

Growing up in Montgomery, Alabama in the 1930s, Patricia Spencer followed in her mother and grandmother's footsteps becoming a member of the NAACP at the age of seven, a group which she was still a member of 72 years later. At the age of nineteen, while serving as Secretary of the local NAACP branch, Ms. Spencer received the news that her mentor on the NAACP Youth Council, Rosa Parks, was arrested while riding the Montgomery bus. Ms. Spencer immediately started churning out fliers urging others to boycott the bus. During this time Ms. Spencer also babysat Yolanda King, the first eldest child of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Ms. Spencer graduated from Alabama State University and then moved to Orlando, FL to take a position as an operator with Southern Bell, the first African American to hold this position. From there she moved to Detroit and served 13 years on the local school board. In recognition of her service to the Detroit area, the Martin Luther King, Jr. High School Auditorium and the swimming facility at Charles Kettering High School bear her name. In the mid 1990s she moved to Tampa, FL. Once settled in, she immediately started to volunteer with the Hillsborough NAACP branch, where she used her vast knowledge of the organization's rules to mentor members and secure funding for the branch. She served as Membership Chair and Area Director for the NAACP's state conference as well as Secretary of the Hillsborough County chapter. She will forever be remembered for her constant efforts to boost NAACP membership.

In addition to her work with the NAACP, Ms. Spencer also co-chaired the Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technologic and Scientific Olympics. This program recruits high school students to compete in science and visual arts competitions. In 2007, Governor Charlie Crist appointed her as a member of the Hillsborough County Civil Service Board.

Ms. Spencer will be forever remembered as a leader in the Tampa Bay community for her unequivocal support of justice and fairness. On December 15th, 2015, she passed away two days after her 79th birthday. Mr. Speaker, I join the Tampa Bay community in honoring Ms. Patricia Spencer for her lifelong commitment to service.

HONORING BARBARA CLARK

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to Barbara Clark for a job well done on the occasion of her retirement. This is a milestone for the executive director who led the Network of Victim Assistance for 25 years. NOVA, which serves Bucks County and the Philadelphia area is recognized for its high quality services for the most vulnerable in the community. Under her direction, NOVA evolved from a small victims services organization to a large, financially sound, nationally recognized organization with high standards of services available to crime victims, including—children, the elderly and people with disabilities. As executive director, Barbara Clark led the way and was widely recognized and honored for her ability to create problem-solving

groups and find solutions and funding to accomplish the work—the creation of a community free from violence and harm. Among her many accomplishments is the ability to fund the agency and its projects. Under her guidance, the budget and the capacity of NOVA rose from \$235,000 in 1991 to more than \$3.3 million today. Another initiative that defined her management ability was the NOVA comprehensive capital campaign she launched in 2008, called Voices Against Violence. The goal was set at \$1.9 million, but at the end of the campaign \$2.1 million was raised. Once again, her knowledge, dedication and her outstanding management abilities led the way. Barbara has the appreciation and gratitude of her colleagues, those she mentored, and the community she served. In so doing, she has set an example for others to follow.

JARVIS GLOVER

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the service and dedication of an extraordinary community servant, Mr. Jarvis Glover.

Born and raised in Port Tampa, Mr. Glover has been fondly known as its unofficial Mayor. Mr. Glover started his career with Hillsborough County in 1975, at a time when our nation, and our own community, was progressing and on the cusp of tremendous growth. Beginning as a groundskeeper, Jarvis served to improve the lives of the citizens of Hillsborough County, Florida in many capacities throughout the following four decades of his tenure. Mr. Jarvis recently retired from Hillsborough County, after serving with unwavering discipline and integrity and inspiring future generations of public servants.

Mr. Glover's outstanding work ethic and stalwart dedication have made an indelible mark on day-to-day County business and represents the values that this community upholds. Mr. Glover has had a big heart for public service, which has perhaps made him Hillsborough County's greatest ambassador and he is revered by everyone.

Mr. Glover's commitment and devotion begins with his family. He is quick to credit his loving wife, Clara, as a driving force in his life. His own children, La'Daishia and Jarvis Jr., have supported and followed in their father's lofty footsteps into public service.

Mr. Glover's praise and admiration by everyone he meets has not happened overnight. He has earned it by demonstrating a daily pledge to serve his colleagues and neighbors with respect and hard work. His example of genuine enthusiasm for public service should serve to motivate so many answering the call to join our public agencies, which have a profound impact on millions in almost every aspect of their lives. Hillsborough County is a better place because of Mr. Glover. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join the Hillsborough County community in thanking Jarvis Glover for his decades of exceptional service.

HONORING REV. ROBERT L. MILLER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a God-fearing and impressionistic man, Rev. Robert L. Miller. Rev. Miller has shown what can be done through tenacity, dedication and a desire to serve God.

Rev. Miller has done many things throughout his life, but inside he has always been a preacher. At 89 years old, he can't see himself ever hanging it up, because it's his calling. Some of the members of the church have said their church will close its doors if he leaves.

He is currently serving five churches on a rotation schedule where he will do two services a Sunday except one Sunday a month, he only does one service.

Forty years ago in July is when he first took the pulpit at New Mount Zion M.B. Church. Eleven years later in June 1986, he began serving his fifth church, Locust Grove M.B. Church.

He also preached at Providence M.B. Church from 1971 until 1986. He has served as vice moderator of the Sharkey County Baptist Association and is currently the moderator of the Warren County Baptist Association.

He was ordained in December 1968 and started serving his first church just weeks later.

The profession is so much a part of his soul; oftentimes he slides into preacher mode mid-conversation. The only job Rev. Miller has ever had besides being a preacher was a letter carrier for 25 years.

At 18, Miller was drafted and left high school to join World War II. He spent time in France, England, Belgium and Germany as a medic. Once the war was over, he returned to Vicksburg to finish his high school degree at Bowman High School.

Rev. Miller married two years later and had eight children with his wife of almost 30 years. She passed away in 1979. He was remarried in August 2013 to Elease Fisher Miller.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Rev. Robert L. Miller for 40 years of service to New Mount Zion M.B. Church.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. ROBERT STUCKY

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Robert "Bob" Stucky on his retirement after twenty seven years of dedicated service to the City of Kingsburg.

Mr. Stucky was born on January 3, 1954 in Reedy, California. Growing up in the Central Valley, Mr. Stucky attended local schools and graduated from Reedy High School in 1972. Bob and his wife Donna have two children, Tim and Lisa.

On August 15, 1988, Mr. Stucky began working as a Maintenance Worker with the City of Kingsburg Public Works Department.