

Americans longer than any property in the United States. Founded in 1794, Mother Bethel Church is the oldest incorporated African-American church in the country.

The foundation has launched an ambitious effort to construct a new facility that will house an expanded Richard Allen museum, an interactive learning center, and archives focused on the story of Richard Allen. The ultimate goal of the Mother Bethel Foundation is to celebrate and affirm what the Church and its founder have meant to generations of Americans.

In honoring the established Foundation, one must not forget to honor Mother Bethel's distinguished founder, Richard Allen, for whom the Richard and Sarah Allen Center is named. Richard Allen was a man who overcame tremendous obstacles to foster change for the betterment of African-American people. Born into slavery, Mr. Allen purchased his freedom through an agreement with his master.

Rev. Allen eventually responded to a call to preach and became a regular preacher at St. George's Methodist Episcopal Church. Due to segregationist practices at St. George's Church, Rev. Allen founded Mother Bethel Church.

While Rev. Allen is best known for founding Mother Bethel Church, he provided more to the African-American community. He was a critical member in the formation of the Free African Society, an organization to offer security and the benefits of association to Philadelphia's free blacks. He also joined with Absalom Jones to organize the Black Legion, a group of 2,500 men who defended Philadelphia against the British during the War of 1812.

Mr. Speaker, Philadelphia is America's most historic city. But, Mother Bethel stands out as one of our most cherished sites. It is a privilege to recognize an organization with such an admirable goal. I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending the Mother Bethel Foundation as it begins its campaign this Juneteenth.

LET'S KEEP ALL
REPRESENTATIVES ELECTED

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2003

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, the privately funded and privately constituted "Continuity of Government Commission" has recently proposed that, for the first time in our Nation's history, we should allow the appointment of members of the U.S. House of Representatives. Not only does this proposal fail to comport with the intention of the founders of this nation, but, even worse, it advocates a solution that has been repeatedly rejected by this body.

The report of this so-called "Commission" makes clear that while the Senate has, from time to time, voted to pass constitutional amendments allowing for the appointment of House members, this body has always jealously guarded its status as "the people's House" by failing to pass such amendments. A brief history review may be in order at this point. First, our Nation has been under attack from foreign powers in the past, such as in its nascent years when the British were con-

stantly "coming." In our own century, we faced an attack on Pearl Harbor as well as the very real threat of nuclear annihilation. Now, because we have learned that our Capitol was a potential target in a terror plot, there is an outcry from some corners regarding our vulnerability. Our government leaders are no more vulnerable today to mass extinction than they were 20 years ago. Our top-flight military makes us, in many ways, less vulnerable to attack and the assassination of our leaders than we were 200 years ago.

Even if we were to sustain such a devastating attack, the nightmare scenario painted in the first report of the "commission" is not only far-fetched, but also admits of a plethora of potential solutions already existent in our current constitutional structure. Though the report endeavors to cast doubt on the legitimacy of those structures, it is unsuccessful. Moreover, what could be more offensive to our republican form of government and of more questionable legitimacy, than to have a slew of un-elected "representatives" outvote elected people on the floor of our U.S. House?

Let's face it: we can scare people and doom-say anytime we wish, but it would only be in the case of a nearly complete annihilation that our government would fail to function. In such an instance there is no "system" that will preserve our government. On the other hand, if we surrender the right to elect people to the U.S. House of Representatives, under any circumstances, we will get on a slippery slope away from the few remaining vestiges and most precious principles of the government left to us by our founders.

In the event that this "proposal" gets more serious and is given long-term attention, I will place in the record more detailed statements defending the notion of an all-elected House of Representatives, and explaining the fallacies and illogic found in this report. For now Mr. Speaker, I simply wish to go on record as among those who would fight to the last to preserve the principle of a House of Representatives consisting entirely of members elected by the people.

HONORING DOUGLAS PERRY

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2003

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I rise today to honor the life of Douglas Perry and to recognize his lifelong contributions to his community. He was born on February 8, 1920 in Somerville, Massachusetts and passed away earlier this week, on June 2, 2003.

Doug was much more to me than a resident of my Congressional District, he was my friend. I first met Doug and worked with him when I served on the San Diego City Council. I immediately noticed his enthusiasm and his seemingly unlimited energy on behalf of the San Ysidro community where he lived. Because of his work, he was known as the unofficial "Mayor of San Ysidro".

