

He is the son of Sister Lucille A. Gaddy, who he describes as "my rock, my sword and shield." Reverend Gaddy is also the proud father of Nyesha J. Gaddy, and Craig Jr. He is the brother of Eric, James, Michael, Debra, David Jr., Tracey, Tyrone, Michelle, Tonya, Pamela and Theresa. Mr. Speaker, the entire Gaddy family has been blessed with excellence, greatness, the favor of God, love and honor, the law of kindness in tongue, morality and character. All of these amazing attributes are the result of a God-centered life.

Under the watchful eye of the late Reverend Dr. D. W. Batts, Reverend Gaddy received his license to preach the gospel in 1982 at the Greater Free Gift Baptist Church. In 1986 he received his ordination proper by Dr. Batts and the Eastern Baptist Association. In 1989 he was assigned to the Southern Baptist Church in New York City under the pastorate of the Reverend Eugene King, where he served as youth minister. In 1997, he was elected Assistant Pastor at the Southern Baptist Church where he served faithfully until 1999.

On June 26, 1999, Reverend Gaddy was called to pastor the Friendship Baptist Church. There, he continued in the footsteps of a truly great pastor, the late Reverend Dr. U.B. Whitfield. Reverend Gaddy serves with the National Baptist Association, the Empire State Association, the Eastern Baptist Association, and the NAACP.

Mr. Speaker, Reverend Craig Gaddy, Sr. is more than worthy of receiving this honor, and I hope that all of my colleagues will join me today in recognizing this truly remarkable man.

GILMAN ENDORSES LAZIO RESOLUTION DEMANDING THAT PALESTINIAN VIOLENCE END, H. CON. RES. 418

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 6, 2000

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I wish to take this opportunity to urge my colleagues to join me in cosponsoring a timely resolution sponsored by our colleague from New York, Mr. LAZIO. H. Con. Res. 418 expresses the sense of the Congress regarding the current level of violence between the Israelis and the Palestinians. The bill responds to this most serious of Palestinian violations of the Oslo process by condemning the violence, and demands that Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat make a public appeal on Palestinian television for an end to these destructive acts. However, the fact that he has not yet done so speaks volumes about Chairman Arafat's true intentions.

The United States has consistently supported a peaceful resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict, but this latest outburst is the worst we have seen in years. There is clear evidence that the violence was pre-meditated and coordinated by Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority. It seems to me that there can be no more flagrant disavowal of the Oslo process than this instigation of violence, because the very foundation of the Accords that were signed by the Israelis and Palestinians since 1993 underscores that the only avenue for the resolution of differences is negotiation, not confrontation.

H. Con. Res. 418 urges the President to use all of the diplomatic means available to our government to seek and end to the violence and return the Palestinians to the negotiating table. It expresses congressional support for the Israeli government's efforts to bring this current round of violence to a peaceful conclusion, since the current Israeli government has made it patently clear that it is prepared to make historic compromises for the sake of peace. We need now to determine whether Yasser Arafat, representing the Palestinian people, feels the same way.

H. Con. Res. 418 also urges this Administration to oppose any anti-Israel efforts at the United Nations, including the establishment of an international commission of inquiry; and puts Yasser Arafat and the Palestinians on notice that their response to this escalation of violence affects their future relations with the United States.

Accordingly, I ask that a copy of the measure be printed at this point in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for our colleagues' review, and urge them to contact Rep. LAZIO's office at their earliest opportunity to cosponsor this important resolution.

H. CON. RES. 418

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LAZIO (for himself, Mr. GILMAN, and Mr. REYNOLDS) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the current level of violence between the Israelis and the Palestinians.

Whereas the United States has consistently supported the peaceful resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict;

Whereas the current level of violence between the Israelis and the Palestinians is the worst in years;

Whereas the current round of violence comes at a time when the Israeli Government is prepared to make historic compromises towards peace;

Whereas there is clear evidence that this violence was a pre-meditated and coordinated action by the Palestinian Authority;

Whereas the active participation of armed uniformed Palestinian police in attacks against Israelis is an indication of the unwillingness of the Palestinian Authority to work towards a halt to this violence;

Whereas the Palestinian Authority's encouragement of violence is a violation of the underlying basis on which the entire Oslo peace process has been built, particularly the incitement by Palestinian television;

Whereas the Palestinians are mounting a concerted international campaign to justify the violence by blaming Israel; and

Whereas the Palestinian renunciation of violence in the Oslo peace process does not provide any basis for the justification of the resumption of violence: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Congress—

(1) condemns, in the strongest possible terms, statements and actions by Palestinians designed to inflame and encourage violence;

(2) demands that Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat make a public appeal on Palestinian television for the public to cease further acts of violence;

(3) urges the President to use all of the diplomatic means available to the United States Government to seek an end to the violence and return the Palestinians to the negotiating table;

(4) strongly supports actions by the Israeli Government designed to bring this current round of violence to a peaceful conclusion;

(5) urges the Administration to oppose—

(A) any United Nations effort to put forward one-sided anti-Israel resolutions or statements; and

(B) the establishment of any international commission of inquiry; and

(6) will consider the response of Palestinians to the escalation of violence in their future relations with the United States.

