

It soon became evident from the growth of the congregation that a church would have to be built. Thus, in 1976, fourteen acres of property were purchased in San Jose, California to house what is now the Cathedral of Faith. It would be a sanctuary that would seat nearly 3,000 people and was conceived in Pastor Foreman's spirit. Eventually, the grand opening of the Cathedral of Faith was celebrated on March 15, 1981. On January 1, 1982, the Cathedral of Faith became the home of The Religious Channel: 24 hours of Christian programming on Gill Cable, the largest cable company in the nation at that time.

The Church has never stopped growing. Even after all these years, Outreach Magazine has named Cathedral of Faith as one of the fastest growing and largest churches in America.

Pastor Foreman and Cathedral of Faith have had an amazing record of community involvement. The work of the church has exploded into over seventy active ministries, including, among many other community outreach programs, "Reaching Out," a food assistance program that operates from a 16,000 foot distribution complex serving 50,000 families annually and providing food for over 200,000 people. The California Department of Agriculture has recognized Reaching Out as one of the most efficient food programs in the state.

The church has also created a program called "California Youth Outreach" in order to meet the needs of young men and women that had fallen prey to gangs and drugs; it also serves on the Mayor's gang task force. I recall fondly working with Kenny in the early 1980s as their successful efforts were underway to grow these important services. The Cathedral of Faith also provides child care, early childhood education services, a family life center, a sponsorship program for children in Mozambique, an addiction recovery program, and even a university preparatory academy to prepare a diverse population of 7th–12th grade students in the central San Jose areas and surrounding neighborhoods to enter and excel in the best colleges and universities in the nation.

Kenny has never forgotten his own humble roots, and his life has been filled with joyful, generous, forgiving, and loving service. It is an honor to call Pastor Kenny Foreman a friend, and it is my privilege to honor him and his wife, Shirley, as significant persons in the 19th Congressional District. I would like to take the occasion of Pastor Foreman's 85th birthday and the 50th anniversary of Cathedral of Faith to thank him and his family for their many gifts and contributions to the community of San Jose, and I wish him many more healthy, happy and blessed years.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE U.S. HOUSE STAFFER, ALYSON ROSE SINGFIELD

JANUARY 24, 1958–APRIL 7, 2015

BELOVED MOTHER, STEPMOTHER, DAUGHTER, GRANDMOTHER, SISTER, AUNT, COUSIN, FRIEND, DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVANT

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable woman, a dedicated public servant who touched the lives of thousands of my constituents, and my life-long friend, the late Alyson Rose Singfield, who died on April 7, 2015 after a courageous battle with breast cancer at the much too young age of 57-years old.

Alyson was the beloved mother of Hope Lynn Stevenson, Tommy Stevenson and Earl Johnson.

She was a caring stepmother.

She was the loving daughter of Rose and the late Waldorf Singfield.

She was a proud grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend to many.

Her death was a huge loss for me, my staff, and for the St. Louis community that Alyson loved and served so well for many years.

As my Community Outreach Director, Alyson brought her immense talent, creativity and dedication to work every day.

She helped create and coordinate outstanding programs like my Congressional Youth Cabinet, the Congressional Art Competition, my Congressional Internship Program and many others.

She was also my personal representative on the Regional Health Commission.

Alyson also served on the Board of Directors of the Betty Jean Kerr People's Health Centers, one of our nation's most outstanding Federally Qualified Health Centers.

My thoughts and prayers are with Alyson's wonderful family and her many friends at this painful hour.

Alyson's legacy of love, service, and her courageous spirit will always remain in our hearts.

She will never be forgotten.

May God bless her with perfect peace and eternal rest, and may he bless all who mourn her with strength, faith and renewed determination to continue the good works that she established.

Mr. Speaker, I urge Members of Congress to join me in honoring the memory of Alyson Rose Singfield for her legacy of duty, honor, integrity, compassion, faith and dedicated service to the citizens of Missouri's 1st Congressional District, the U.S. House of Representatives and the United States of America.

BRIAN RERICH'S ESSAY

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to interact with some of the brightest students in

the 22nd Congressional District who serve on my Congressional Youth Advisory Council. I have gained much by listening to the high school students who are the future of this great nation. They provide important insight into the concerns of our younger constituents and hopefully get a better sense of the importance of being an active participant in the political process. Many of the students have written short essays on a variety of topics and I am pleased to share them with my House colleagues.

