

horse-riding preacher, Gideon Draper, on the Wyoming-Minisink Trail.

Reverend Draper's readings from the Methodist Discipline of that time inspired the people of Paupack to accept those disciplines as organizing principles and to form a church. Originally, the church met in members' homes and in local schoolhouses. In 1906, the newly formed Ladies' Aid Society began construction on a church.

For 200 years, this congregation has persevered in preserving their faith and their Church. They credit the dedicated service of the laity and the faithful preaching of the clergy for this tremendous accomplishment.

In closing, Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Paupack United Methodist Church for their 200 years of distinguished service to Paupack, Pennsylvania and the United States of America.

CHERYL MCKISSACK FELDER—ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ACHIEVEMENT

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2007

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I stand before you today to acknowledge the business achievement of Cheryl McKissack Felder and to enter into the RECORD an article from the *Carib News*.

I am so proud to acknowledge the achievements of Cheryl McKissack Felder, descendant of Moses McKissack, a slave who became a master builder and one of America's first contractors. Ms. McKissack is a part of a family that has a long history of entrepreneurship and accomplished architects. She obtained a BS degree in civil engineering from Peabody Demonstration School and a M.S. degree from Howard University. Her career began at the Department of Defense where she was involved with quality assurance and control for government research projects. Later, she worked for firms in New York City as a civil engineer and estimator. A major project that she worked on involved the restoration of the Schomburg Theatre. Following in the footsteps of her ancestors, she opened the architecture and design firm McKissack and McKissack in 1999.

Her firm has worked on several significant projects including the Lincoln Financial Field football stadium and the US Airways International Terminal both in Philadelphia. Most recently the firm was selected to oversee the reconstruction of the Vanderbilt Rail Yards as a part of the Atlantic Yards Project in Brooklyn New York. Being selected for this project is remarkable and I congratulate Cheryl McKissack and her firm.

I'm extremely happy to know that minority owned firms are being selected for projects that will enhance the economic and residential life for New York City residents. The Atlantic Yards Project will provide much needed jobs, housing, and commercial real estate. For that I'm grateful and wish Cheryl McKissack and her firm well on this and other future projects.

CHERYL MCKISSACK FELDER, CEO OF THE MCKISSACK GROUP INC. TAKES ON FIRST PHASE OF ATLANTIC YARDS PROJECT

Construction crews recently kicked off the prep work needed for the first phase of The

Atlantic Yards project in Brooklyn, a residential and commercial development that will include an arena for the Nets basketball team. Under the Atlantic Yards Community Benefits Agreement, negotiated with Forest City Ratner Companies (FCRC), qualified minority- and women-owned contractors were among the firms given due consideration for execution of the project.

Cheryl McKissack Felder, CEO of The McKissack Group, confirmed to *Carib News* that her firm has been selected to oversee the reconstruction of the Vanderbilt Rail Yards. A firm with a proven track record of having successfully executed similar projects, CEO Cheryl McKissack comes from a family of architects that started with an enslaved Ashanti ancestor in 1790.

As a slave, Moses McKissack first became a master builder under the tutelage of his owner, William McKissack, one of America's first contractors. Grandfather Moses McKissack founded the family business in 1905. Felder's father, William DeBerry McKissack, took it over in 1968 and Felder's mother, Leatrice Buchanan McKissack managed the business after her husband died.

Felder attended Peabody Demonstration School, earning a B.S. degree in civil engineering in 1981 and M.S. degree in 1983 from Howard University. At the United States Department of Defense, Felder provided quality assurance and quality control for government research projects, including MX missile silos, the United States Embassy anti-terrorist program and a large space structures project for NASA.

From 1985 to 1989, she worked as a civil engineer for Weidinger Associates and, in 1989, she served as an estimator for Turner Construction, both New York City firms. Felder also served as the estimation manager for the \$2.5 million restoration/addition of the historic Schomburg Theatre. In 1991, she formed The McKissack Group (TMG), a full service construction management firm now with offices in New York City and Philadelphia. In 1999, Felder launched McKissack and McKissack Associates, an architecture and design company.

As The McKissack Group's chief executive officer, Felder managed construction of the US Airways maintenance hangar in Philadelphia. She also served as project executive for the Medgar Evers Academic Building and Student Support Services buildings in Brooklyn, New York. Felder was the principal in charge of Philadelphia's \$395 million Lincoln Financial Field football stadium, the \$450 million US Airways International Terminal in Philadelphia and the \$1.5 billion renovation and reconstruction of the School District of Philadelphia.