THE BROWARD COUNTY SCHOOLS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 6, 2000

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the commendable achievement of the Broward County Public School District of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The Broward County Schools, which I am proud to represent, is one of only seven school districts in the country to be recognized by the United States Department of Education National Awards Program for Model Professional Development. Indeed, the remarkable efforts of the teachers, professional staff, and administrators of this, the nation's largest fully accredited public school district are fully deserving of this recognition.

Professional development for teachers—learning experiences which increase teachers' knowledge base and classroom skills—is a crucial ingredient to improving public education in America. The National Awards Program for Model Professional Development rewards and honors outstanding professional development programs and showcases effective professional development practices to help schools to learn from each other.

In establishing its professional development program called "Professional Pathways," the Broward County School District sought to meet the unique needs of its diverse multi-cultural population. Because of the complex demographic characteristics of the district's student population which represent 159 countries and speak 53 languages, the program had to achieve ambitious goals. High standards were set and professional accountability was demanded. Accordingly, Professional Pathways requires all professionals to write annual professional development goals that are aligned with the school's improvement plan and to provide the district with annual program reviews. Professional development opportunities for staff members include individual training school-based activities, and certain district mandated training. Moreover, Professional Pathways ensures that staff development is long-term, based on research, relates to school improvement, and addresses both student and teacher needs.

As a result of this ongoing initiative, since 1996, state writing assessment scores have increased in elementary grades and state mathematics assessment scores have increased in all levels, K-12. In addition, the district's average Scholastic Achievement Test scores and average American College Test scores have increased since 1997. Advanced Placement Test results indicate that the average score of district students increased 4.6 points over the previous year, compared to the statewide increase of 1.7 points.

Mr. Speaker, let me again congratulate and commend the instructional and professional

staff of the Broward County Public School District for their exemplary achievement in enhancing the effectiveness and success of public education in the state of Florida. The vision and innovation illustrated in developing the Professional Pathways program by the Broward County School District serves as a wonderful example of quality teaching and learning in public education in Florida and the United States as a whole.

CONGRATULATING THE VILLAGE
OF BELLWOOD, ILLINOIS 100TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 6, 2000

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to congratulate the village of Bellwood, Illinois as it winds down the celebration of its centennial existence, from a dream to more than 100 years of community life.

Bellwood was incorporated as a village more than 100 years ago and came up with a unique way of paying special tribute to its people. In addition to fun events, ceremonies and activities, the village decided to bestow medals upon 100 individuals who were nominated for acts of kindness.

I, Mr. Speaker, was nominated and presented with one of these and must confess that I have never felt more honored. But even more than that, it is indeed an honor to represent a community which pays close attention to its schools, parks, playgrounds and other recreational and developmental opportunities for its children.

It is indeed an honor to represent a community which values its senior population, is noted for its city services, has fire and police departments who serve and protect, who prevent fires and keep down crime, and it is an honor to represent a community which is proud of diversity and respects all of its people. It is an honor to represent a community where corporate/business citizenship is encouraged and where people seem to feel good about each other.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I take my hat off to the people of Bellwood and commend: President Donald Lemm, Clerk Booker T. Brown, Trustee Jann Beauchamp, Trustee Woodrow Broaders, Trustee Michael Rogers, Trustee Joyce Ann Porter, Trustee Art Grapenthien, Trustee Frank E. Hasman, and Trustee Frank A. Pasquale.

Library Trustee Gail Archibald, Library Trustee Arnie F. Bryant, Library Trustee Alice English, Library Trustee Carolyn Griffin, Library Trustee Mary Ann Grunder, Library Trustee Anthony Howard, and Library Trustee John Johnson, Jr.

Memorial Park District: Commissioner Patrick Hurley, Commissioner John Johnson, Commissioner Victor Lezza, Jr., Commissioner Frank A. Pasquale, and Commissioner Ralph Sartore.

School District 88: Ms. Marilyn Thurman, President; Ms. Linda Morgan-Jones, Vice-President; Ms. Roxanne A. Brown, Secretary; Ms. Gloria M. Blackwell, Mr. Willis J. Booker, Jr., Mrs. Barbara J. Griffin, and Mrs. Sandra M. Hixson.

