

worship atmosphere." In the 1960s as the ecumenism movement flourished, St. Lucas was a charter member of the Old South End's ecumenical organization known as CROSS (Christians Relating Our Savior on the South Side.) CROSS has engaged in exchanges in the pulpit, Thanksgiving Eve and Unity Good Friday services, Feed Your Neighbor food pantry and children's summer services. As the neighborhood changed, St. Lucas continued to adapt itself, "taking risks for the sake of the Gospel." It now sits in the heart of a neighborhood with many challenges, yet the church soldiers on meeting the needs of its congregation and neighborhood through outreach.

Now as it comes to its 130th anniversary, St. Lucas Lutheran Church proudly dedicates a historic marker outlining the church's history in the neighborhood. A special feature of the dedication ceremony is the world premiere of a hymn which was commissioned especially for the 130th anniversary. With words and music by the parish's husband and wife team of Michael and Karen Biscay, Choirmaster Ron Lang conducts the St. Lucas Choir, accompanied by organist Jamie Dauel in the fast-ever performance of the anthem. At its 125th anniversary, the Biscays wrote a hymn in tribute to the congregation's German heritage and this work is also featured in Sunday's dedication ceremony. I was pleased to join the congregation and members of our community in celebrating this joyous occasion.

St. Lucas Lutheran Church stands today in testament to the faith and perseverance of its members through the ages. Generations have worshiped together, prayed together, served together. Truly, it can be said of St. Lucas that its congregation has lived the Gospels and Christ's message as written in Matthew 12:30-31 to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength . . . Love your neighbor as yourself." As the congregation of St. Lucas Lutheran Church continues on its faith journey, living the Gospel and sharing Christ's message of Love, it stands on a rich and deep history. The Ohio Historic Marker records that history as the church turns forward to a future strong in its faith.

HONORING MAYOR MARCUS  
WALLACE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable young entrepreneur and Mayor, Mayor Marcus Wallace of Edwards, Mississippi.

Marcus L. Wallace was raised in Edwards, MS. He attended school in Edwards and graduated from Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA in 1992, with a B.S. in Marketing. He is a successful businessman, serving as President and CEO of MAC & Associates, LLC. Additionally, Mr. Wallace is President of the Wall Group, a Sports & Entertainment Firm.

As a young entrepreneur who had a plan to become a general contractor, he has grown his company from \$500 projects to multimillion dollar projects, consisting of constructions of virtually every kind. To further expand the scope of his company's services, Mr. Wallace

established MAC & Associates, LLC, a division of MAC Construction Company. Mr. Wallace and the company's principals, collectively, have over 50 years of expertise in government, commercial, and private sector construction management. MAC Construction Company of Mississippi is licensed, bonded and insured. During the past 16 years, MAC has completed several projects throughout the state of Mississippi. It is one of the fastest growing minority owned construction firms in Mississippi. Mr. Wallace is the largest minority owner of the new Westin Hotel (under construction) in downtown Jackson and has ownership in the Iron Horse Grill.

In addition to his Construction prowess, Mr. Wallace has been a Sports Agent for professional athletes in the NBA and NFL, managed recording artists in the music industry and promoted concerts and comedy shows, and has extensive experience in the communication and transportation industries.

On December 8, 2014, Mr. Wallace was sworn in as Mayor of Edwards, MS. He hit the ground running even before his inauguration and hasn't slowed down. His inaugural decisions sent a strong message about his focus. Instead of hosting a celebratory event, he redirected the funds to help families in Edwards. He provided shoes for kids in Edwards and made Christmas special for children by delivering toys during the Christmas holidays. From those simple steps, his path has not wavered. His focus is on the citizens of Edwards, a town he acknowledges "needs everything". Mayor Wallace sees himself as "front line soldier" intent upon seeing that they get it. During Mayor Wallace's first year in office, the Town of Edwards has experienced a transformation unparalleled in its history. The following are major accomplishments during May for Mayor Wallace's tenure:

The police department has received new police cars, new uniforms, a new police chief, and the establishment of a Crime Task Force. Crime is down by 60 percent.

Edwards and Cal-Maine Foods partnership for infrastructure improvement: Cal-Maine provided financial assistance to Edwards for optioning the electrical easement that will serve power to their new pullet facility. Also, Cal-Maine hired a company to clear the roadside and repair the road from Highway 80 to the railroad. The partnership is valued at over \$75,000, with a \$10,000 cash contribution to the town.

Amnesty Day: Over \$200,000 was collected during Amnesty Day.

Community Building and Livestock Building Demolition: Edwards received \$150,000 from Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) and \$80,000 from Block Grant Funds.

New Legal Appointments: Mayor Wallace appointed a new legal team that consisted of Judge Frank Sutton as Edwards' new Municipal Judge, Mrs. Greta Mack-Harris as Municipal Prosecutor, and Mr. Omar Nelson as the town's attorney.

Edwards received a \$20,000 grant from MDOT to enhance the Edwards' exits on Interstate 20, east and west bound.

Established the Mayor's Annual Town Clean-Up Day.

Balanced the Town's budget.

Mr. Wallace is a committed civic leader and strong supporter of communities throughout central Mississippi. He is a born leader, respected for both his character and work ethics.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mayor Marcus Wallace for his dedication to serving our great state of Mississippi.

TRIBUTE TO DAPHNE KING

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2016*

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

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, our greatest and most valuable assets are our children. Our children are the future and are educated and shaped by our teachers; and

Whereas, Mrs. Daphne Jackson King is a teacher in DeKalb County, Georgia and an educator at Dunaire Elementary School, who has demonstrated thirty two years of dedicated leadership and raising student achievement in my district; and

Whereas, Mrs. King has been awarded the honor of Teacher of the Year 2016, recognizing her exceptional teaching style at Dunaire Elementary School; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman is active at Dunaire Elementary School, her church, and in her community, in Decatur, Georgia; and

Whereas, Mrs. King can be described as a Proverbs 31 woman. She is a wife, mother, daughter and a sister. She is devoted to serving our community daily as an educator who imparts knowledge and skills for the overall success of our children. She is a motivator, an innovator and a model citizen who gives and asks for nothing in return; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mrs. Daphne Jackson King for her leadership and service to my District and in recognition of this singular honor as 2016 Teacher of the Year at Dunaire Elementary School; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim May 11, 2016 as: Mrs. Daphne Jackson King Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 11th day of May, 2016.

CONGRATULATING FLORIDA  
INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY ON  
THE GRAND OPENING OF THE  
FIU IN D.C. OFFICE

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2016*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Florida International University on the grand opening of the FIU In D.C. office located just steps from the U.S. Capitol. Since opening its doors in 1965, FIU has grown to become the number one university in awarding bachelor's and master's degrees to Hispanic and other minority students. With the new expansion, FIU has ensured that students seeking opportunities in our nation's capital have the resources they need to succeed.

In the past five years, hundreds of FIU Panthers have come to D.C. as interns and fellows to work for non-profits, federal agencies