for her zeal in actively making a dif-
 ference in her community.

HONORING THE WAY, THE TRUTH
 AND THE LIFE CHRISTIAN CEN-
 TER, INC.

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I
 submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, today we celebrate leadership,
 service and a ministry that for the past thirty
 one years has enhanced our district, our state,
 our country and the world; and

Whereas, Apostle Ulysses Tuff and Pastor
 Deborah Tuff are today celebrating thirty one
 years as spiritual leaders and servants of God
 at the church of their founding, The Way, The
 Truth and The Life Christian Center; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious
 man of God, Apostle Ulysses Tuff and this
 phenomenal virtuous woman of God, Pastor
 Deborah Tuff are instruments of God who give
 hope to the hopeless, feed the needy and em-
 power our community by preaching the gospel,
 teaching the gospel and living the gospel;
 and

Whereas, the members of The Way, The
 Truth and The Life Christian Center continue
 to uplift and inspire others, through outreach
 ministries, The Giver of Life Mission School,
 The Giver of Life Christian Academy, The
 Giver of Life Institute of Ministerial Training,
 and The Giver of Life Ministerial Association;
 and

Whereas, The Way, The Truth and The Life
 Christian Center has produced many spiritual
 warriors, people of compassion, people of
 great courage, fearless leaders and servants
 to all, but most of all visionaries who have
 shared not only with their Church, but with our
 district, our nation and the world; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the
 Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this
 day to honor and recognize The Way, The
 Truth and The Life Christian Center, Inc., on
 their 31st Anniversary and for their distin-
 guished leadership and service to humanity;
 now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON,
 Jr. do hereby proclaim August 25, 2013 as

The Way, The Truth and The Life Christian Center, Inc., Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 25th day of August, 2013.

TRIBUTE TO SHERRY BARBARA SHAPIRO

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sherry Barbara Shapiro on her retirement following 40 years of extraordinary federal service.

Ms. Shapiro began her federal service in July, 1973 working for the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, which later became the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration (ARBA).

In 1975, she left ARBA to join the Congressional Research Service (CRS) of the Library of Congress as a government and law bibliographer. In this position, prior to the wide availability of commercial and academic electronic databases, Sherry indexed and abstracted thousands of articles to serve as authoritative resources for public policy makers conducting congressional business.

Working collaboratively with the Government Printing Office each year for many years, Sherry coordinated CRS's compilation of materials to support the annual high school and college debate manuals.

Sherry's primary work assignment was to respond directly to Member and committee research requests related to foreign affairs, regional studies, and national defense. Sherry at the same time served the information needs of the analysts and senior specialists in CRS's Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Trade Division. Her research supported the production of hundreds of CRS reports and CRS analyst testimony during her 40-year career.

During her tenure at CRS, she supported a number of congressional programs, among them democracy-building programs conducted by Members of Congress working on the Frost-Solomon Task Force, the House Democracy Assistance Commission, and later the House Democracy Partnership. Her knowledge of foreign affairs and regional studies made her the go-to person for information compiled for Congressional delegations to East Timor, Hungary, Mongolia, China, South Korea, and Indonesia. Sherry accompanied Commission members and staff on several congressional delegation trips to work with members of foreign legislatures. Her specialized knowledge and her genuine concern for the people of the countries she visited resulted in many lasting friendships, and the high regard in which Sherry was held by those she met provided enhanced opportunities for congressional delegations to learn a great deal from their experience of travel to these countries.

As Sherry supported and participated in congressional delegations, she also trained foreign parliamentary and government agency librarians and encouraged literacy in developing countries such as Mongolia and Kyrgyzstan. Whenever she traveled abroad, she expanded her efforts to reach students in fledgling democracies to share her knowledge

of what it means to be a librarian in a functioning democracy.

While at CRS, Sherry also spent considerable time reviewing electronic resources and developing innovative ways to increase access to these resources by staff serving the information needs of the Congress.

