

into the nation's second largest Baptist university.

From his first day on the job in 1967, Dr. Wiggins has strengthened the undergraduate college, developed an innovative Trust Management Program, and added five new schools to the University: The Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law, The Lundy-Fetterman School of Business, The School of Education, The School of Pharmacy, and The School of Divinity. He also established during his tenure an ROTC Program and a number of substantial international programs, most notably with Tunku Abdul Rahman College in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Indeed, Dr. Wiggins' tireless efforts have extended Campbell's sphere of influence throughout the communities of North Carolina, the nation, and the world.

During his career, Dr. Wiggins taught and mentored over 25,000 students who have gone out into the world to serve as business leaders, doctors, lawyers, teachers, and ministers. These Campbell graduates provide our people with jobs and economic opportunities, care for our nation's sick and elderly, defend our rights under the rule of law as attorneys, prepare our children to be tomorrow's leaders, and uplift our national soul.

But Dr. Wiggins' leadership extends far beyond the hallowed halls of Campbell University. He has served as president of both the Baptist State Convention and the American Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. His peers hail him as a leader who embodies a depth of experience, understanding, and passion that few will ever match.

Dr. Wiggins' innovative leadership and unique vision have earned him widespread recognition. His numerous awards include the Commander's Award for Public Service and the Distinguished Civilian Service Medal from the United States Army, and the Boy Scouts of America's Distinguished Service Award, all of which acknowledge Dr. Wiggins' unfailing commitment to improving the lives of his fellow Americans.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Wiggins is an exemplary figure of patriotism, leadership, dedication, and commitment. As a Campbell alumnus, I am proud to honor Dr. Norman Adrian Wiggins today. I ask all of my colleagues to join me and Faye in celebrating his 36 years of service to Campbell University, to the State of North Carolina, and to the United States of America.

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF RAISING THE PATRIOTS OF AFRICAN DESCENT MONUMENT IN VALLEY FORGE NATIONAL PARK, VALLEY FORGE ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Valley Forge Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and its celebration of the 10 year anniversary of the raising of the Patriots of African Descent Monument in Valley Forge National Historical Park. Ninety years ago, the Delta Sigma Theta So-

rority started with 22 women, right here in our Nation's Capital at Howard University, and has since expanded to the 200,000 member, 90 chapter organization that exists today.

The Valley Forge Alumnae Chapter of this public service organization was chartered on February 10, 1991 and has since contributed to the local and national community in ways consistent with the organization's Five Point Program foci of: educational development, economic development, physical and mental health, political awareness and international awareness and involvement.

These contributions are signified in the Chapter's effort and success in erecting the Patriots of African Descent Monument in 1993 at Valley Forge, one of our Nation's most historical parks. The monument remains the only such edifice to be raised in any of the units of the National Park system and contributes to the education of visitors to the Park of the role African-Americans played in the country's founding. More specifically, the monument signifies the tremendous service and sacrifice African-American soldiers of the Continental Army provided to a fledgling nation.

The Valley Forge National Park holds great historic value as the site dedicated to the Continental Army's bravery, suffering and sacrifice that took place during the harsh winter encampment there in 1777-78, during which time some 2,000 soldiers died.

The Patriots of African Descent Monument only furthers the historic symbolism of the Park by recognizing the numerous contributions and sacrifices of African-Americans during the Revolutionary War, in particular the approximately 500 African-American soldiers who suffered terribly along with the many other Continental soldiers during the long, harsh winter spent in Southeastern Pennsylvania.

Since the monument's unveiling in 1993, this statue has contributed to educating visitors of Valley Forge to the diverse cultures that contributed to this Nation's birth and will continue to do so with the sustained involvement and efforts of the Valley Forge Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, the Valley Forge Historical Society and citizens. I congratulate and commend the Chapter's continued efforts to educate future generations regarding historic artifacts and places which "tell the American story" and recognize the 10 year anniversary of the Patriots of African Descent Monument and its symbolic place in our Nation's history.