School District 209: Ms. Imoni Baxter, Mrs. Sandra Collins, Secretary, Mr. Patrick "Chico"

Hernandez, Mrs. Theresa L. Kelly, Mr. Richard G. Klaczynski, Mr. Michael A. Manzo, President, Mr. Robert J. Smith, and Mr. Gregory T. Jackson, Superintendent.

I also pay tribute to police chief Greg Moore, fire chief Andre Harvey, and all of those who work to make Bellwood the delightful city that it is.

Congratulations on 100 years of tremendous existence and I trust that Bellwood will be standing for at least 100 more.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE SUB-
COMMITTEE ON BASIC RE-
SEARCH

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 6, 2000

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to talk a little bit about our work in the Subcommittee on Basic Research, a subcommittee I am honored to Chair. This Subcommittee has had a busy and productive two years. In the 106th Congress, we have held a total of 25 oversight hearings, field briefings, and mark-ups on a range of important and timely issues. In addition, we have passed through the House two bills authorizing fire and earthquake programs under this Subcommittee's jurisdiction, and these may yet be passed into law in the final days of the session.

I believe the work we do in this Subcommittee truly is unique. In our hearings on information technology, nanotechnology, education research, plant genomics, and biotechnology, for example, we have been able to glimpse the future. And through our oversight and our authorization bills, I hope that we are able to help shape that future, as well. I am proud of our record of collegiality and bipartisanship on the Subcommittee, and I look forward to continuing that tradition in the next Congress.

I would also like to this opportunity to thank the staff of the Subcommittee, who work behind the scenes to get things done. Stephen Eule, Peter Harsha, Mark Harrington, Sharon Hayes, and Steve Howell have made my job easier, and I thank them for all their good ideas and hard work. I congratulate all the members of the Subcommittee especially Ranking Member EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON and her chief of staff Jim Wilsort.

COMMEMORATING THE 89TH ANNI-
VERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE
NATIONAL DAY OF THE REPUB-
LIC OF CHINA

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 6, 2000

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the National Day of the Republic of China, known as the "Double Tenth" celebration of freedom. This day is being commemorated in San Francisco with a grand celebration befitting the importance of this National Day.

The people of the United States have a strong bond with and commitment to the peo-

ple of the Republic of China. With the historic election they held this year, the people of Taiwan have demonstrated to the world their dedication to democracy. The Republic of China continues to be a prosperous nation characterized by strong economic growth and respect for basic human rights and democratic freedoms. The Republic of China is an important economic, cultural and strategic partner of the United States, and their celebration is our celebration.

I am blessed in my district with so many Asian-Americans, including many from Taiwan, who make wonderful contributions to our City and its civic life. It is my privilege to congratulate the people of Taiwan as they commemorate the "Double Tenth" festival of freedom. I am proud to voice the support and best wishes of the Republic of China's many friends in Congress.

RECOGNIZING EAGLE SCOUT
EDGAR JAMES III

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 6, 2000

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Eagle Scout Edgar James III.

Edgar James, III began scouting at the age of seven in 1992 as a Cub Scout with Pack 263, Stuyfords District, Brooklyn, New York. As a Cub Scout, he learned the basics of Scouting, and as a Webelos, he prepared himself to become a Boy Scout. In May 1995, Edgar earned Cub Scout's highest award, the Arrow of Light.

Edgar was selected by his peers as a candidate for the Order of the Arrow, Honor Campers. He successfully completed the Order and was inducted into the Order of the Arrow, Shu-Shu-Gah Lodge #24, in 1997.

Through tenacity, determination and hard work, Edgar progressed consistently through the ranks from tenderfoot in 1995 to his Eagle Award on July 27, 1999. Along the trail to Eagle, Edgar has served in several leadership positions including Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader and, currently, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader.

Edgar completed his Eagle service project with Outstanding Renewal Enterprises, Inc., in Manhattan. His goal was to encourage others while learning about environmentally sound management of New York City's Solid waste. Recycling and composting methods were used to inspire New York City residents to take responsibility for their environment in order to make the city a cleaner and greener place in which to live.

Edgar is a junior attending Midwood High School at Brooklyn College where he is in the Medical Science program and played the trumpet in the Marching Band. He was selected to participate in the Intel Corporation Social Science Research Program, representing Midwood High School. Edgar is a member of St. Paul Community Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York. His future plans include a career in either medicine or law or, hopefully, to combine both and become a sports agent.

Mr. Speaker, Edgar is one of tomorrow's leaders, and I encourage my colleague to join me in honoring him today.