Another important aspect of Sherry's work at CRS was her work as a mentor to new librarians. Her knowledge of federal librarianship and the work of the legislative branch allowed her to develop a new generation of librarians.

Sherry's dedication to her work at CRS was based on responding to each person she encountered with kindness and respect, fairness, and a willingness to go the extra mile to make sure each one had the tools and skills to locate the information needed to help develop legislation, answer constituent requests, or examine the critical issues of the day.

Outside of her many duties and responsibilities at CRS, Sherry not only raised five children with her husband John, but was actively involved in community activities. Sherry works tirelessly in our community of Alexandria. The Girl Scouts, the elderly and memory-impaired, a soup kitchen, an animal rescue organization, and others, all have benefitted from her determination to make our community better.

During my own time at CRS, I knew and worked with Sherry, and I look forward to continuing to work with her on projects that will benefit our community.

I congratulate Sherry, her husband John, and their children, Matt, Daniel, Emily, Lauren and Nora on this momentous occasion.

I personally thank her for 40 years of service to the United States Congress.

TRIBUTE TO SGT. DEREK JOHNSON

HON. JASON CHAFFETZ

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated public servant and American hero who died tragically in the line of duty while protecting the city of Draper, Utah. In the early morning hours of September 1, 2013, 32-year-old police Sgt. Derek Johnson was ambushed while responding to a suspicious vehicle during the last few minutes of his graveyard shift. Never able to draw his own weapon or return fire, Sgt. Johnson died from multiple gunshot wounds shortly after the incident. We honor his lifelong commitment to the safety and security of his community.

Remembered as one of the hardest working officers in the Draper Police Department, Sgt. Johnson is a decorated officer who earned many awards for his efforts. Not only was he the 2012 Community Policing Officer of the Year, he also earned the Life Saving Award and Distinguished Service Award for his outstanding service. According to his family, he grew up wanting to be a police officer.

We honor the immeasurable personal sacrifice of Sgt. Johnson's family. He leaves behind his wife, Shante Sidwell Johnson and his six-year-old son Bensen Ray, who he called Little Buddy. His love for his family was obvious to all. We also recognize his mother, Laura, father, Randy, and four siblings: brothers Devin, Darin, and Dayson and his sister

Desirae. The Johnson family has endured a terrible tragedy and made an extraordinary sacrifice to keep the community safe. We are forever thankful.

The streets of the United States of America stay safe because of the honorable and dedicated service of officers like Sgt. Derek Johnson. His loss will be keenly felt by all who knew him.

Today, I ask all Members of Congress to join me as we honor the life and legacy of Sgt. Derek Johnson, as well as each man and woman who risks life and limb to secure our communities. I also ask that we recognize the sacrifice and burdens their families endure in support of this great country. We owe them all our eternal gratitude.

HONORING MOUNT ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable historical church, Mount Zion Missionary Baptist of Lambert, Mississippi and the great leadership it is under.

The New Mount Zion M. B. Church in Lambert, Mississippi was first organized in 1917 or 1918. It took on new life in 1923, when a small piece of land was purchased and a new church was built through donations made by members of the church. W. L. Morgan was the first pastor of the church.

Rev. Jossell was elected as pastor on Sunday, September 4, 1994. He preached his first sermon as pastor on September 18, 1994 and is still here. We are a full time Church on the move for Jesus.

After construction was completed, the first sermon in the new sanctuary was held on Sunday, December 3, 2006. The name of New Mt. Zion M. B. Church was officially changed back to Mount Zion M. B. Church on December 29, 2006. On April 30, 2008, the church parking lot was paved. In 2009, BTU (Baptist Training Union) and Evening Worship Service were instituted. In the spring of 2011, the recently constructed Family Life Center was used for a Red Cross Shelter to housed flood victims, and continues to be identified as a voluntary Red Cross shelter in the event of a natural disaster.

