

HONORING WILLIAM LUCY

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 3, 2002

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor William Lucy for his lifetime of pioneering work in the labor community.

William "Bill" Lucy was a native of Memphis before he came out west to attend the University of California, Berkeley. A civil engineer by trade, Lucy was an assistant materials and research engineer for Contra Costa County, California. In 1965, he became President of AFSCME Local 1675, Contra Costa County Employees. Lucy joined the AFSCME International staff in 1966 as the Associate Director of the Legislation and Community Affairs Departments before serving as Executive Assistant to AFSCME's late president, Jerry Wurf.

Bill Lucy was elected International Secretary-Treasurer, the second-highest ranking officer, of the 1.3 million member American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), AFL-CIO in May 1972. Lucy has since been re-elected every four years, most recently in 2000, resulting in a tenure in office of more than 30 years.

In addition to his position at AFSCME, Lucy is an important leader of the AFL-CIO. In October 1995, Lucy was named a member of the AFL-CIO Executive Council and is vice president of the Maritime Trades Department and Department for Professional Employees.

International affairs are of special interest to Bill. In November 1994, Lucy became the president of Public Services International, the world's largest union federation. He also serves on the boards of directors for the Africa America Institute, Americans for Democratic Action and the Center for Policy Alternatives.

He is a founder and the president of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists (CBTU), an organization of union leaders and rank-and-file members dedicated to the unique needs of African Americans and minority group workers. His devotion to the idea of staying within the African American Community has now opened many doors to the ranks of union leadership for the next generation which is comprised of all ethnic backgrounds.

In a nation with such a critical need for increased minority leadership and representation in the unions, William Lucy is the highest ranking African-American labor leader in the nation and innovative founder of several African American union councils. His is an example that continues to lead the mission in promoting unionized workplaces, as well as providing and maintaining positive role models for inner city youth in these troubled times.

I take great pride in joining Bill Lucy's friends and colleagues today to salute the extraordinary William Lucy.

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY CELEBRATES 23 YEARS OF DEDICATED PASTORAL SERVICE OF BISHOP JEROME S. WILCOX AND FIRST LADY ELDER MAE E. WILCOX

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the commitment of bishop Jerome S. Wilcox and First Lady Elder Mae E. Wilcox to their congregants at Grace Cathedral Fellowship Ministries and to the extended community of central New Jersey.

From his call to service 35 years ago, Bishop Wilcox has taken a church of thirteen members and, through hard work and God's blessings, expanded his congregation to well over five hundred.

His call to the assistance of others was exhibited even earlier than his establishment of the then entitled Grace Cathedral First Born Church in 1979. Previously, he served his community as a Vice Principal of a local public school, even then excelling as a mentor and role model.

In addition to Grace Cathedral, Bishop Wilcox continues his good work in the greater central Jersey area with the Covenant Partners Association of Trenton New Jersey and the Surrounding Areas, with the Concerned Pastors, and with the Township Commission.

The service to Central New Jersey performed by Bishop and First Lady Elder Wilcox is impressive and commendable and I am proud to rise here today in their honor.

SENSE OF HOUSE THAT CONGRESS SHOULD COMPLETE ACTION ON H.R. 4019, PERMANENT MARRIAGE PENALTY RELIEF ACT OF 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 2, 2002

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, last May 26, I voted with 239 of my colleagues to scrap the marriage penalty once and for all. We didn't vote to phase it out over ten years and then bring it back; we voted to get rid of it. Why? Because, above all, our tax code must be fair.

Is it fair to tax marriage? Is it fair to tell a young couple on the event of marriage that, aside from paying for the invitations, caterer, photographer, music, and reception hall, they'll have to pay an additional \$1400 in taxes every year? What kind of message are we sending to the American people when we can afford wasteful spending like tattoo removal programs, but are not willing to invest in marriage? Well, how's this for bringing home pork: phasing out the marriage penalty once and for all will return \$81.2 million to the 58,000 couples in the Second District of Nebraska. That way, they can spend their money the way they want.

I keep hearing from the other side of the aisle that tax cuts cost money. Who does it cost? It certainly costs the 175,000 couples in

my state of Nebraska, who pay the marriage penalty every year. But, it doesn't cost the federal government anything.