WALTER CRAIG AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY POST 60 IN ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Walter Craig American Legion Auxiliary Post 60 located in Rockford, Illinois. This auxiliary post is dedicated to supporting the veterans and their families in my congressional district, and I would like to acknowledge the many accomplishments of the Walter Craig American Legion Auxiliary Post 60: Americanism Patriotic Conference; and Youth Conference, Spirit of Youth Fund Schol-

arships for Jr. Girls Nation and Youth Conference; Auxiliary Emergency Fund for Displaced Homemakers; American Legion Child Welfare Foundation; Dept. Children and Youth Christmas Gifts for Institutional Children; Children and Youth Scholarships for teaching field of handicapped children; Children's Heartlink Heart surgery for needy children; Children's Miracle Network hospital care for children in need; Special Olympics; Spinoza Buddy Bear Project; Department Scholarship Fund for All Dept. Scholarship Funds; Funding for Special Field Services 7 VA Hospitals; Dept. National Security Fund ROTC Awards 7 Patriotic Conference; Nurses Scholarship Fund; Six Point Program extras for hospitalized veterans; North Chicago Medical Center; Crime Stoppers; World War II Nurses; Rescue Mission.

Mr. Speaker, the Walter Craig American Legion Auxiliary Post 60 is an exemplary post, and its members take great pride in helping their local veterans. This post is to be commended for its many accomplishments and steadfast support of the veterans in the 16th Congressional District of Illinois.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GENE TAYLOR

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 3, 2003

Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I missed the legislative business of Monday, June 2, 2003 due to a delay in my flight from Mississippi. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 227, for H. Res. 159: expressing profound sorrow on the occasion of the death of Irma Rangel; "yea" on rollcall No. 228, for H. Res. 195: congratulating Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs for hitting 500 major league home runs; and "yea" on rollcall No. 229, for H.R. 1465: to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4832 East Highway 27 in Iron Station, North Carolina, as the "General Charles Gabriel Post Office."

TRIBUTE TO DIANA BOSFIELD-MOORE

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Diana Bosfield-Moore, a teacher at Phyllis R. Miller Elementary School who, after 28 and a half years of dedicated service, has decided to retire from the Dade County Public Schools.

Diana Bosfield-Moore was born and raised in Miami, Florida and is a proud graduate of Miami Northwestern Sr. High School. She attended Miami Dade Community College where she received her AA Degree and went on to receive her Bachelor of Science Degree from Florida Memorial College.

Ms. Bosfield-Moore brought a wealth of educational experience to her teaching. She began her career in education as a Paraprofessional in 1974. Soon afterwards, Ms. Bosfield Moore moved to Computer Lab Specialist, Reading Tutor, Substitute Teacher,

After-School Care Supervisor, Associate Educator, and now an Elementary School Teacher.

Ms. Bosfield-Moore is a role model who demonstrated in her own life how her students could overcome the obstacles they faced in theirs. She raised five of her sibling's children; two of her own children; and four grandchildren, and still she made the time to graduate from college with a teaching degree at the age of forty-three. This is a truly remarkable task, and it speaks volumes about the truly remarkable person she is.

Ms. Bosfield-Moore's dedication, loyalty, compassion, and involvement will be sorely missed at Phyllis R. Miller Elementary School, by parents, colleagues, administrators and students alike.

Congratulations, Ms. Bosfield-Moore, for a job well done.

HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DOWNRIVER COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to acknowledge the 25th Anniversary of the Downriver Council for the Arts (DCA). The DCA has been a driving force in bringing quality arts education, valuable cultural information and employment to artists and educators throughout the Downriver community.

Founded in 1978, the DCA is a non-profit, umbrella organization that represents, promotes and serves the 18 Downriver communities. The DCA's Home Gallery, resource library, information center, newsletter, cultural calendar, weekly column, arts hotline, website and cable programs provide up-to-date information on artistic, cultural and special events to the nearly 400,000 residents of Downriver.

The DCA works closely with community-based arts organizations, service clubs, municipal governments, schools and social agencies to bring the arts into the community. This wonderful organization nurtures the cultural and artistic growth of thousands of Downriver residents. The DCA not only fosters strong relationships between art institutions and educators, but also serves as a bridge between all socio-economic categories.

The DCA provides volunteer, educational and professional development opportunities, works to insure equal access to artistic opportunities and promotes the recognition of art and culture as a primary contributor to economic development and the quality of life within the Downriver communities.