Mt. Zion M.B. Church outreach ministries is known for addressing the needs of the whole man through Parenting Classes, Healthy Marriage Seminars, Music Classes, Male Mentoring and Abstinence Education Programs. Mt. Zion also sponsors an annual Senior Citizen Christmas food bag giveaway that was expanded through efforts of the establishment of the Quitman County Community Revival. Currently plans are underway to collaborate with other churches in the Quitman County Community to host a "feed the hungry" drive where participants will receive free food for physical nourishment and spiritual food (the spoken word) to strengthen and empower the soul.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church for its dedication to serving our great country.

RECOGNIZING HILLCREST CHURCH OF CHRIST

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.
OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, since 1951, Hillcrest Church of Christ has been and continues to be a beacon of light in our district; and

Whereas, Bro. Richard L. Barclay, Senior Minister and the members of the Hillcrest Church of Christ family, today continue to uplift and inspire those in our district and beyond; and

Whereas, Hillcrest Church of Christ has been and continues to be a place where citizens are touched spiritually, mentally and physically through outreach ministries and community partnership to aid in building up the community; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious Church of Christ has given hope to the hopeless, fed the needy and empowered our community by preaching the gospel, witnessing for the gospel and teaching the gospel; and

Whereas, Hillcrest Church of Christ has produced many spiritual elders, people of compassion, people of great courage, fearless leaders and servants to all, but most of all visionaries who have shared not only with their Church, but with our district and the world as they spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Hillcrest Church of Christ family as they dedicate their new Church Sanctuary and for continued leadership and service to our District and the world; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim August 25, 2013 as Hillcrest Church of Christ Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 25th day of August, 2013.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.
OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr Speaker, I am making my financial net worth as of March 31,

2013, a matter of public record. I have filed similar statements for each of the thirty-four preceding years I have served in the Congress.

Assets:

Real Property:

Single family residence in City of Alexandria, Virginia, at assessed valuation. (Assessed at \$1,378,823). Ratio of assessed to market value: 100% (Unencumbered)	\$1,378,823.00
Condominium in Village of Menomonee Falls, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, at assessor's estimated market value. (Unencumbered)	\$134,700.00
Undivided 25/44ths interest in residence in Village of Chenequa, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, at 25/44ths of assessor's estimated market value of \$1,370,700.	\$778,806.82
Total Real Property	\$2,292,329.82

3/31/13 Disclosure

Common & preferred stock	# of shares	\$ per share	Value
Abbott Laboratories, Inc.	12200	35.32	430,904.00
AbbVie Inc.	12200	40.78	497,516.00
Alcatel-Lucent	135	1.33	179.55
Allstate Corporation	370	49.01	18,133.70
AT & T	7099.76991	36.69	260,490.56
JP Morgan Chase	4539	47.46	215,420.94
Benton County Mining Company	333	0.00	0.00
BP PLC	3604	42.35	152,629.40
Centerpoint Energy	300	23.96	7,188.00
Chenequa Country Club Realty Co.	1	0.00	0.00
Comcast	634	41.98	26,615.32
Darden Restaurants, Inc.	2160	51.68	111,628.80
Discover Financial Services	156	44.84	6,995.04
Dun & Bradstreet, Inc.	1250	83.65	104,562.50
E.I. DuPont de Nemours Corp.	1200	49.16	58,992.00
Eastman Chemical Co.	540	69.87	37,729.80
Eastman Kodak	1080	0.30	324.00
Exxon Mobil Corp.	9728	90.11	876,590.08
Frontier Comm.	504.616019	3.99	2,013.42
Gartner Inc.	651	54.41	35,420.91
General Electric Co.	15600	23.12	360,672.00
General Mills, Inc.	5760	49.31	284,025.60
NRG Energy (Formerly GenOn Energy)	28	26.49	741.72
Hospira	1220	32.83	40,052.60
Imation Corp.	99	3.82	378.18
Kellogg Corp.	3200	64.43	206,176.00
Merck & Co., Inc.	7303	44.20	322,792.60
3M Company	2000	106.31	212,620.00
Express Scripts (Formerly Medco Hlth)	6656	57.62	383,518.72
Monsanto Corporation	2852.315	105.63	301,290.03
Moody's	5000	53.32	266,600.00
Morgan Stanley	312	21.98	6,857.76
NCR Corp.	68	27.56	1,874.08
Newell Rubbermaid	1676	26.10	43,743.60
JP Morgan Cash	345.12	1.00	345.12
PG & E Corp.	175	44.53	7,792.75
Pfizer	30415	28.86	877,776.90
Century Link	95	35.13	3,337.35
Tenneco Inc.	182	39.31	7,154.42
Unisys, Inc.	16	22.75	364.00
US Bancorp	3081	33.93	104,538.33
Verizon	1880.97125	49.15	92,449.74
Vodafone Group PLC	323	28.40	9,173.20
Wisconsin Energy	2044	42.89	87,667.16
Total Common & Preferred Stocks & Bonds			\$6,465,275.88

