

for wounded veterans in the Hampton Roads area of Virginia; Institute for Veterans Education and Training (IVET), which offers week-long training programs for veterans and their spouses; over \$50,000 to complete the construction of transitional housing for formerly homeless veterans living in Washington, D.C.; Final Salute, Inc., to provide safe and suitable transitional housing for homeless female veterans; Boulder Crest Retreat in Bluemont, VA, a new retreat for veterans seeking physical, mental and spiritual recovery from the wounds of war; Dog Tag Bakery, a not-for-profit venture dedicated to helping wounded veterans re-assimilate to civilian life by providing on-the-job bakery training and a tailor-made curriculum at the School of Continuing Studies at Georgetown University; etc.

In addition, this year, The Coalition was nominated for the Virginia First Lady's Opportunity Hall of Fame Awards, which recognizes leading Virginia nonprofits.

In April 2013, WTOP radio (CBS affiliate in Washington, D.C.) commended The Coalition by calling it a key resource responding to the problem of the growing back-log of U.S. Veterans Administration disability claims (which can take on average up to one year before veterans receive their disability payments).

Virginia has a proud tradition of military service to our nation, and is the grateful home of millions of veterans and their families. I am especially proud of the work of the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes and the work it is doing to fill a terrible void in our society. I commend The Coalition to Salute America's Heroes, which honors and remembers our heroes by helping them transition into civilian life so they may prosper.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF
PHILLIP G. COOP, FOUNDER OF
ENSAFE INCORPORATED

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 5, 2013

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of long-time Memphian Phillip Coop, founder of EnSafe Inc. and a pioneer in the field of environmental remediation. Phillip Coop founded EnSafe Inc. in 1980, and began with only two people on board. Since then, EnSafe has expanded to employ over three hundred people, earned Memphis Business Journal's Small Business of the Year distinction and received many other distinguished awards. The success of EnSafe is a testament to Mr. Coop's entrepreneurial spirit and incredible ingenuity.

More than thirty years later, Mr. Coop is still leading efforts in environmental sustainability by combining business, science and policy to ensure continued improvement in how we conserve energy, establish meaningful and practical regulations, and accurately evaluate our environmental performance. Mr. Coop also serves on the Board of Advisors for both the Herff College of Engineering at the University

of Memphis and the Engineering Department at Christian Brothers University. In addition, he received the inaugural Distinguished Leadership Award from the Environmental Financial Consulting Group in New York, and was honored with induction into the Society of Entrepreneurs in 2010.

Phillip Coop's achievements in environmental preservation and dedication to enriching programs in education have done great things for the city of Memphis and for people across the United States. His work serves as an example of how we all can contribute to making our community a better place to live. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Phillip Coop on his achievements.

RECOGNIZING IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION SCHOOL

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 5, 2013

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Immaculate Conception School of Annandale, New Jersey for being named a Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education.

The Department of Education acknowledges schools where students attain and maintain high academic goals. Immaculate Conception School is a proud example of academic excellence where students have high levels of performance, stellar student achievement and where educators facilitate a strong learning environment.

I congratulate the students, faculty and community on this high honor. This is a prestigious award to receive and Immaculate Conception School is a proud example of academic excellence and worthy of this national distinction.

HONORING WATERLOO
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 5, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Waterloo Missionary Baptist Church.

According to deeds found in the Jefferson County Office of the Chancery Clerk, Waterloo Missionary Baptist Church (1870) is one of the oldest recorded established Black churches in the county. According to oral records, Waterloo Missionary Baptist Church was established prior to the Civil War (Histories written by members of church).

The Waterloo Colored Baptist Church, as it was filed in the Jefferson County Courthouse, was organized in 1870 and recorded in January 1871. On November 25, 1871, an agreement was made between Mr. B. J. Watkins and his wife, Mrs. Anna Jane Watkins, the pastor and several deacons of the church to

purchase two acres of land at a cost of one hundred dollars. The pastor and deacons who secured the land were: Rev. J. D. Weston, Deacons, Mason Boones, Joshua Weston, and Thomas Chambers. Waterloo Colored Baptist Church was said to have been founded as a place of worship for the slaves of the Waterloo Plantation, which was located in Jefferson County.

On April 18, 1924, Deacons A. H. Tooley, H.C. Jones, and A.B. Murphy paid the sum of twenty dollars to purchase an additional one half acre of land from Mr. and Mrs. Henry Watson. To date, there have been four church structures erected on this land. The church also doubled as a school to teach the children in the surrounding communities.

The first church was destroyed by fire on December 20, 1929 because of the carelessness of the school children. In 1930, the deacons and men of the church erected a small building that served as a school, and was also used for church services. When revival was held in August of that same year, the deacons and members built a 'brush shed' in front of the school and used the school's porch for the pulpit.

By the end of 1930, a new church structure was built by Brother Dangerfield from Harriston, Mississippi which was also destroyed by fire on February 3, 1931. The third structure was built in 1937 under the supervision of Brother Joshua A. Weston, Sr. and Waterloo held their monthly services at Morning Star Baptist Church.

The first church cornerstone was laid on April 30, 1961 under the leadership of Pastor James N. Dorsey, who was installed as the pastor on January 16, 1956 and served the congregation until January 21, 1979. From 1956 to 1959, Rev. Joe Thomas served as interim pastor while Rev. Dorsey served in the military. In 1980, renovations were made on this structure under the leadership and guidance of Pastor Floyd Rice, who was installed as pastor on May 12, 1979 and served until September 12, 1984.

The third structure stood until 1996 when the present structure was built under the leadership of Pastor Leon Howard who was installed on November 15, 1985 and he is currently pastor. Dedicatory services were held for the new church on October 14-18, 1996 and Sunday, October 20, 1996. Major renovations were completed on this building in 2008 with Re-dedicatory Services being held on September 16-17, and Sunday, September 21, 2008.

Pastor Howard's leadership has increased membership, financial conditions and in organizing First Sunday Worship Service and the Youth Department was organized with Rev. Curtis Smith, the youth minister. In January 2000, first Sunday Worship Service was changed to Fourth Sunday Worship Service starting at 8:30 a.m. In September 2008, Reverend Arthur Williams was installed as assistant pastor.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Waterloo Missionary Baptist Church for its outstanding service to the community.