Mr. Speaker, as the Downriver Council for the Arts celebrates its 25th Anniversary, I would ask that all my colleagues rise and salute this phenomenal organization for all that they have done and will continue to do for the arts in Downriver.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, June 2, 2003, I was unable to cast my floor vote on rollcall Nos. 227, 228, and 229. The votes I missed include rollcall vote 227 on Suspending the Rules and Agreeing to H. Res. 159, Expressing Profound Sorrow on the Occasion of the Death of Irma Rangel; rollcall vote 228 on Suspending the Rules and Agreeing to H. Res. 195, Congratulating Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs for Hitting 500 Major League Home Runs; and rollcall vote 229 on Suspending the Rules and Passing H.R. 1465, the General Charles Gabriel Post Office Building Designation Act.

Had I been present for the votes, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes 227, 228, and 229.

CONGRATULATING ALAN KENT LIPKE, RETIRING PRINCIPAL OF ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL IN JACKSON, MISSOURI FOR 39 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR NATION'S CHILDREN

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, a well-known proverb exemplifies the life mission of our friend and educator Alan Lipke. "A child is not a vessel to be filled, but a lamp to be lit."

For 39 years, Alan Lipke has been an educator committed to bringing light to the lives of our children. Whether it was for two years at St. Paul Lutheran School in Evansville, Indiana, for 13 years at St. Paul Lutheran School in Aurora, Illinois or for the last 22 years right here at St. Paul Lutheran School in Jackson, Missouri, students across the Heartland have been blessed by the dedication and passion of someone who has spent his life preparing our children for the future.

Now, after playing such an integral role in the education of countless youngsters, Alan Lipke has decided it is time to retire from education and begin a new chapter in his life. Though it is clear that he has "put in his time," it is with a heavy heart that we prepare for Alan's departure. He has been a remarkable and stellar educator and after 39 years of unparalleled service to the teaching profession, to say that his absence from education will be missed is an understatement.

And though Alan is retiring from his current profession, I know he will still be a visible and active member of the Jackson community. Maybe we'll see him at Jackson Chamber of Commerce meetings, at festivities for the St. Paul Lutheran School or just out enjoying time with his wife Sally, his children Lisa and Scott, his daughter-in-law Ashley, and most important of all, his grandson Parker. Wherever we may see him, I am sure he will be having fun and enjoying this rich and wonderful time of his life.

Mr. Speaker, on this very special occasion, I ask that all of my colleagues join me in con-

gratulating Alan on this milestone and wish him every happiness for the future. Thank you.

TRIBUTE TO BLONEVA SMITH

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Bloneva Smith, a remarkable teacher who, after 37 years of dedicated service, has decided to retire from the Dade County Schools.

Mrs. Smith is a graduate from Booker T. Washington Senior High School in Miami, Florida. She attended Howard University in Washington, DC, where she earned her undergraduate degree. Bloneva Smith is a member of Mt. Hermon AME Church and a sister of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Mrs. Smith brought to her young students, as well as her young teaching colleagues, a wealth of experience and a perspective on educational progress that spans some of the most difficult decades in our history. Her teaching career began in 1966, during a time when the Dade schools were still effectively racially segregated and black educators were traditionally assigned to teach at historically black schools.

In January 1970, she was reassigned to Treasure Island Elementary School in response to a court order to integrate all schools. Mrs. Smith continued teaching there for 16 years before moving on to Rainbow Park Elementary and finally to Phyllis R. Miller Elementary School, where she has decided to end her teaching career.

I understand that Mrs. Smith has been called a "quiet storm" because she gets results without making a big fuss. We thank her for her service as a proficient and effective educator, and I know all my colleagues join in offering her our best wishes in all her future endeavors.

HONORING THE EXTRAORDINARY LEADERSHIP OF JOSEPH L. HUDSON JR.

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor the extraordinary leadership of Mr. Joseph L. Hudson Jr. Mr. Hudson has been a committed civic leader in the greater Detroit area for over 45 years. Over the course of his lifetime, Mr. Hudson has served as a role model for not only his leadership abilities, but his dedication to his community, his church and, most important of all, his family.

Born on July 4, 1931 in Buffalo, New York, Mr. Hudson was destined to be a strong figure in our Nation's landscape. Mr. Hudson joined the J.L. Hudson Company following graduation from Yale in 1953. Between 1954 and 1956 he served as an artillery officer with the U.S. Army in Germany. In 1956 he returned to Hudson's, was elected a Vice President in 1957 and in 1961 became President and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Hudson retired from the