3/31/13 DISCLOSURE

Life insurance policies	Face \$	Surrender \$
Northwestern Mutual	12,000.00	108,180.02
Northwestern Mutual	30,000.00	260,254.77
Massachusetts Mutual	10,000.00	15,571.32
Massachusetts Mutual	100,000.00	409,111.38
American General Life Ins.	175,000.00	42,652.72
Total Life Insurance Policies		\$835,770.21

3/31/13 DISCLOSURE

Bank & IRA accounts	Balance
JP Morgan Chase Bank, checking account	38,834.51
JP Morgan Chase Bank, savings account	64,532.38
BMO Harris Bank, checking account	7,686.64

3/31/13 DISCLOSURE—Continued

Bank & IRA accounts	Balance
Burke & Herbert Bank, Alexandria, VA, checking account	1,245.05
JP Morgan Chase, IRA accounts	158,071.11
Total Bank & IRA Accounts	\$270,369.69

3/31/13 DISCLOSURE

Miscellaneous	Value
2009 Ford Taurus	10,508.00
1994 Cadillac DeVille	1,675.00
1996 Buick Regal	1,641.00
Office furniture & equipment (estimated)	1,000.00
Furniture, clothing & personal property (estimated)	180,000.00

3/31/13 DISCLOSURE—Continued

Miscellaneous	Value
Stamp collection (estimated)	160,000.00
Deposits in Congressional Retirement Fund	222,803.80
Deposits in Federal Thrift Savings Plan	460,525.44
Traveler's checks	7,800.00
17 ft. Boston Whaler boat & 70 hp Johnson outboard motor (estimated)	5,000.00
20 ft. Pontoon boat & 40 hp Mercury outboard motor (estimated)	8,000.00
Total Miscellaneous	\$1,058,953.24
Total Assets	\$10,922,698.84

3/31/13 DISCLOSURE

Liabilities	
None	
Total Liabilities	\$0.00
Net Worth	\$10,922,698.84

3/31/13 DISCLOSURE

Statement of 2012 taxes paid	
Federal Income Tax	\$135,247.00
Wisconsin Income Tax	\$47,256.00
Menomonee Falls, WI Property Tax	\$2,463.00
Chenequa, WI Property Tax	\$19,975.00
Alexandria, VA Property Tax	\$13,618.00

I further declare that I am trustee of a trust established under the will of my late father, Frank James Sensenbrenner, Sr., for the benefit of my sister, Margaret A. Sensenbrenner, and of my two sons, F. James Sensenbrenner, III, and Robert Alan Sensenbrenner. I am further the direct beneficiary of five trusts, but have no control over the assets of either trust. My wife, Cheryl Warren Sensenbrenner, and I are trustees of separate trusts established for the benefit of each son.

Also, I am neither an officer nor a director of any corporation organized under the laws of the State of Wisconsin or of any other state or foreign country.

REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise in solemn remembrance of the events of twelve years ago today, of the people who lost their lives, the families that have carried on, and the brave men and women who risked everything to save others. The human loss was tremendous and we pause with to honor those personally affected.

This is also a time for our nation to remember the resilience and unity that we showed in the days following September 11, 2001. It is an opportunity to renew our commitment to serving this country that we love. In times of difficulty or disagreement, may this day always provide a reminder of the blessings that we share as Americans and the responsibilities that come with that.

Today we again resolve to honor the sacrifice of citizens who risk their lives to help those in harm's way. The courage of first responders who gave all for the protection of others demonstrated that September 11th would not be the downfall of our great nation but would be a defining moment. May we all, like them and so many others who labored on that day, always stand ready to assist our neighbors in need.

I wish to give thanks to the brave men and women who defend our freedom as members of the armed services, many of whom may have enlisted as a direct result of the events of September 11th. We are all forever indebted to you for your tireless and selfless efforts that ensure our security. Thank you.

My prayers continue to be with the families and friends of the loved ones lost on this day twelve years ago, with our great nation, and with those who serve it.

HONORING BOBBY WATSON

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, legendary jazz artist Bobby Watson will be honored this year by the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF) at the Jazz Issue Forum and Concert that will take place during the 43rd Annual Legislative Conference (ALC). Mr. Watson, an internationally renowned saxophonist/composer/arranger/bandleader/educator, will also perform at the concert, which will take place on Thursday, September 19, 2013, at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, in Washington, D.C. Mr. Watson will receive the 2013 CBCF ALC Jazz Legacy Award for his contributions to jazz and world culture.

Blessed with sizzling and sinewy sound that Jazz: The Rough Guide described as "a highly individual, extraordinarily fluid style imbued with powerful feeling," Watson was born in Lawrence, Kansas, and grew up in Kansas City, Kansas. He started playing piano at ten, the clarinet one year later, took up the saxophone in the eighth grade, played in various concert and R&B bands in high school. He graduated from the University of Miami in 1975, moved to New York City. Watson joined Art Blakey's Jazz Messengers, serving as his Musical Director from 1977 to 1981. He has recorded over one hundred recordings as a sideman and has worked with an impressive array of artists including Max Roach, Joe Williams, Dianne Reeves, Betty Carter and Lou Rawls. He was also a co-founder of the 29th Street Saxophone Quartet.

Watson formed the group, Horizon in 1980. Horizon's six recordings include No Question About It, Midwest Shuffle and Post-Motown Bop. Watson's nearly thirty CD's as a leader include Appointment in Milano, Round Trip, The Year of the Rabbit and his Kansas City opus, The Gates BBQ Suite. Watson's compositions, "In Case You Missed It," "Love Remains," and "E.T.A." are considered modern jazz standards. Prof. Watson taught at William Patterson University in the mid-eighties, and at the Manhattan School of Music from 1986 to 1999. He returned to Kansas City in 2000, where he was selected as the recipient of the first William D. and Mary Grant Missouri Distinguished Professorship in Jazz Studies, the first endowed chair at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory of Music, where he continues to serve as the Conservatory's Director of Jazz Studies. Watson received Howard University's Benny Golson Award earlier this year.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Watson is a living jazz treasure and I urge all members to join me in commending him for his magnificent contributions as an artist and educator.

HONORING THE NON-DENOMINATION HOUSE OF PRAYER

HON. BENNIE THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable Chris-

tian organization, The Non-Denomination House of Prayer.

The Non-Denomination House of Prayer was founded in 1948 by Pastor Charity Waffer in the historical city of Mound Bayou, Mississippi. Pastor Waffer was the first female pastor in the Mississippi Delta. As a pastoral pioneer she was instrumental in opening doors for women and youths through various church auxiliaries and functions. Her leadership guided many to various freedoms and liberties.

