

Today, First Christian Church continues as a vibrant, engaged church located in the heart of downtown Fort Worth, one of the great downtowns in America. Appropriately, the church's theme for its 150th anniversary celebration is "From the Frontier to the Future."

The First Christian Church and its members have served the Fort Worth community well over the last 150 years. In 1865, Rev. J.A. Clark founded Add-Ran Male and Female College in the First Christian Church, but moved the institution for a time to a more sedate location south of Fort Worth known as Thorp Springs. Add-Ran College today is one of Fort Worth's most prestigious universities, Texas Christian University (TCU). TCU has been in Fort Worth since 1911. In 1878, First Christian built a "rock church" on a site at 612 Throckmorton Street. The property was purchased for \$1,500. First Christian Church continues at that site today in a sanctuary that was erected in 1914 to replace the rock church. The Renaissance Revival style church, designed by architects E.W. Van Slyke and Clyde Woodruff, was designated an official Texas Historical Landmark in 1970 and was placed on the National Register of Historical Sites in 1983.

First Christian Church has been blessed.

One of First Christian's early members and president of its board for 53 years, K. M. Van Zandt also was instrumental in transforming Fort Worth from a small, former military outpost into one of the major cities of Texas and the United States. Van Zandt, while serving his church, helped other Christian churches form in Fort Worth and provided leadership for construction of the present sanctuary. At the same time, he formed with other Fort Worth business leaders a construction company that brought the railroad to the city, co-created and led a bank that was the town's leading financial institution for almost a century and co-founded the community's first newspaper, as well as making time to serve on the local school board and in the Texas Legislature.

In 1912, Dr. L.D. Anderson became pastor. During Dr. Anderson's 49-year ministry, First Christian Church thrived with membership reaching 3,000. First Christian's historic church was restored and updated in the course of a seven-year renovation project that was completed in 1993.

Not only has First Christian Church withstood the test of time as a Fort Worth institution, it also has endured Mother Nature. First Christian is in the heart of the Downtown Fort Worth area that was struck by a devastating tornado in 2000. While neighboring buildings suffered extensive destruction, First Christian escaped with damage only to the rear of its sanctuary and the church dome. The dome had been restored only a few years earlier. Through hard work and dedication, the sanctuary and dome were again restored by 2001, while the church continued to service its members and to give strength to the community in trying times.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize First Christian Church as a church that began in the early days of Fort Worth and that, like the city which it calls home, has grown and evolved into a great institution. It is my honor to praise the past and the present leadership of this outstanding and companionate institu-

tion for serving their members well and for their role in making Fort Worth a truly great place in which not only to live, but also to work.

TRIBUTE TO CLIFFORD D. LINK

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) Special Agent Clifford D. Link, Assistant Director for Financial Management, who will retire after 30 years of federal service on October 1, 2005.

Assistant Director Link started his federal career in June 1975 as a GS-2 clerk with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in New York. Working full-time during the day and attending classes at night, Assistant Director Link graduated from the distinguished John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York. Subsequently, he was promoted in grade and joined the FBI Special Support Group (SSG) conducting counterintelligence surveillances.

In 1978, Assistant Director Link was introduced to the (then) Naval Investigative Service (NIS) during a joint NIS/FBI proactive counterintelligence operation "Operation Lemonade". As a member of the FBI SSG, then Investigative Assistant Link was providing surveillance support to the joint operation. Through that relationship, Assistant Director Link was convinced that NIS was a growing, dynamic and progressive worldwide organization and that a NIS career would be challenging and rewarding.

In October 1979, Assistant Director Link was offered a NIS Special Agent position with his initial assignment to NIS Resident Agency (NISRA) Washington, DC. Since then, Assistant Director Link has served as a Special Agent at NIS Resident Unit (NISRU) Bethesda, MD; NISRA Yokohama, Japan; and NISRA New York. Assistant Director Link also served in assignments as the Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) NISRA Point Loma, CA; ASAC NCIS Fraud Unit, San Diego, CA; SAC NCIS Fraud Unit, San Francisco, CA; ASAC (FCI) NCIS San Diego Field Office; RAC NCISRA Camp Pendleton, CA and DSAC San Diego Field Office. Assistant Director Link's NCIS Headquarters assignments included Program Manager for Defense Counterintelligence Integrated Information Systems, Executive Assistant to the Director for Planning and Strategy, Executive Assistant to the Director for Modernization, Executive Assistant to the Director for Transformation, and his current position as Assistant Director for Financial Management.

