

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

POST OFFICE NAMING IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 1999

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to introduce this bill to designate five United States Postal Service buildings after five individuals who made significant contributions to Baltimore and the State of Maryland.

I believe that persons who have made meaningful contributions to society should be recognized and honored. The naming of a postal building in one's honor is truly a salute to their accomplishments and public service. These individuals are Samuel Lacy, Judge Robert Bernard Watts, Judge Harry Augustus Cole, Frederick Dewberry, Jr., and Flossie McClain Desmond.

I will give a brief biographical description of the individuals and the locations of the post office being named.

The "Samuel H. Lacy, Sr. Post Office Building" will be located at 919 West 34th Street, Baltimore, Maryland.

Samuel H. Lacy was a renowned sports writer and editor for the Baltimore Afro-American Newspaper since 1944. He spent 60 years in journalism, working with radio, television, and the print media.

The "Judge Robert Bernard Watts, Sr. Post Office Building" will be located at 3500 Dolfield Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland.

Judge Robert Bernard Watts, Sr. was the first African-American to be appointed full time to the Bench of the Municipal Court of Baltimore City. Judge Watts, who was born in West Baltimore, graduated with honors from Morgan State College in 1943 and then served in the Army until 1945. He earned a law degree from the University of Maryland in 1949. Judge Watts was at the center of the Civil Rights Movement and worked closely with the NAACP. His dedication to civil rights led him to a long working relationship with the late Justice Thurgood Marshall. Judge Watts was instrumental in desegregating numerous theaters, restaurants, department stores, hotels and the Gwynn Oak Amusement Park. Watts was the first judge in Maryland to open hundreds of adoption records reuniting numerous families.

The "Judge Harry Augustus Cole Post Office Building" will be located at 900 E. Fayette Street, Baltimore, Maryland.

Judge Harry Augustus Cole was the first African American Assistant Attorney General in Baltimore City, the first African American to be elected to the State Senate of Maryland, the first Chairman of the Maryland Advisory Committee to the United States Civil Rights Commission, and the first African American to be named to Maryland's highest court, the Maryland Court of Appeals. Educated in the Baltimore City Public School System, Judge Cole graduated from Morgan State University in 1943. While at Morgan, he was the President

of the Student Council, and Founder and first Editor-in-Chief of the Spokesman College Newspaper. A World War II veteran, Judge Cole graduated from the University of Maryland School of Law and practiced criminal and civil rights law.

The "Frederick L. Dewberry, Jr. Post Office Building" will be located at 1001 Frederick Road, in Baltimore, Maryland.

Frederick L. Dewberry, Jr. was born and raised in Baltimore City. He is a graduate of Loyola College and received a law degree from the University of Baltimore. A World War II veteran, Mr. Dewberry held the post of Chairman of the Baltimore County Council from 1964 to 1966. From 1979 to 1984, Frederick Dewberry was the Deputy Secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation.

The "Dr. Flossie McClain Desmond Post Office Building" will be located at 1908 North Ellamont Street, in Baltimore, Maryland.

Dr. Flossie McClain Desmond earned a bachelor's degree in English from Fisk University, received a Master's degree from Columbia University and pursued post graduate studies at Ohio State University and Catholic University of America. She served in teaching and administrative positions at Allen University, Benedict College, Knoxville College, Morgan State University, and Coppin State College. Dr. Desmond spent 31 years working at Coppin State College, where she served in numerous roles. Upon her retirement, the honor of "Dean Emeritus" was bestowed upon her. In 1993, Coppin's first residence hall was named after her and is called, 'The Flossie M. Desmond Center For Living and Learning.' A talented musician, Dr. Desmond composed the Alma Mater for Allen University and the song is still in use today.

Muhammad Ali, the greatest boxer of all time once said that "service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth." Samuel Lacy, Judge Robert Bernard Watts, Judge Harry Augustus Cole, Frederick Dewberry, Jr., and Flossie McClain Desmond have paid their rent. I am honored to submit this legislation saluting five people from my district who spent their lives giving service to others.

I urge my colleagues to support this worthwhile measure.

CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF IMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 1999

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize a truly remarkable church. The Immanuel United Methodist Church building may have moved around Eastpointe several times since its founding as the Roseville German Methodist Church in 1849, but its congregation has stood its ground in the community for all of its 150 years.