As Felder intimated, the prep work will involve the reconstruction of the Vanderbilt Rail Yards and is expected to extend for some two years into 2008, alongside the works for construction of the arena. In her view, this represents a great economic boost for Brooklyn in terms of the creation of jobs. In spite of protest from some community groups, the inclusion of an affordable housing component as part of the plan will also ensure that not all of the residents will be permanently uprooted.

"The Atlantic Yards" CBA is an important milestone for New York's construction industry," she said. "By including diverse firms—and diverse individuals—from the start, I think this project is living up not only to the extraordinary standards of Forest City Ratner, one of the most committed and progressive companies out there today, but living up as well to the values of Brooklyn, where inclusion is a way of life and diversity is a badge of honor."

In response to queries regarding challenges faced in the industry, Ms. McKissack re-

marked that she is fully cognizant of the myriad challenges faced by minorities with regard to venture funding and career advancement. However, on the strength of a stellar family reputation in the construction field, her firm has acquired an excellent track record and will continue to maintain the tradition and performance standards commensurate with that of the oldest minority-owned professional design and construction firm.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF DONALD J. KLEMAN ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2007

Mr. GILLMOR. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Donald J. Kleman of Fort Jennings, Ohio has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Donald's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Naval Academy this summer with the incoming midshipmen class of 2011. Attending one of our nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education and demands the very best that these young men and women have to offer.

Donald brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming class at the Naval Academy. While attending Fort Jennings High School in Fort Jennings, Ohio, Donald attained a grade point average which placed him at the top of his class. While a gifted athlete, Donald has maintained the highest standards of excellence in his academics, choosing to enroll and excel in Advanced Placement classes throughout high school. Donald has been a member of the National Honor Society, Honor Roll and has earned awards and accolades as a scholar and an athlete.

Outside the classroom, Donald has distinguished himself as an excellent student-athlete by participating in both cross country and track. Donald has proudly earned the rank of Eagle Scout, and has remained involved in his community by actively participating in 4H Club as both a Junior Leader and Junior Fair Board Member. Donald's dedication and service to the community and his peers has proven his ability to excel among the leaders at the Naval Academy. I have no doubt that Donald will take the lessons of his student leadership with him to Annapolis.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Donald J. Kleman on his appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available anywhere in the world. I am sure that Donald will do very well during his career at the Naval Academy and I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him well as he begins his service to the nation.

RECOGNIZING KENHORST BOROUGH AND THE KENHORST VOLUNTEER FIRE CO. ON THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2007

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Borough of Kenhorst, Berks County and the Kenhorst Volunteer Fire Co. No. 1 upon their 75th Anniversary.

It was a rally against an excessive streetlight tax that moved the residents of 6 neighborhoods in Cumru Township, Berks County to leave and form their own borough. Incorporated in August 1931, Kenhorst Borough was so named by combining two of the largest land parcels included in the new municipality—the Kendall Park and the Horst Family tract. With nearly 3,000 residents, Kenhorst is the 12th largest borough in Berks County and is situated outside of the City of Reading. It provides an excellent quality of life for its residents and is one of the outstanding municipalities of the County.

The Fire Company has been serving the Borough and protecting the community since the late 1930s. Through these years, hundreds of community volunteers have provided exemplary firefighting and emergency services to their fellow citizens and this anniversary reminds present residents of their heroic service. The joint anniversary celebration taking place on Saturday, May 5 will involve a parade through town and fun and merriment for everyone.

So I ask, Madam Speaker, that my colleagues join me today in congratulating the Borough of Kenhorst, Berks County and the Kenhorst Volunteer Fire Co. No. 1 upon their 75th Anniversary.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DR. DONALD E. HAYDEN

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Don E. Hayden for 37 years of teaching with the Clark County School District and a lifetime full of goodwill and service to the residents of Southern Nevada. His commitment to his fellow Nevadans has resulted in the CCSD Board of Trustees in naming and dedicating a new elementary school in his honor.

Don was raised in Palmyra, Missouri and graduated from Palmyra High School in 1942. After high school, Don enlisted with the U.S. Navy where he served 3½ years as a torpedo man aboard a destroyer in the South Pacific during World War II. After the end of World War II, Don attended college at Weber College in Ogden, Utah. He taught school in McGill, Nevada for 5 years and he then moved to Payette, Idaho where he met his wife, Eldine. After his marriage to Eldine, Don continued his educational pursuits and earned both his Bachelor of Science in Education and his Masters of Education from Colorado State

College. In addition to these academic accolades, Don earned his doctoral degree from Mississippi Southern University.