During the 26 years of his NCIS career, Assistant Director Link has engaged in practically every aspect of NCIS operations, including criminal investigations, special and undercover operations, counterintelligence investigations and operations, fraud, counterterrorism, antiterrorism, force protection, hostage negotiations and overseas deployments. He also participated in and led protective service operations that put him in the presence of Presi-

dents, Vice Presidents, Cabinet Secretaries, Members of Congress, Ambassadors, Foreign Dignitaries, Flag and General Officers, and various other federal, state and local leaders. Assistant Director Link had the opportunity to travel all over the globe, to include Europe, the Far East, Middle East and Iraq.

After the bombing of the USS *Cole*, Assistant Director Link served as leader of the Secretary of the Navy's Situational Awareness and Intelligence Working Group and as a member of the Department of Defense Counterintelligence Working Group. He continued as a member of these task forces after the 9/11 attacks.

Transitioning to his NCISHQ assignment, Assistant Director Link was a co-leader in the NCIS Zero Based Review, was a member of the NCIS Strategic Management Council, led the development of the new NCIS Management and Administration Office, participated in the NCIS Modernization effort and, for the past year, has led the Financial Management Directorate. Mr. Speaker, Assistant Director Link has served this nation honorably for 30 years and deserves the recognition of this body, his community and the United States of America.

WELCOMING PRESIDENT CHEN OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my constituents in the state of Georgia, it is a privilege to welcome President Chen of the Republic of China to the United States. As you know, the United States has a rich history of personal liberty, democracy, and republican government. It has been over 26 years since Congress passed the Taiwan Relations Act recognizing our nation's friendship. It is my hope that all of China will one day live in a peaceful Democratic society, enjoying free enterprise and personal freedom.

Our shared goals of democracy, increasing standards of living, peaceful association, and economic development are vital to the growth and security of our nations. The Republic of China is a strong example of the achievement of these goals. Mr. Speaker, Taiwan enjoys a democratic government that fully upholds human rights, where its citizens enjoy the freedom to assemble and practice their religion of choice. These attributes allow the Republic of China to benefit from the world's 14th largest economy and one of the world's highest standards of living.

I personally cherish the close relationship between the Republic of China and the United States. Thousands of Taiwanese students study at U.S. colleges and universities while Taiwanese tourists choose the United States as their number one overseas destination outside of Asia. Moreover, Taiwanese consumers make the Republic of China one of our nation's closest trade allies.

I would like to thank President Chen for the support and friendship of the Republic of China. I believe he deserves a great deal of

credit and thanks for his leadership in successfully maintaining the peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait. Mr. Speaker, I ask that you will join me in once again welcoming President Chen to the United States as our nation looks forward to working with his administration to promote peace, explore new economic frontiers, and expand our friendship.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING
MARY EDITH STONEBURNER ON
HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Mary Edith Stoneburner was born on September 29th, 1905; and

Whereas, Mary Edith Stoneburner is celebrating her 100th birthday today; and

Whereas, Mary Edith Stoneburner, is a long-time active participant in the social and civic life of her community; and

Whereas, Mary Edith Stoneburner has exemplified a love for her family and friends and must be commended for her life-long dedication to helping others.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in wishing Mary Edith Stoneburner a very happy 100th birthday.

TRIBUTE TO DR. I. KING JORDAN

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. I. King Jordan upon his retirement as President of Gallaudet University on December 31, 2005. Dr. Jordan is an accomplished, respected leader and someone I consider a personal friend.

Dr. Jordan became the Nation's first deaf university President when appointed in 1988 and the first deaf President to preside over Gallaudet University. During his tenure there he has proven to be an able, caring leader propelling the University forward as well as becoming a strong advocate for deaf students on the federal level.

Among his accomplishments, he led the University's first ever capital campaign, raising nearly \$40 million, which supported the construction of the state-of-the-art Student Academic Center and contributed to the extraordinary increase in the University's endowment, which paved the way for an increase in scholarships and more academic programs. He also established a fellows program to provide support for deaf college graduates to complete their terminal degrees and become faculty members.

Dr. Jordan was not only a strong advocate for the Gallaudet community, but for individuals with disabilities across this Nation. Another proud accomplishment of Dr. Jordan's is the work he did to assist with the passage of

the American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) in 1990. He was a lead witness in support of the ADA during a joint session of Congress and delivered significant testimony in Congress and across the country during the deliberations of this bill.

