

Henderson. In 1919, Dr. A. A. Galvin became Pastor and many ministries and facets of parochial life at First Church that still exist were founded during his tenure, including the Benevolent Fund and the Men's Star Bible Class. Under the next pastor, Dr. John F. Williams, the church formed both a Gospel Choir and a Deaf and Blind Ministry.

In 1961, Dr. Fred J. Boddie, Jr. succeeded Dr. Williams and began his 39-year tenure, the longest of any pastor in the church's history. It was under Dr. Boddie that the church moved to its current location on Wickham Avenue and changed its name from First Baptist Church to First Church of Newport News (Baptist) to reflect its historic roots. Dr. Boddie led First Church into the 21st century, retiring in 2001. Under his leadership, the church truly lived up to its motto becoming, "the friendly church on the corner where everybody is somebody and Christ is all".

In 2005, Dr. Reginald Dawkins was called to be pastor. In 2011, Rodney Johnson was installed as the twelfth leader of First Church and the church continues to grow in its outreach to the community under his stewardship. This dedication to service is reflected in the theme for First Church's Sesquicentennial, "Renewing Minds and Transforming Lives with a Legacy of Hope and Charity".

As First Church gathers to celebrate this historic milestone, the church can truly remember its past, celebrate its present, and focus on its future. I would like to congratulate all of the members of First Church of Newport News (Baptist) on the occasion of its 150th Anniversary, and I wish them many more years of dedicated service to the community.

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HONORING REAGAN MYERS

**HON. JASON T. SMITH**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 13, 2014*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Reagan Myers from Poplar Bluff, Missouri for his years of service with the Salvation Army. Reagan Myers is being honored as the 2014 Mariana Islands Young Citizen of the Year. This award is not easily attained, and can only be achieved by demonstrating a selfless passion for serving and a giving heart. Reagan and his family are serving as missionaries under the auspices of General Baptist International Missions. At only 16 years old, Reagan has demonstrated his commitment to serving those in need in Saipan.

Over the past year he has donated many of his own items to the Salvation Army, he has volunteered his time to help in the soup kitchen, and ring the bell at the red kettle location. Reagan has led efforts to provide relief to families who suffered from Typhoon Vongfong. With support from his church, he provides baskets to families in need filled with food, toys, and Bibles.

Reagan Myers is a role model for young and old alike, and it is my pleasure to recognize his achievements before the House of Representatives.

RECOGNIZING THE HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS OF AMERICAN PHYSICIANS ON BEHALF OF CITIZENS OF UKRAINE

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 13, 2014*

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, almost one year ago, students peacefully protesting the previous Ukrainian regime's decision to not join the European Union were attacked by their own government in Kyiv's Independence Square (Maidan). Following these protests, pro-Russian aggression in eastern Ukraine has left over 3,000 people dead and thousands more injured. Ukraine's medical staff and facilities were inundated with wounded protesters soldiers and citizens. Without hesitation, a tremendous group of American physicians offered their talents and expertise to treat the wounded Ukrainians who fought for freedom, human dignity, democracy and peace in Ukraine.

These medical professionals and their institutions have provided the seriously wounded with advanced life-saving treatments. Though their injuries were grievous, as a result of the medical care provided by our amazing physicians, they have been given a second chance.

