

Jones left off, he continues to improve and grow the church. Pastor Williams added a modern touch, introducing morning devotion via text and email to better keep in contact with the church family. In addition to this, Pastor Williams has implemented more community programs and outreach. The church has an active role in helping to strengthen and improve the community.

In this 126th year of New Mount Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, progress is still being made for the betterment of the church.

Please join me in congratulating them on their 126th anniversary.

RECOGNIZING HOWARD UNIVERSITY MIDDLE SCHOOL'S COMMITMENT TO STEM EDUCATION

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the students, parents, and faculty of Howard University Middle School for their commitment to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics enrichment, and for participating in my annual Science and Technology Braintrust.

The teachers at Howard University Middle School are committed to ensuring that our country's youth is exposed to a STEM curriculum, which is paramount to the future of our country. A prevalent theme amongst successful STEM professionals is the curiosity and drive instilled by their teachers at a young age. We must continue to invest in schools that highlight a STEM education, so that all students will have an opportunity to one day be an astrophysicist, doctor, engineer, or a geologist.

Mr. Speaker, Howard University Middle School is a true advocate of STEM education and deserves recognition for its work. With great pride I can say that because of this school's commitment to STEM education, our country's youth is gaining the skills needed to compete in a rapidly globalizing world.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID FULTON

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life, legacy and accomplishments of David Fulton of Centerville, Indiana. At the age of 73, David passed away surrounded by his loved ones.

A longtime educator and volunteer in Wayne County, David was the fourth chancellor of Indiana University East and recipient of the IU President's Medal for Excellence in honor of his 36-year-long career of service to the university.

Beginning his teaching career at Earlham College in 1971, David was promoted to an assistant professor in history and political science and held several administrative positions before becoming Indiana University East's chancellor in 1995. Fulton is credited with fostering local partnerships in the commu-

nity as well as managing significant campus growth, most notably the construction of Springwood Hall in Richmond, the Connerville Center and the Danielson Learning Center in New Castle. He held this role until his retirement in 2007.

In addition to teaching, David will also be remembered for his devoted volunteer efforts on behalf of the Starr-Gennett Foundation. David joined the nonprofit foundation's board in 1999, served as president from 2001 to 2003, and then worked as treasurer for 13 years before his passing. The organization tirelessly promotes Richmond's musical heritage, and Fulton's involvement at Starr-Gennett mirrored his passion for showcasing Richmond's musical talent nationwide. Specifically, David had a vital role in the development of the Gennett Walk of Fame, honoring artists who recorded at Gennett's local studio. Additionally, he was heavily involved in generating a working partnership between Starr-Gennett and the Archives of Traditional Music at IU Bloomington, digitizing over 600 songs recorded at the studio.

Fulton also served his community in many other capacities, including his membership on the Wayne Bank and Trust, the Planning Group CEO Roundtable of the Richmond Wayne County Chamber of Commerce, the IU Foundation Development Committee, the Board of Historic Landmarks of Indiana and the Greater Richmond Progress Committee. Further, Fulton served on the Community Services Council, Social Services Planning Board, and he was a member of the Reid Hospital and Health Care Services Board from 2001 to 2004.

I thank David for his steadfast commitment to the community, and I know both the residents of Wayne County and the student body of IU East will always be grateful for his selfless contributions.

Today, it is my privilege to honor the life of David Fulton, who is survived by his loving wife Marilyn. My thoughts and prayers go out to David's family, and may God comfort those he left behind with His peace and strength.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF ADVOCATING FOR THOSE WITH ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following letter by Michael Ellenbogen.

I am so thankful to be still here. Many of my friends who were living with dementia have died and others are no longer capable of speaking. I am one of the lucky ones. My Alzheimer's is progressing very slowly. While that is good news it is also bad news. I will be forced to endure the worst part of this disease even longer than most. Knowing what I know now that will be like being tortured until I die. While I try to stay positive these days and live life to the fullest, I am in pain every day from the frustration of not being able to be the person I was once. I continue to decline in to a childlike state.

Dementia, including Alzheimer's, is the most expensive disease we face. It is costing us more than heart disease and cancer. It is

the third cause of death in the United States; more than 500,000 people die from Alzheimer's each year! We all get caught up in the big numbers, so I will break them down so they are more relatable.

41,666 is the average monthly death rate;

9,615 is the average weekly death rate;

1,369 is the average daily death rate;

57 is the average hourly death rate.

This is equivalent to almost three 747s crashing every day. Yet there is much neglect and discrimination regarding funding for Alzheimer's and related dementia research.

Preventative measures for breast cancer, heart disease and HIV have all made tremendous progress since the federal government made significant investments into research. Comparable investments must be made for dementia so we can accomplish the same successes, while saving millions of lives and trillions of dollars.

If we don't act now this disease has the potential to bankrupt this county. This is the most expensive disease in America. In 2016 \$236 billion will be spent on Alzheimer's in terms of care and medication, with Medicaid and Medicare spending \$160 billion. And unless you take action, the cost to Medicare alone will increase 365 percent to \$589 billion by 2050.

Our investment today will lead to huge savings for the government and public, not to mention the lives saved. People with dementia are faced with discrimination at many levels and they lose their civil rights. That must change; we are still people and deserve to be treated as such. A person with cancer would never be treated the way we are. We need you to start making more of an effort to educate the public and restore our rights.

A few years ago I would have said I had no hope, but that has changed to 2.5 percent. I do believe we are closer to a cure today based on what has been learned from all the failures. I am so grateful that the budget has been increased to \$991 million, but that is still far short of the two billion dollars that was said was needed years ago.

In my opinion we need a czar for dementia just like Vice President Joe Biden is to cancer and it sure worked for HIV. We are definitely at the tipping point. You have the power to make this happen. Please, I implore the House of Representatives, the Senate and the respective appropriations committees: Make the hard choices; increase funding for Alzheimer's disease by at least one billion dollars. Do everything necessary to ensure that Alzheimer's disease gets the exposure, commitment and funding necessary to change the course of the disease.

If you have not yet been touched by this devastating and debilitating disease it's just a matter of time.

Regards,

MICHAEL ELLENBOGEN,
(Advocate for all of
those living with de-
mentia, who can no
longer speak, write,
or have passed).

TRIBUTE TO JANET AND ROBERT KESSLER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Janet and Robert Kessler on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.