Boston for sixteen years during which time she was engaged with operations, administration, finance and planning functions. Marian has been an active member of NACWA since 1994 and a Member of its Board of Directors since 2000. She continues to be an ardent advocate for the need to develop a new, holistic approach to the nation's complex 21st century water challenges.

It is appropriate that the House recognize this personal accomplishment of Marian Orfeo. I am confident that NACWA will flourish under her leadership, and I trust that Marian will bring her contagious energy and enthusiasm to the position and help secure NACWA's role as a leading advocate for responsible national policies that advance clean water and a healthy environment.

TRIBUTE TO SILVER LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 15, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Silver Lake Lutheran Church of Northwood, Iowa, on celebrating its 150th anniversary as a congregation.

On July 20, 1858, twelve families met under a tree in rural Northwood for Silver Lake's first service. Today's congregation still worships in the church built by the original founders. Silver Lake Lutheran Church, which has had several upgrades, is the oldest church in Worth County, Iowa and was moved from its original location. Built by the Silver Lake cemetery, the church was later set on logs and rolled to its new location.

During the Civil War the church faced some difficulties and a split between some church members, but Silver Lake's congregation remained strong in faith and continued to grow despite the struggle. Today, Silver Lake has 226 baptized members, and they support local and international charities with their Mission Endowment program.

Silver Lake Lutheran Church of Northwood is dedicated to benefiting the lives of those in Northwood and the surrounding rural areas, and for this I offer Silver Lake my utmost congratulations and thanks on a prosperous history. It is an honor to represent all the parishioners of Silver Lake and current Pastor Randy Baldwin in the United States Congress, and I wish them continued success, peace, and celebration as a community.

IN MEMORY OF GEORGE THOMAS FITZPATRICK

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 15, 2008

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of George Thomas Fitzpatrick of Dunn, NC, who passed away on June 8, 2008 at the age of 82. In his passing, North Carolina lost a truly gifted and dedicated educator who was influential and beloved in his community, county, and State.

My dear friend, George Thomas Fitzpatrick, was born in Elyria, OH, in 1925 and was the son of the late Ben and Mary Fitzpatrick. He was the seventh of 11 children. After graduating from high school in Ohio, Reverend Fitzpatrick joined the Army during the midst of World War II. He established a fine military career that included flight training with the Army Air Corps and the Tuskegee Airmen. After bravely serving his country, Reverend Fitzpatrick used the GI Bill to enroll at Fayetteville State University, graduating with a bachelors degree in elementary education. While at Fayetteville State University, he became a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Reverend Fitzpatrick continued his education, obtaining a masters degree from North Carolina Central University.

While at Fayetteville State University, Reverend Fitzpatrick developed an interest in education. Upon graduation, he accepted a teaching position with the Harnett County School System in Dunn, NC. Not only was Reverend Fitzpatrick an outstanding educator, he coached the men's basketball and football teams. Reverend Fitzpatrick became principal of South Harnett Elementary School in 1968. After a distinguished career in education, Reverend Fitzpatrick retired in 1984.

Reverend Fitzpatrick was not only influential to the community as an educator, but also as a spiritual leader. Being a man of great faith, Reverend Fitzpatrick was called to the ministry in 1964 at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church. He later became pastor of Piney Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church in Bolivia, NC; Mt. Zion Original Free Will Baptist Church in Wilson, NC; and North East Chapel Original Free Will Baptist Church in Mt. Olive, NC. He formally retired from the pulpit in 2004 after 44 years of service.

Reverend Fitzpatrick is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Antoinette Fitzpatrick; his children, John Fitzpatrick, Warren Monroe, Barry Monroe, Kevin Monroe, and Michael Fitzpatrick; and his grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, George was someone who influenced the lives of others for the better, but lived simply. Reverend Fitzpatrick loved to hunt and was a member of several summer baseball and softball leagues. He kept a small farm with hogs and chickens. Reverend Fitzpatrick was, above all, a respected and dedicated educator and pastor, a dedicated public servant, and a great North Carolinian. It is fitting that we honor him and his family today.

A TRIBUTE TO TOM LANTOS

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 15, 2008

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, poet and capitol tour guide Albert C. Caswell has penned a number of heartfelt tributes and recently, he wrote a piece dedicated to Representative Tom Lantos, our friend and colleague, who passed away on February 11, 2008. I was honored to travel with Congressman Lantos and his wife Annette in their native Hungary as a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee and as a Washington neighbor.

FROM OUT OF THE DARKNESS

(By Albert Carey Caswell)

From out of the darkness, as so comes the light!
From out of such evil, as so comes the good into that night . . . as ever there burning bright . . .
From out of a child, who has so witnessed such injustice . . . can so come the battle, can so come the fight!
To witness such darkness, to face such an early dark death!
To carry such horrors, so deep down in ones chest . . . as Satan's warriors aggress . . .
To stand up and fight, to become such a true champion of right . . . as this our world you so bless!
To forge victory, from all of your most noble deeds . . . to have the battle won . . .
To leave your homeland, for but a bright new shining future . . . that you have begun . . .
To witness within your soul, the cost of victory you behold . . . ever ready to fight, for a new day's dawn . . .
To be a crusader for all which is good, for those most noblest of causes. Tom you so would . . .
To fight off the darkness and evil hatred with all your might . . . to bring the light with all that you could!
To be a true champion among men, as is this fine son . . . who has so brought such hope and such good . . .
For the life of Thomas Lantos, is but a magnificent battle as won!
As this great warrior has so endeavored, to fight the good fight . . . when and wherever hatred's begun!
Who as a child, witnessed evil's contempt ever so vile . . . for our Lord's, most precious daughters and sons . . .
When you look, for hatred . . . in these our most trying of times . . .
As there too, you shall ever so find . . . a man of action, who so comes to mind!
To carry that fight, against dark ignorance and hate . . . for human rights, as is his life's mission so fine . . .
As a Father, and as a Husband . . . and truly a great Rhyme . . .
As all throughout his lifetime, Thomas Lantos . . . has took the greatest of stands!
As a great American Hungarian, as an example for hearts to carry on . . . so blessing our heartland
Whenever you walk into that the darkest of all nights . . .
Ever remember my child, that out of your faith, courage and your love . . . but comes the light!
For as long as we have men, who to great heights so ascend . . . than evil shall never so rule the night!

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT MONROE'S ELEMENTARY EDUCATION PROGRAM

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 15, 2008

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the University of Louisiana at Monroe (ULM) for its recent designation as one of only ten universities in our nation whose elementary education program received full passing marks from National Council on Teacher Quality for its preparation for future mathematics teachers.

As our nation's educators continue to strive to improve and strengthen education in America, the need to ensure our children have a