The church conducted its services in German until 1923, helping establish an identity for the German immigrants that settled in the area. As the population changed, so did the church which has evolved to meet the needs of the community. The church can credit its longevity to the teaching "Do unto others as you would have done unto you". Immanuel United Methodist Church has never focused on itself, but through its good works has established itself as an anchor to the Eastpointe community.

The original structure stood on what is now the grounds of the Eastpointe Police Station, where the original cemetery still sits. The structure built in 1874 was well known for the lighted revolving cross that could be seen for miles atop the church steeple. It became known as "The Church of the Revolving Cross".

When the state chose to widen Gratiot Avenue in 1933, the church moved to its present site and added an educational unit in 1956. Today, the church's 450 members are quite proud of the well-known stained glass window picturing Christ as "The Good Shepherd". The church is in fact a good shepherd to our community. The congregation provides an emergency food pantry, furnishes weekly meals to a local warming shelter, and supplies salary support for a mission in Africa.

Since the days when the area was known as "bush territory" wild and unsettled, the church has been a part of our community, and we all look forward to many, many more years of service and dedication. Please join me in wishing all the best to the Immanuel United Methodist Church on its 150th anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. CHARLES W. STENHOLM

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 1999

Mr. STENHOLM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding educational institution in the 17th District of Texas. Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas, provides top rate education to students from across Texas, the United States and the world. The University will be completing construction of its Rao Alumni and Visitors Center in 2001.

Last Friday, during homecoming festivities, a time capsule was dedicated and buried by the Alumni Association. This time capsule serves as a symbol of the University's commitment to the future. Included in the capsule was a flag flown over the Capitol as our dedication to future generations.

The capsule will be opened during the homecoming celebration in 2025.

I would like to submit for the RECORD a copy of a resolution that I offered the University on this very special occasion.

It is my hope that this nation and my home state of Texas will continue to honor universities like Angelo State University that have

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dedicated themselves to providing the best possible education to its students.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, Angelo State University will complete construction of its Rao Alumni and Visitors Center in 2001; and

Whereas, This center will serve as a link to the future and the past of Angelo State University, welcoming both new students and its alumni; and

Whereas, Angelo State University has made an ongoing commitment to the future by providing a top rate education to students from across Texas, the United States and the world; and

Whereas, The dedication of this time capsule by the Alumni Association serves as a symbol of Angelo State's commitment to the future; and

Whereas, We included in this capsule a flag flown over our nation's capitol on October 4, 1999, as symbol of our dedication to those future generations who will open it during the 2025 Angelo State University homecoming celebration, be it

Resolved, That I, Charles W. Stenholm, as Congressman for the 17th District of Texas, do officially recognize and extend my best wishes on the dedication of this capsule by the Angelo State University Alumni Association and that an official copy of this resolution be presented to the University and Alumni Association as an expression of my high regards for their efforts.

CHARLES W. STENHOLM,
Member of Congress.

COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GAMBIA AND NASA

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 1999

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight for my colleagues the continued cooperation between The Gambia and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). The Gambia's President, Dr. Yahya Jammeh, recently completed his first visit to the United States as head-of-State, and I had the opportunity to meet with him personally to discuss issues of mutual interest.

The Banjul Airport has been among four select locations in the world designated as augmented emergency landing sites and recovery locations for the United States Space Shuttle. NASA space shuttles, launched eastward in a ballistic trajectory over the Atlantic Ocean, fly directly over Banjul, thus making it an ideal location for emergency landings if needed. Banjul International Airport (BIA) boasts an ultra-modern \$10 million passenger terminal, a new nine-floor Air Traffic Control Tower, newly installed security systems, and upgraded airfield lighting and navigation systems. In addition, The Gambia's Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) works closely with the United Space Alliance, which is responsible for operating the Transoceanic Abort Landing (TAL) sites for every NASA space shuttle mission.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend NASA and President Jammeh for their cooperation, and I strongly encourage them to continue to work together in the future.

A TRIBUTE TO ROY QUICK OF QUICK TAX & ACCOUNTING SERVICE ON SELECTION TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE ADVISORY COUNCIL

HON. JAMES M. TALENT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 1999

Mr. TALENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a resident of Missouri's 2nd District and a friend—Mr. Roy M. Quick, Jr. on his selection to serve as a member of the Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council (IRSAC). Roy, who is a small business owner back home in St. Louis, runs Quick Tax and Accounting Service with his wife Edith.