The current overseer is Dr. Earnestine Flowers which over sees other churches in Mississippi with the communities of Duncan, Batesville, Sardis, Oxford and in Chicago, Illinois. The Non-Denomination House of Prayer in the City of Mound Bayou current ministerial leaders are Pastor Willie Joe Flowers, Assistant Pastor Carl Henry, and Minister Martha Sanders. They have increased the church membership and have embarked on renovating and expanding their facilities in order to continue to be a blessing to its members, community, and surrounding communities by being able to be a place of refuge to those who are hungry physically and spiritually and by offering comprehensive programs to meet the needs of others.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Non-Denomination House of Prayer for their dedication in being a corner stone in the Mound Bayou Community.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM RAY "TANK" SIMS

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following U.S. Citizen of Distinction. Whereas, we are gathered to celebrate the life of Mr. William Roy "Tank" Sims, one of DeKalb County's favorite sons; and

Whereas, William Roy Sims, Jr., was born to William Roy Sims, Sr., and Pearlie McCray Sims, on March 10, 1951, he was educated in Birmingham, Alabama, graduated from Ullman High school and later graduated from Tuskegee Institute, in 1973 he was the first African American to work at the Macon County Commission in Alabama; and

Whereas, he was a man who believed and lived a life for God, country, community and family; and

Whereas, William Roy "Tank" Sims gave of himself, his time, his talent and his life with unwavering commitment to his family; and

Whereas, he was a son, a brother and a friend; he was a man who enjoyed life, savoring the moments with his family, his beloved fraternity Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and his church, Hillcrest Church of Christ in Decatur, Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia recognizes Mr. William Roy "Tank" Sims as a citizen of great worth and so noted distinction; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby attest to the 113th Congress that Mr. William Roy "Tank" Sims is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Honor" by declaring Mr. William Roy "Tank" Sims U.S. Citizen of Distinction in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia

Proclaimed, this 27th day of May, 2013.

IN COMMEMORATION OF 9/11

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, a dozen years after the tragic events of September 11, 2001, the scars from the heinous attack on our country remain. We continue to mourn the loss of the lives of nearly 3,000 innocent men, women and children, including more than 50 men and women from my own district, the 4th District of New Jersey.

The scars remain, obviously, in the painful void in the lives of the families who have sought in vain to make sense of their tragic loss. And the scars remain embedded in the fabric of our society, which has had to learn to cope with the reality of a world where indiscriminate, vicious attacks on human life are a constant threat.

While recognizing the extraordinary efforts and courage of America's first responders—the firefighters, police officers, and other emergency response personnel, the heroes—it was also apparent from the terrorist attacks that our Nation had much to learn. We had to craft policies to better protect our people.

While progress has been made—we are safer, but still not safe—some lessons have still not been effectively learned by some in our government. One year ago today, unfortunately—on the very anniversary of the original 9/11 tragedy—we lost four Americans in a sustained attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya, including the U.S. ambassador to that country.

I was one of those, among so many others, who advocated early and consistently for a commission to chronicle the facts, missteps, and opportunities lost leading up to the original 9/11 tragedy and to develop a well-informed, thoughtful strategy to reduce the risk of an attack. The 9/11 Commission—that was chaired so ably by Governor Tom Kean, the former Governor of New Jersey, and former chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Lee Hamilton—issued an historic, incisive report, a comprehensive report which, together with subsequent legislation, was thoroughly examined by House and Senate committees.

Virtually all of the recommendations were enacted into law. The whole thrust, post 9/11, has been to mitigate and, God willing, prevent such a tragedy from ever occurring again on our homeland. We have largely succeeded as several terrorist bomb plots have been prevented, except for the dreadful bombing at this year's Boston Marathon on April 15. Still, the perpetrators of that attack have been captured—one is now deceased fatally wounded in a shoot out with police and the other arrested and facing trial for his part in the bombing.