Brian Rerich attends Alvin High School in Alvin, Texas. The essay topic is: in your opinion, what role should government play in our lives?

Government holds a power constitutionally given to those who represent the people, for the people, in order to make decisions on the people's behalf to protect rights of life, liberty, and property as stated by the Founding Fathers. The foundation of all governments are based around the concept of united groups banning together to protect each other or their own property from other groups of the uncivilized, leading to formations of countries with ideologies reflecting the ideas or aggressions on which they were founded regardless of governmental nature.

Philosophically a government's role in everyday life should be to fulfill its duty of creating, and enforcing laws which protect the people and their rights while having their best interests at heart. Government's should also terminate those that violate those rights and laws or cause aggression to the people, given that the punishment is just and fair from prison to military action, even if it is members of the regime that must be terminated. However the government should remain checked and balanced to ensure that it is constantly protecting and representing the people. It is not the government's job to regulate or judge every aspect of a person's life, but to safeguard it, even if it means defending a person from themselves in some cases. As stated in The Declaration of Independence, "Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to affect their Safety and Happiness", the only thing the government is required to do is help the people it governs. The Government has a responsibility just as the people who give it power do. They must protect and serve with integrity and distinction for the betterment of society and humanity. This ensures progression, protection, unity, and equality for all, preserving that which is the fabric of America, as well as what was sewed into it during its founding.

HONORING CHARLES TILLMAN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mr. Charles Tillman a native of Brookhaven, Mississippi. Mr. Charles Tillman earned his Bachelor's degree in Business Education from Alcorn State University and his Master's degree in Guidance and Counseling from the University of Southern California.

He has more than thirty years of experience in education through his service as the former counselor at Lanier High School, as a former Assistant Principal at Hardy Junior High School and as a former Principal at Rowan Junior High and Brinkley Junior High School.

His contributions to the local community include: the Town Creek Project, Midtown Federal Housing Rehabilitation Program, Midtown Community Service Centers, and a Community Economic Development Grant. He has also served as: President of the Rolling Hills Neighborhood Association, a Habitat for Humanity board member and a 2004 Mississippi Delegate to the Democratic National Convention.

He has served on various committees in the City Council and among the community such as the Mayor's Advisory Committee, Superintendent's Advisory Committee, Keep Jackson Beautiful, and Jackson School Board President. He was formerly the Chairman of the Council's Budget Committee.

Councilman Tillman has been awarded: a pedestrian crosswalk on North Mill Street in his honor, the Boy Scouts of America Seminole District's Principal-of-the-Year Award, Governor's Distinguished Service Award for Outstanding Voluntary Community Service and National Council of Negro Women's Appreciation Award for Outstanding and Dedicated Service.

He was married to the late Issie Patterson and has two children, Vanessa and Randy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Councilman Charles Tillman for his dedication in serving.

INTRODUCTION OF THE JAMES ZADROGA 9/11 HEALTH AND COMPENSATION ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I'm proud to announce the beginning of our effort to reauthorize and extend the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act, which is providing health care and financial assistance to over 70,000 first-responders and survivors all across the country. These are the 9/11 heroes—the firefighters, the police officers, the EMTs, the volunteers—who came to Ground Zero, the Pentagon, and Shanksville, to sift through the rubble and help their fellow men and women. The clock is ticking for the heroes and survivors of 9/11. In just over 500 days, the programs that help them cope with 9/11 related illnesses will expire.

After 9/11 we made a promise not only to pursue justice against those who attacked us and to rebuild but also to take care of those who were injured in those attacks and the heroes who risked life and limb in the recovery efforts.

Our commitment to "never forget" knew no bounds and no party lines when joined in unison on the steps of the Capitol back in 2001. This Congress we must make sure we keep that promise by permanently extending this vital legislation.

The health of those who were there in the aftermath of 9/11 was forever changed. More

than 70,000 people in all 50 states and in 429 of the 435 congressional districts have benefited from the World Trade Center and National Health Programs. The September 11th Victim Compensation Fund is helping more than 10,000 people who were made ill by 9/11 and has determined they are eligible for more than \$1 billion in economic assistance because of the hardships and the losses they suffered.