He moved to California in 1936 and served in the U.S. Navy, in North Africa and the Philippines, from 1942 to 1946. He met and married Jean Alexis Wadleigh in 1949, and they lived in the Inland Empire until their move to San Ysidro in 1974.

He was involved in many roles in the activities and organizations of San Ysidro. He served as President, Executive Director, and Information Center Manager of the San Ysidro Chamber of Commerce and was instrumental in keeping the Chamber growing in membership. He organized and managed a Chamber Visitor's Information Center for several years, giving tourist information to thousands of visitors every month. It was through his efforts that the San Ysidro Chamber was designated the official Certificate of Origin supplier for the importation of goods by Mexican businesses—a vital part of the Chamber today. He took the lead in obtaining the first-ever fireworks in San Ysidro by developing plans for the Chamber to sponsor the first two years of exciting 4th of July displays and continuing to organize these yearly festivities.

Doug was Chair of the San Ysidro Redevelopment Project Area Committee, Vice President of the San Ysidro Senior Center, Chair and Vice Chair of the Southern Area Committee, Board Member of the South Bay YMCA, and Vice President of the San Ysidro Senior Center. He made possible communication cable at the Senior Center, soliciting a free donation from Cox Cable.

He was Treasurer of the San Ysidro Little League and was a member of Senior San Ysidrans. At the Sister of Nazareth, San Diego Mission, he was House Father for nine years.

As a member of the Park and Recreation Council, Doug represented the San Ysidro Recreation Council, supported their Annual Christmas events, acquired a big screen TV by soliciting donations, and raised funds for the La Mirada School Joint Use Turf Project. He played a significant role in opening the building at Larsen Sports Field, Cesar Chavez Community Center. He worked in obtaining Beyer Undeveloped Park.

He further obtained funding for the Coral Gate Neighborhood Park and the Larsen Field Parking Lot expansion, security lights and ball field renovation. All in all, he raised tens of thousands of dollars for projects and special events in San Ysidro. He worked to get donations for the Annual Food Drive. As you can see, Doug's commitment was to the community as a whole.

Doug was joined in all of his endeavors by his wife of 52 years. Together, they had four children: Philip Perry of Escondido, California, Kim McCormick of Rancho Cucamonga, California, Brooke Barbee of Alta Loma, California, and Craig Perry of Upland, California. His six grandchildren are Steven Barbee, Paige Flick, Brandy Barbee, Michael Perry, Christopher McCormick, and Scott Perry—and his two great-grandchildren are Tessa and Jacob Weir.

My condolences go to Doug's fine family. He will be missed, but his memory will live on in his beloved community of San Ysidro.

A TRIBUTE TO ALAJANDRA PENA

HON. EDLOPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Alajandra Pena in recognition of her outstanding accomplishment in this year's 75th Precinct Council Spelling Bee competition.

Alajandra is currently in the fifth grade at P.S. 72 in Brooklyn, New York. She received a second place award in the spelling bee.

Mr. Speaker, Alajandra Pena has demonstrated that she is committed to her academic studies and is an excellent speller. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring her and her accomplishment.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
LEANNA MOON

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2003

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, LeAnna Moon has devoted herself to serving others through her membership in the Girl Scouts; and

Whereas, LeAnna Moon has shared her time and talent with the community in which she resides; and

Whereas, LeAnna Moon has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, LeAnna Moon must be commended for the hard work and dedication she put forth in earning the Girl Scout Gold Award;

Therefore, I join with the Girl Scouts, the residents of Glenford and the entire 18th Congressional District in congratulating LeAnna Moon as she receives the Girl Scout Gold Award.

HONORING THE CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA ON THE OCCASION OF HER 300TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2003

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the people of St. Petersburg, Russia, on the 300th Anniversary of the founding of their grand city.

St. Petersburg was founded by Peter the Great on May 27, 1703, and boasts an illustrious history, impressive architectural achievements, and a rich culture. Under the leadership of Catherine the Great, St. Petersburg became one of the cultural capitals of Europe.

The people of St. Petersburg suffered greatly under the brutal regimes led by Lenin and Stalin. Following the death of Vladimir Lenin and under the iron fist of communism, the city was renamed Leningrad. The city suffered further when during World War II the German Army led the Siege of Leningrad on September 8, 1941. During this 900-day siege, over 600,000 Russian citizens died, but Hitler never prevailed to take over the city due to the valiant defense by its residents.