I wish I could say the Benghazi murderers of the four Americans have met swift justice, but one year later, no one has been arrested, there are no credible leads on the perpetrators, and those deemed by the subsequent Accountability Review Board (ARB) report to be at fault received months of paid leave and are now back at work at the State Department. Then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton claimed to be responsible, but even though she was directly involved in decisions made

during the hours of attacks on the Americans in Benghazi, the ARB didn't even question her and never explained why. A year later, we still don't know who gave the order to our military to stand down from rescue operations while there presumably was still time to save the four Americans who died. Despite House and Senate hearings on the matter, a shroud of silence has descended to withhold the answers to the mysteries still surrounding the events of one year ago today.

Our enemies are constantly searching for our vulnerabilities, and our ability to remain ahead of them is critical to our very survival. However, when Americans lose their lives and no one is culpable for their deaths, our safety in the homeland or abroad cannot be assured. Our enemies must know that justice will surely find them, and our officials must be certain that unjustifiable errors in judgment are not without cost.

This is a very solemn day for America. There are now two tragedies associated with this day, and the most recent one remains painfully unresolved.

HONORING NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor New Hope Baptist Church Jackson, Mississippi.

On April 13, 1913 Reverend Cassie organized New Hope Baptist Church along with seven members in the home of Mrs. Ida Taylor of Whitfield Mills Road, Jackson, Mississippi. Reverend Spencer Taylor succeeded Pastor Cassie in 1914 and served the growing congregation as pastor for ten years. The church relocated to the corner of Holmes and Spring Streets when Reverend Nick Bradley was called to pastor. During Reverend Bradley's administration, the church moved to Whitfield Mills Road.

Following Reverend Bradley's death in 1924, his son, Reverend E. M. H. Bradley, was called to pastor and served until his death in 1944.

Reverend G.C. Hunte became the fifth pastor of New Hope Church in 1944. Under his leadership, the church began its first financial drive with a goal of securing funds to build a new facility. Construction began in 1950 on Whitfield Mills Road. On May 1, 1955, construction was completed and the congregation moved to its new facility at 2355 Whitfield Mills Road. Reverend Hunte faithfully served the congregation until his death in 1973. In addition to spiritual leadership, Reverend Hunte was a good steward who, upon his death, left the church debt free.

Reverend E.C. Burns became pastor in November 1973, and served until June 1979. During his administration, the membership nearly doubled to 750; additional property was purchased; a church constitution was written; and a new order of service was implemented.

On February 1, 1980, Reverend Jerry Young began his administration as the seventh pastor of New Hope Baptist Church. Reverend Young, a dynamic and expository

preacher, lead the church in tremendous growth and opportunity for ministry and outreach. Realizing such tremendous growth, with vision and foresight, Reverend Young led the church in purchasing a new facility at 5202 Watkins Drive. The first worship service in the new facility was held in March 1981. The Deacon's Family plan, "The Shepherd's Plan," became operational.

In July 1982, the New Hope Kindergarten and Day Care Center was established with an ultimate vision of developing a Christian School. New Hope Kindergarten and Day Care Center began serving children ages 3 through 5. "A Going Church to Meet the Coming Christ," a phrase coined by Reverend Young, became the motto of the church and was indicative of the thrust of the total ministry. Membership at New Hope reached 1000 in 1983.

The first Pictorial Directory was published in 1984, and by 1985, the church celebrated the liquidation of the indebtedness of the facility during three days of praise, worship, and thanksgiving. The church held its first annual Yuletide Fellowship and began its annual Reformation Celebration. Twenty-one acres of land were purchased north of the facility in 1986. During that year, the church records were computerized. New ministries were developed in 1989 that included: Equipping, Prison, Hospital, Outreach, Youth Christian Education, and Membership. In 1989, the Kindergarten and Day Care Center became New Hope Christian School which served children ages 6 months through first grade.