The primary role of the IRSAC is to advise the Commissioner of the IRS on the public's perceptions of IRS activities and current and future tax administration programs and initiatives. As a Member of Congress who attends many town hall meetings, women in chamber and business roundtable events back home, I can tell you that this is definitely an area where the IRS has plenty of room for improvement. The group suggests operational improvements and offers constructive observations about current or proposed policies, programs and procedures. In essence, the men and women who sit on this Council could be called the inner voice of the IRS.

While I am proud to announce the selection of Roy Quick to the IRSAC, I am especially pleased by the fact that seven of the new IRSAC members are small business owners. For too long, small business owners have not had a seat at the table when talking about the complex regulatory and tax issues that leave them in a quagmire of compliance paperwork. I am hopeful that with seven of the fourteen slots on the IRSAC now being held by small business owners that these men and women will offer guidance and a real life perspective to the decision-making process that affects more than 12 million small business owners across the nation.

Mr. Speaker, as Chairman of the House Committee on Small business, I ask all of you to join me in offering not only our congratulations but our appreciation to these men and women—the small business owners like Roy Quick—who every day are working to keep America's engine—small business—running and on course to a better tomorrow.

A TRIBUTE TO SENIORS HELPING PEOPLE

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 1999

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Al Graff and Dick Wheelock for their humanitarian contributions to our local community. The article below from the June 17, 1999, Coast News highlights their tremendous accomplishments in providing health care to the uninsured in San Diego County. Mr. Graff and Dr. Wheelock deserve our sincere congratulations for their efforts. They should be proud of their work, and I am proud to have such fine individuals as constituents.

[From the Coast News, June 17, 1999]

RETIRED FRIENDS TENDING TO THE PEOPLE'S NEEDS

By Jack Broward

EDEN GARDENS—There is no more appropriate term in describing Al Graff, 80, and his partner Dick Wheelock, 73, than synergism: working together as a team, they exceed what could otherwise be achieved individually.

Yet, judged individually, Graff stood at the very pinnacle of his engineering profession as an executive with General Atomics before retirement in 1983 as director of International Operations.

Dr. G. Richard Wheelock, founding Medical Director in 1955 of the Del Mar Medical Clinic, was for the seaside community of Del Mar, only the area's second medical doctor to practice there at that time. It was not long before Wheelock's medical colleague retired, leaving him as the only physician in town.

Like all areas of North San Diego County's coastal region, the climate, lifestyles and informality attracted tens of thousands of new residents. In time, new doctors, joined the clinic as patient load increased.

In retrospect, Wheelock thinks now that he might have never retired without the retirement party that his wife threw for him without advance notice!

For as many years as he can remember, Rancho Santa Fe resident Al Griff has been an advocate for social justice, a calling he refers to as "the needs of the people."

The Berkeley graduate forged over the years, a dedication to social justice that eventually manifested itself in his ordination as a deacon at Solna Beach's St. James Catholic church. His new role in life began the day after his retirement in 1983.

The plot thickens with Wheelock's retirement from practice in Del Mar after 44 years as "the village doctor."

Graff's good health, agile mind and aggressive spirit were the elements key to the ultimate establishment of a medical clinic here in Eden Gardens.

His lengthy friendship with Wheelock included participation in community efforts to aid the poor and needy residents of Tijuana. "We were returning from Tijuana one Saturday afternoon after delivering medical supplies donations from area hospitals in the region," recalls Graff. "Dick asked me what I thought about opening a small clinic adjoining St. Leo's Mission."

Through arrangements made by St. James Pastor, the Reverend John Howard (St. Leo's Mission is a subsidiary of St. James), it was agreed that a clinic was needed. The Mission, located on some four acres of property, is a focal point of community life in Eden Gardens. Social as well as religious events draw parishioners to the facility for wide ranging activities throughout the week.

"We situated the clinic in a single room in the back of the church, using the kitchen facilities as a patient waiting room." Dick Wheelock recalls, telling how, in 1992, the clinic's presence was a "word-of-mouth" operation.

Sunday Mass announcements included (and still do) a run-down about clinic hours, special education awareness programs, vaccinations for babies, a yearly mammogram program for women over 40 years of age as well as numerous other special programs offered by the clinic. In a short time, the clinic patient load outgrew its single-room operation. The addition of two more small rooms plus an indoor patient waiting room that also serves as the filing-administration section was eventually provided.

Thursday evenings from 6-9 p.m. and Saturday mornings from 9 until noon are the