Indeed, despite the devastation of war and the cruelty of communism, the spirit of the St. Petersburg people persevered. With the crumbling of communism, in 1991 the city reclaimed the name of St. Petersburg.

In 1995 I saw firsthand the beautiful city reflecting the extraordinary culture of the "Ven-

ice of the North." I was hosted by the parents of Maxim Kidalov, who in 1993 as a student at the University of South Carolina was the first Russian page to serve in the Senate of South Carolina. He is now a respected attorney in Washington, DC. Dr. Vladimir Nikolayevich Kidalov and Mrs. Lyudmila Mikhailovna Kidalova were gracious hosts, and they brought to life warm Russian hospitality.

It is fitting now for all Americans to salute the achievements of the people of St. Petersburg and wish Godspeed for its bright future as a valued participant in the democratic family of nations.

TRIBUTE TO JOANNE CARLIN

HON. SHERROD BROWN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2003

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, It is my privilege to pay tribute to the life of Joanne Carlin, a lifelong resident of the Cleveland area, who died on May 14 after a courageous battle against cancer.

Joanne's giving spirit was shaped by her experiences growing up in Cleveland's Tremont area. A product of St. Augustine Catholic School, she eventually moved to Garfield Heights, where she graduated from high school.

Joanne owned and operated a beauty salon on Cleveland's west side. Her former customers praised her as a loyal and generous person.

She later sold her business and moved to Medina County to become a full-time homemaker. An excellent cook, Joanne enriched the lives of her family and friends as the consummate hostess during family gatherings and holidays.

Our hearts go out to her husband and best friend, James; her four stepchildren and three stepgrandchildren; and legions of family and friends who recall the memories of these gatherings and the tremendous influence Joanne had in their lives.

TRIBUTE TO DR. MATORY

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2003

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak of an outstanding doctor, educator, and mentor who is on the eve of his retirement as Director of Continuing Medical Education and Professor of Surgery at Howard University.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Matory has had a distinguished career as a surgeon and a researcher and is well known in the Washington, D.C. metro area for his contributions to trauma and burn care.

His hospital activities included the directorship of the Emergency Care Area at both the Freedmen's Hospital and Howard University Hospital from 1960 to 1982, at a time when those facilities were the leading hospital emergency systems in Washington, D.C.

During his tenure, Dr. Matory reorganized the ambulatory care system at Howard to

ease emergency care follow-up and to facilitate continuity of patient care. He introduced vascular access as a service in 1970 in preparation for the Howard University Hospital chronic dialysis and renal transplantation programs.

Dr. Matory received the Distinguished Surgeon Award from the Southeastern Surgical Congress in 1998. He has been a Member of the National Academy of Science, and the Robert Wood Johnson Committee which encouraged the establishment of the "911" emergency response system throughout the country.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Matory also developed the Howard University Family Practice Program, and served as its first chairman from 1970 to 1979; a program in which I had the honor of being a student, and the privilege of being taught and mentored by Dr. Matory, an experience which has shaped my medical and overall career. He was also co-founder of the Physician Assistant Training Program at Howard in 1972.

As an educator, he has been a leader in the continuing medical education of physicians from all over the world, who attend Howard to keep abreast of the ever changing medical landscape. He is a founder of the CME program at Howard, the first in the Washington, D.C. area to be certified by the American Medical Association, the Liaison Council on Continuing Medical Education and currently the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education.

During his illustrious career, he has also served as Assistant Dean for Clinical Affairs at the College of Medicine, Assistant Medical Director for Postgraduate Affairs at Howard University Hospital and Chairman of the Washington, D.C. Board of Medicine.

He has been a member of several medical societies to include the Medico-Chirurgical Society of the District of Columbia, the Medical Society of the District of Columbia, the American College of Surgeons, the National Medical Association and the American Medical Association.

Mr. Speaker, aside from his medical accomplishments, Dr. Matory served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force in Japan from 1955 to 1957. He has also authored 16 publications and produced 130 surgical and general medical videotapes in continuing medical education.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to say a resounding thank you to Dr. William Earle Matory for his tireless dedication to his community and his inspiration to us all.

CONDEMNING THE ATTACK ON
NOBEL PEACE PRIZE LAUREATE
AND DEMOCRACY ACTIVIST
AUNG SAN SUU KYI AND HER
COLLEAGUES IN BURMA

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2003

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to condemn in the strongest possible terms this weekend's violent crackdown on Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and the National League for Democracy (NLD). The Nobel Peace Prize winner was concluding a month