In 1955, Don and Eldine moved to Las Vegas. Don had accepted the position of Principal at John C. Fremont Elementary School. Don would later serve as an Assistant Principal at Hyde Park Junior High School, Principal at Roy W. Martin Junior School and again as Principal at J.D. Smith Junior High School. During his many years of dedicated service as an educator, Don had the honor to open four new middle schools. As an educator, Don is committed to the belief that schools have the responsibility to ensure that each student has the fundamental skills to be successful, active, and independent members of their community. He believes that the education of our children is a collaborative effort between educators, parents, community members, and governmental agencies.

In addition to his many achievements, Don has also been involved with several organizations. He has served as a member for the Parent Teacher Association and as a member of the Board of Managers for the Nevada Congress of PTA. He has held several leadership positions which include serving as the Treasurer for the Secondary Principal's Association, the President of the Las Vegas Masters Club, the Chairman for the Clark County Teachers Credit Union and a member of the Board of Trustees for the First Baptist Church.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Don Hayden for his many outstanding civic achievements and congratulate him and his wife, Eldine and their two children, Patrick and Dawn for the honor that the CCSD has bestowed upon Don with the dedication of a school in his name.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE BOLZAN FAMILY REUNION

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the reunion of the Bolzan, Milluzzi and Venier families, and to acknowledge their indestructible family bond that has spanned numerous decades and generations.

All too often, as technology makes communication with loved ones easier, it also drives us farther from the ones we care about. As families drift apart, we must take time to recognize those among us who, having dedicated themselves to preserving those ties that bind, remind us all of the enduring power of family love. It is with much admiration that I recognize the Bolzan, Milluzzi and Venier Families on the occasion of their reunion in Esch sur Alzette, in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

As the Bolzan, Milluzzi and Venier families share their fondest memories and exchange news and other current events, I would like to recognize in a special way Amelie Haan-Bolzan, Fernand Bolzan, Clemy Berg-Bolzan, Aldo Bolzan, Sylvia Kieffer-Milluzzi, and Robert Wengler, whose efforts were instrumental in coordinating this intercontinental gala and ensuring a memorable time for all.

The Bolzan Family now spans the Atlantic Ocean and can be found across the United States and Europe; their heritage could not be

richer and their lineage could not be stronger. As they enter a new era, I wish that their family continues to flourish as they honor their traditions and create new ones.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in celebrating the Bolzan Family on the occasion of their reunion. May their dedication, love and commitment to each other endure for generations to come and act as a model for us all.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2007

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Madam Speaker, in reviewing the formal record of rollcall 209, the vote on the Kilpatrick substitute to H. Con. Res. 99, the budget resolution for fiscal year 2008, I find I am recorded as having voted "yes." However, I had intended to vote "no," and my recollection is that I did vote "no."

TRIBUTE TO CODY CARITHERS

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2007

Mr. BERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise here today to pay tribute to an extraordinary student that will graduate from Highland High School in Hardy, Arkansas with thirteen years of perfect attendance. Cody Carithers, a promising young man with an even brighter future, will graduate from High School on May 18th 2007. Along with Highland High School, I am proud to recognize this remarkable young man who is a fine example of the many talented students we have in Arkansas.

Over the years at Highland, Cody has been a member of various clubs and organizations. He played sports, was active in the FFA, and served as treasurer and member of the Opening Ceremonies, Parliamentary Procedures and Show Teams. Cody has also been a devoted member and president of the Rebels Against Drugs (RAD) program and has represented the program for the past four years as a staff member with the Teens of North East Arkansas organization.

In addition to school and extracurricular activities, Cody worked as a volunteer for the Sharp County Library and has been employed at Ivey's Automotive Center in Highland, AR for two years. After graduation, Cody intends to continue working while attending Black River Technical College to pursue a degree in airplane or auto mechanics.

Cody's determination to make it through all thirteen years of school without missing a single day is impressive—but it was not easy. About two years ago, Cody was diagnosed with a brain tumor near his optic nerve, which caused debilitating headaches. Despite numerous trips to the Children's Hospital for MRIs and consultations with Neurosurgeons, the Children's Hospital worked with him to schedule all of his appointments in the evenings and on school holidays so he could achieve his goal of having an unblemished attendance record.