Pastor Young lead the congregation in the development of a vision and mission statement for the church, "Our vision is to touch our community with the transforming power of the gospel of Jesus Christ in order that a Christian world and life view may permeate our communities." This vision guided the work of the ministry. In 1990, two ordination services were held; eleven deacons and one minister were ordained. The Laymen's Ministry was reorganized and an Administrative Staff was added. In 1991, the Discipleship Ministry was enhanced and a Money Management class was implemented. Plans for the Family Life Center were completed in 1992. Small Group Study for adults and a Children's Ministry were established in 1993.

A groundbreaking ceremony for the new Family Life Center was held in 1994. The church hired its first Youth Director and the first graduation from the elementary school that had grown to serve students through 6th grade was held in May 1994. In 1997, the Family Life Center was completed and dedicated; the elementary division of New Hope Christian School moved into the Family Life Center; the Christian Education Director became a full time staff person; and the Comforting Ministry was established. Three young men were called to the ministry and one was ordained.

In 1990, Reverend Young directed the Future Development Design Committee of the ministry to add to the present ground and facilities a plan for the inclusion of a West campus which would have a worship facility, softball/soccer fields, tennis courts, picnic area, a half mile jogging track and additional parking.

The year 2000 brought inspiration and opportunity. Ten new deacons were trained and ordained into the ministry. The first scholarship fund for high school and college graduates was established and \$5000 in scholarship

money was issued to deserving students within the ministry. Reverend Young and his family celebrated their 20th year pastoral service to the New Hope Congregation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing New Hope Baptist Church.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the *Extensions of Remarks* section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, September 12, 2013 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 16

Time to be announced

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress.

S-216

SEPTEMBER 17

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of Ronald J. Binz, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Elizabeth M. Robinson, of Washington, to be Under Secretary of Energy, and Michael L. Connor, of New Mexico, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

SD-366

10 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary
Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights

To hold hearings to examine stand your ground laws, focusing on civil rights and public safety implications of the expanded use of deadly force.

SD-226

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) efforts to combat human trafficking, focusing on the role and mandate of the Special Represent-

ative and Coordinator for Trafficking in Human Beings and efforts to combat modern day slavery in the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe region.

SD-106

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress, S. 120, to expand the number of scholarships available to Pakistani women under the Merit and Needs-Based Scholarship Program, and the nominations of Kenneth R. Weinstein, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, and Evan Ryan, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs.

S-116

2:30 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

SEPTEMBER 18

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Stevan Eaton Bunnell, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel, and Suzanne Eleanor Spaulding, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for National Protection and Programs, both of the Department of Homeland Security.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine implementing Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century's (MAP-21) provisions to accelerate project delivery.

SD-406

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 1086, to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress, the nominations of Richard F. Griffin, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, Chai Rachel Feldblum, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and Scott S. Dahl, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Labor, and any pending nominations.

SD-430

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine reevaluating the effectiveness of Federal mandatory minimum sentences.

SD-226

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine closing the wealth gap, focusing on empowering

minority owned businesses to reach their full potential for growth and job creation.

SR-428A

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development

To hold hearings to examine recovering from Superstorm Sandy, focusing on assessing the progress, continuing needs, and rebuilding strategy.

SD-538

2 p.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine older Americans, focusing on the changing face of HIV/AIDS in America.

SD-562

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Subcommittee on Economic Policy

To hold hearings to examine implementation of the "Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Act of 2012", focusing on one year after enactment.

SD-538

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress.

SR-253

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the economic costs of debt-ceiling brinkmanship.

SH-216

SEPTEMBER 19

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Deborah Lee James, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Air Force, Jessica Garfola Wright, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, and Marcel J. Lettre II, of Maryland, to be Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Intelligence, all of the Department of Defense, Frank G. Klotz, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Security, and Kevin A. Ohlson, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

SD-G50

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine wildlife management authority within the State of Alaska under the Alaska National Interest Lands Act and the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

SD-366

2:30 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219