If we fail to work to make provisions of President Bush's tax cut permanent, the American taxpayers will experience the single greatest tax increase in U.S. history: more than \$380 billion in the year 2012.

Mr. Speaker, this tax is unfair, unnecessary, and wrong. It defies American morals, it defies logic, and it flies in the face of family values. Let's bring some common sense back to our tax code. Vote for this legislation.

HONORING MAXIE WALKER
WILSON

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 3, 2002

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to pay tribute to a longtime friend and a prominent member of the Overton, Texas, community, Maxie Walker Wilson, who passed away in June of this year at the age of 85. Walker was active in various projects throughout his life and was well-known as a cattle rancher, breeder and importer who traveled throughout the world in search of cattle.

As a result of his extensive travel, Walker was instrumental in improving the importation process of foreign cattle breeds to the United States and the building of a quarantine station in the Florida Keys by the United States Department of Agriculture. He served in various capacities for many cattle breed associations, including president of the American International Charolais Association, president of the American Charbray Association, director of the Texas Charolais Breeders Association, director of the Bluebonnet Charolais Association and a founding member of the East Texas Farm and Ranch Club.

Walker was a prominent leader of the Overton community. He served on the Overton School Board for six years and was president for a two-year term. He was active in the Boy Scouts of America and the East Texas Area Council and in 1960 received the Silver Beaver Award for outstanding service to the Boy Scouts. As a member of the Overton Chamber of Commerce, he was selected as "Outstanding Citizen of the Year" in 1964. He was also a member of the Overton Rotary Club and a lifelong member of the First United Methodist Church, where he served on many committees.

Walker's favorite pastime was the game of golf. He was active in the Overton Golf Association for many years and assisted in the development of the Overton Community Golf Course. He also was an avid quail hunter, a sport he enjoyed with his sons and close friends.

Walker is survived by his wife of 64 years, Winifred Wilson; sons and daughters-in-law Weir and Susan Wilson of Fort Worth, Dr. Steve and Charlotte Wilson of Tyler, and Barry and Pat Wilson of Big Spring; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, Walker was one of those men who dreamed big and worked hard to make those dreams come true. He was always active in his business, in his community, and with his family, and he will be sorely missed.

I am grateful that he was my friend, and it is a privilege today to join his family and many friends in celebrating the life of this great Texan, Walker Wilson.

REVEREND FRANK MUSGRAVE

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 3, 2002

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to a man whose life embodied the living Gospel, the Reverend Frank Musgrave. Reverend Musgrave, of Toledo, Ohio, passed from this life on Tuesday, September 10, 2002. A personal friend, Reverend Musgrave was a true servant and legendary figure of ministry and service whose love extended to our community as well as his church.

A Baltimore native, Frank Musgrave served four years in the Army Air Corps, then went on to pursue his degree in early childhood education. He met his wife Jane while both were students at Johns Hopkins University. Reverend Musgrave attended the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, Massachusetts and was ordained in 1952. His first assignment was St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Toledo, where he remained until his 1991 retirement. Even after retiring, he continued ministry on a part-time basis in churches in Fostoria and Monroeville, Ohio and later at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Toledo. He served the Episcopal diocese as well, as youth chaplain and examining chaplain for new clergy.

Fervently ecumenical, Reverend Musgrave served on the Toledo Ministerial Association and the Toledo Area Council of Churches as president and past president of the organizations. An "outstanding ecumenist who was ahead of his time" according to one associate, Reverend Musgrave would say, "... if the good Lord came down and put us all in a bag, shook it up, and rolled us out, we wouldn't know who we were anyway." He was very much a leader in the early years of the ecumenical movement, and remained a visionary for ecumenism. He is credited with starting Toledo's ecumenical Feed Your Neighbor Program, a comprehensive network of area churches providing groceries for those of our own community who do not have enough to eat.

A real labor minister, Reverend Musgrave was long a member of the Toledo Labor Management Citizen's Committee, and served as the organization's chair from 1975 to 1993. His voice of reason, coupled with tenaciousness and passion marked his tenure, as Reverend Musgrave guided the Committee into the cooperative entity which has become its hallmark.