Before coming to Gallaudet Dr. Jordan's life was filled with many other accomplishments. A native of Glen Riddle, Pennsylvania, a small town near Philadelphia, Dr. Jordan earned a B.A. in psychology from Gallaudet University and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Psychology from the University of Tennessee.

Upon receiving his doctorate, Dr. Jordan joined the faculty of Gallaudet's Department of Psychology. Before his appointment as President, Dr. Jordan served as chair of Gallaudet's Psychology Department and as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. He has been a research fellow at Donaldson's School for the Deaf in Edinburgh Scotland and an exchange scholar at Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland.

Dr. Jordan holds eleven honorary degrees and is the recipient of numerous awards, among them: The Presidential Citizen's Medal, presented by Bill Clinton in 2001; the Washingtonian of the Year Award; the James L. Fisher Award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE); the Larry Stewart Award from the American Psychological Association and the Distinguished Leadership Award from the National Association for Community Leadership. President George H.W. Bush appointed Dr. Jordan Vice Chair of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities (PCEPD) in 1990, and President Clinton reappointed Dr. Jordan to that role in 1993. In the summer of 2005, Dr. Jordan was presented the George Bush Medal for the Empowerment of People with Disabilities from President George H.W. Bush.

Mr. Speaker, I wish Dr. Jordan much happiness in his retirement as he looks forward to traveling with his wife Lynda and spending more time with his family. His compassion and service will be greatly missed. I am proud to have had a chance to work with him these past years.

TRIBUTE TO EDWARD LEO COYLE

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Edward Leo Coyle as he celebrates the centennial of his life on September 27, 2005.

Edward Leo Coyle, known to his friends as Ed, was born on September 27, 1905, on Mount Pleasant Avenue in Columbus, Ohio. He was the youngest of five children born to William and Anne Bradley Coyle.

Ed Coyle attended Catholic schools and after graduating from high school he attended Ohio State University. After graduation from Ohio State, he followed in his older brother's footsteps, attending the University of Cincinnati Law School. He passed the Bar in 1930 and entered the legal profession at the start of the Great Depression. He joined his

brother William in the practice of law, and served as Special Counsel to the Ohio Attorney General.

Ed Coyle married Winifred S. "Teddy" Johnson in 1936. The couple had two children, a son Ed and their daughter Nancy, now Mrs. Joseph Huber, a resident of the 14th Congressional District. He now has four grandsons, Michael and Jim Coyle and David and Matthew Huber, as well as three great grandsons, Jacob, Justin and Ryan Coyle.

Ed Coyle was employed as a lawyer for the Curtiss-Wright Company during the war, and then practiced law in his own office until 1950 when he and his family moved to southern California. He joined Bank of America and served as a Trust Officer in charge of the Glendale District Trust Department until his retirement in 1970.

In 1976, Ed and Teddy moved to Palo Alto where Ed became a member of the Senior Group at the Palo Alto Golf Course, playing until he was 90. He gave generously of his time and talents as a volunteer at the Senior Center, counseling others on financial issues. Today although he suffers from neuropathy, he keeps up with his grandsons and walks each day at the Stanford University Track.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Edward Coyle on his 100th birthday and recognizing his countless contributions to our community and our country.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 62ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE USS
"ELOKOMIN" (AO)

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the plaque dedication for the USS *Elokom*, AO, an auxiliary oiler of the United States Navy whose keel was laid on March 9, 1943 and—served our Nation with honor until its decommission in March of 1970. I am here to honor the men who served on the *Elokom* and to celebrate the 62nd anniversary of this extraordinary vessel.

The USS *Elokom* served with distinction and received numerous Naval commendations for her service. During World War II, the *Elokom* was more heavily armed than a destroyer-escort, having one 5-inch 38 caliber dual-purpose gun, four 3-inch 50 caliber dual-purpose guns, four 40-millimeter twin-mount guns and eight 20-millimeter guns.

However, the story of the *Elokom* is really the story of the men who served aboard her. The USS *Elokom*, AO-50 Crewmembers Association was established in the 1980s and it is my understanding that since its first reunion in 1986, the Association has met regularly to keep the memory of this ship and her crew alive. These men and their families should be proud of their commitment not only to our country but also to each other. Their dedication and loyalty is commendable.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to take the floor of the House today to join with the veterans, their family and friends who will gather later this month for a celebration and