So far medical research has identified more than 60 types of cancer caused by 9/11 toxins. Thousands suffer from diseases that don't go away in a year and sometimes don't present themselves for decades. Diseases and injuries that can make it impossible to find and keep work.

Making these programs permanent is the least that we as a grateful nation can do for our heroes and heroines of 9/11. I thank my colleagues Reps. JERROLD NADLER, PETER KING, and the entire New York delegation, as well as other Members from across the country who have committed to working together in this fight for reauthorization.

RECOGNIZING CORPORAL RICHARD VANA FOR ACTIONS DURING WORLD WAR II

HON. ROBERT J. DOLD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Corporal Richard Vana of the United States Marine Corps. Corporal Vana served during World War II and fought valiantly during the Battle of Okinawa. As a member of the Marine Raiders, Corporal Vana was just one of a small group who survived all 99 days of this bloody campaign.

On June 1, 1945 Corporal Vana was rejoining his company after filling in a defensive position when he came under mortar fire from the Japanese. During this mortar attack, Vana took shelter in a foxhole with another marine. Within moments, a neighboring foxhole was struck by mortar fire, and one of Corporal Vana's comrades was severely wounded. Under constant enemy fire, Corporal Vana and another marine, PFC Stuart Upchurch, helped to rescue the wounded marine and take him to shelter from the enemy. Corporal Vana and PFC Upchurch performed emergency lifesaving medical procedures until a Navy corpsman could provide assistance.

Without the heroic actions of Corporal Vana and PFC Upchurch the wounded marine surely would have died from his wounds. Their lifesaving action upheld the motto of the Marine Corps. The unwavering courage and gallantry Corporal Vana deserves the utmost respect and gratitude. These actions reflect great credit upon Corporal Vana, his unit, the U.S. Marine Corps, the U.S. Navy, and the United States of America.

CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF COMMUNITY HOPE

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Community Hope, Inc., located in Parsippany, New Jersey as it celebrates its 30th Anniversary.

Community Hope, a non-profit organization created in 1985, was created by families and mental health professionals who sought to provide a safe haven for young adults who were recovering from debilitating mental illnesses. Today, Community Hope offers housing and essential services to young adults and individuals recovering from mental illness. This non-profit strives to be a model for organizations seeking to assist people suffering from mental illness by implementing a comprehensive housing and support program for these individuals. Community Hope's mission is to support people and their families, including veterans, in combating mental illness, addiction, poverty, and homelessness.

For thirty years Community Hope has offered housing and care for those suffering from mental illness. Community Hope's first therapeutic residence included professional counselors who assisted individuals in successfully transitioning back to communal and familial life after years of psychiatric hospitalization. In 2004, Community Hope proudly opened the largest transitional housing program in New Jersey for homeless veterans.

Over the past fifteen years, Community Hope has vastly expanded its operations. During the course of these fifteen years, Community Hope has increased the number of individuals it assists from 57 to over 400. The non-profit has also increased its budget by almost \$10 million since the year 2000. Originally operating under the name Project Hope, the organization currently inspires hope through its several housing facilities, including the Valley Brook Village at Lyons Veterans Hospital, which assists veterans and individuals at risk of becoming homeless.

Community Hope continues to expand its presence in New Jersey with the goal of assisting as many people recovering from mental illness as possible. In particular, this non-profit launched its multi-year 450 Campaign in 2011. Through this campaign, Community Hope seeks to serve as many as 450 individuals a day who require assistance. The 450 Campaign was so successful that it has transformed into the 1,250 Campaign, with the goal of assisting 1,250 individuals in one calendar year. Community Hope has also expanded its role in helping veterans and their families through the Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program. Community Hope was one of the first organizations to be awarded an SSVF grant to establish this program, and now is the largest SSVF Program in New Jersey.

Community Hope also hosts events to raise awareness about mental health issues and fund its operations. Community Hope's upcoming events include its Flag Day 5k Run and Fun Walk, the 19th Annual Sparkle of Hope Gala, and its Annual Learning Forum and Wellness Fair, which is focused on contemporary living and spirituality.