Reverend Musgrave lived out Christ's teachings by zealously pursuing social justice and never backing down on his principles. His heart was with those among us most vulnerable, and he never lost sight that true Christian ministry served all people. Our community has been privileged to call him a true and enduring friend.

As he joins our Creator, he leaves to this earth his wife Jane and their children Amy and Jane, his brother and grandchildren. May they find comfort in the memory of this gifted and wonderful priest, family man and friend, com-

mitted activist and Christian. May he guide them and us from above on our journey forward.

NATIONAL COMMUNITY EDUCATION DAY

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 3, 2002

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, "Partners-In Community Education," is the theme of the 20th Annual National Community Education Day to be observed in my hometown of Flint and across the nation on October 10, 2002.

Sponsored by the National Community Education Association (NCEA), this special day was conceived in 1982 to recognize and support strong relationships between communities and public schools and community colleges that serve them. NCEA believes that it is crucial to highlight the positive impact community education programs play in building community through parents and community involvement, lifelong learning and the establishment of partnerships with other organizations.

Community Education Day 2002: "Partners—In Community Education" emphasizes the importance of partnerships and collaboration by community education programs to positively impact the lives of children, youth, families and communities. In keeping with the theme of National Community Education Day NCEA has partnered with the After School Alliance, sponsor of Lights On Afterschool! to present both celebrations on October 10th. NCEA hopes that this joint observance will draw attention to the importance of community education programs not only in the lives of adults, families and communities, but as well as the need for more after school programs across the country.

Our children need a safe and nurturing place to go after school. Our community members need opportunities to learn, grow and enrich their lives. Adult education, GED, ESL, early childhood education, after school programs and enrichment programs for all ages are partners in community education and are celebrated as integral parts of community education programming.

Community education multiplies the richness of after school programs and opens the doors of schools buildings to everyone as it serves all ages in the community. National Community Education Day 2002 is co-sponsored by over 36 organizations, including the After-school Alliance, the Children's Defense Fund, the Council of Chief State School Officers, the National PTA, the National Assembly of Health and Human Service Organizations, and the U.S. Department of Education.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in calling attention to National Community Education Day.

UNREALISTIC CAPITAL GAINS TAXES

HON. JOHNNY ISAKSON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 3, 2002

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, the American economy is sluggish, the Stock Market is at a six year low, and consumer confidence is declining. All this is happening in an environment of low inflation, historically low interest rates, and unemployment rate under six percent. What is wrong?

Our problem is capital held hostage by oppressive and unrealistic capital gains taxes. Today in America billions of dollars sit idle that would be otherwise available for investment were it not for capital gains taxes. Average Americans have mature stock, bond or real estate investments they would love to sell and reinvest their gain. This reinvestment would stimulate the economy, improve the stock market, and create jobs.

We should join the rest of the world and reduce or eliminate capital gains taxes. Such a suggestion raises the ire of many liberals who immediately would say such a cut would only help the rich, raise the deficit, and hurt the poor. I don't believe that for a moment. The facts are that 70 percent of the American people are investors not just the rich. Deficit increases would be minimal since current revenue projections from capital gains are low due to the economy. The poor would benefit because the economy would improve and job growth would begin.

Mr. Speaker, let us free the capital held hostage by capital gains taxes. I am so confident that a repeal of the capital gains tax would immediately stimulate the economy, create jobs and restore consumer confidence, I would be willing the sunset the repeal in three years. Why, because I believe the success would be so dramatic, Congress would never allow the capital gains tax to return.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FLOODWALL MURAL PROJECT IN PORTSMOUTH, OHIO

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

HON. TED STRICKLAND

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 3, 2002

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, we are pleased to rise today to congratulate the people of Portsmouth, Ohio, who will gather for the celebration and dedication of the Floodwall Mural Project on Saturday, October 5, 2002.

In 1992, Dr. Louis R. Chaboudy, a lifetime resident of Portsmouth, Ohio, looked at ways to change the massive Portsmouth floodwall along the Ohio River from a grim reminder of flood and destruction to something positive. After a visit to Steubenville, another Ohio River Setting outdoor murals, he envisioned murals depicting local history painted on the massive concrete wall in Portsmouth.

To bring this vision to fruition, Dr. and Mrs. Chaboudy contacted local elected officials and community leaders, outlining the project and