We extend our sincere thanks to: Ahmet Aksakal, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, OH; Dr. Brandon Ayres, Wills Eye Hospital, Philadelphia, PA; Dr. Jurij Bilyk, Wills Eye Hospital; Dr. Akram Boutros, MetroHealth Medical Center, Cleveland, OH; Dr. Christopher Brandt, Chair, Department of Surgery, MetroHealth Medical Center; Dr. William Cappaert, MetroHealth Medical Center; Dr. Myung Chang, Cleveland Clinic Foundation; Tammy Coffee, RN, CNP, MetroHealth Medical Center; Dr. Alfred Connors, Jr., MetroHealth Medical Center; Dr. Delos Cosgrove, Cleveland Clinic Foundation; Dr. Sasha Davisson, Cleveland Clinic Foundation; Dr. James Eakins, Hahnemann University Hospital, Philadelphia, PA; Dr. Joanna M. Fisher, Holy Redeemer Health Care System, Huntington Valley, PA; Dr. Michael Fritz, Cleveland Clinic Foundation; Dr. Thomas J. Gillon, Holy Redeemer Health Care System; Dr. Katie Hallahan, MetroHealth Medical Center; Dr. Julia Haller, Wills Eye Hospital; Dr. Michael P. Horan, Cleveland Clinic Foundation; Dr. Shu Que Huang, MetroHealth Medical Center; Dr. Roderick Jordan, MetroHealth Medical Center; Dr. Michael J. Joyce, Cleveland Clinic Foundation; Dr. Peter J. Kaiser, Cleveland Clinic Foundation; Dr. Anjay Khandewal, MetroHealth Medical Center; Dr. Peter Kozicky, Lehigh Valley Health Network, Allentown, PA; Dr. Alexandra Kushnir, Bridgeport Hospital, Bridgeport, CT; Orysia Levyska, Cleveland Clinic Foundation; Dr. Lisa D. Lystad, Cleveland Clinic Foundation; Dr. Mark Eric Manstein, Holy Redeemer Health Care System; Dr. Melvin Mejia, MetroHealth Medical Center; Dr. Yoshi Modi, MetroHealth Medical Center; Dr. Nicole Moskal, Cleveland Clinic Foundation; Olha Onyshko, coordinator of efforts between Ukrainian physicians and Ukrainian Federation of America; Dr. Francis A. Papay, Cleveland Clinic Foundation; Dr. Holly Perzy, MetroHealth Medical Center; Dr. Pamela Ritchey, Cleveland Clinic Foundation; Dr. Alisa Savetamal, Bridgeport Hospital Burn

Center; Dr. Eon K. Shin, The Philadelphia Hand Center, P.C. & St. Mary's Medical Center, Langhorne, PA; Jackie Spence, MSN, RN, Cleveland Clinic Foundation; Dr. Maria Strus, Cleveland Clinic Foundation & MetroHealth Medical Center; Dr. Carroll Weinberg, Lankenau Hospital, Wynnewood, PA; and Dr. Thomas Whalen, Lehigh Valley Health Network.

Mr. Speaker, in light of the heroic humanitarian efforts of these outstanding physicians, volunteers, medical professionals and their associated institutions, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing their extraordinary service.

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HONORING SHERIFF OLIVER PARKER, JR.

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 13, 2014*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary community leader, Sheriff Oliver Parker, Jr.

Sheriff Oliver Parker, Jr.'s life began in Duncan, MS. Sheriff Parker's mother, Mrs. Eddie Mae Parker, relocated to Hinchcliff, MS when he was ten years old. Sheriff Parker has resided in Quitman County for over 50 years. He is a graduate of Quitman County High School, Northwest Junior College, and the Mississippi Law Enforcement Training Academy. Parker completed the Mississippi Fire Investigation Training Academy as a requirement to become an Arson Investigator. He has one daughter, Fatina Parker Elliott; one granddaughter, Ashley-Faith Elliott; and one goddaughter, Detra Foster-Webb.

Sheriff Parker has never been a stranger to hard work. He worked assiduously as a teenager to help his single-mother provide for his siblings. He has always had a desire to help others. He knew at an early age that he wanted to make a difference in the lives of the citizens of Quitman County. He pursued his dreams of helping the citizens of Quitman County by beginning a career in law enforcement. He served in the capacity of Deputy Sheriff for the Quitman County Sheriffs Department for 23 years. In 1999 he pursued his life-long dream of becoming the Sheriff of Quitman County. He was elected the first African-American Sheriff of Quitman County in November of 1999 and took the Oath of Office on December 9, 1999. He began his responsibilities as Sheriff of Quitman County on January 1, 2000. He has humbly served as Sheriff of Quitman County for 14 years.

Since the beginning of his career as Sheriff of Quitman County, Sheriff Parker has instituted change in a variety of ways and made major contributions to the Quitman County Sheriffs Department. Jailed youth are offered a variety of programs designed to help them avoid returning to jail, as well as GED tutoring and testing. The elderly are assisted via the TRIAD Program. Sheriff Parker also initiated the employment of a full-time School Resource Officer at Madison Shannon Palmer High School. Under Sheriff Parker's leadership, a full-time detective and additional deputies and dispatchers were hired to assist with protecting and serving the citizens of Quitman County. Sheriff Parker's leadership has proven