

REVEREND JOSEPH DARBY

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 15, 2003

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and privilege to have had my minister and good friend, Reverend Joseph Darby, deliver this morning's opening prayer. I invited Reverend Darby to join us this morning from Morris Brown AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina, because I knew from personal experience that he would provide an inspirational blessing that will be very relevant to the times in which we live.

I told him, as we were about to enter the Chamber, that he had lucked out this morning. That because of the subsequent meeting of the former members, he would get to pray to and be greeted by a number of warm bodies, which is not always the case with the guest chaplain.

A native of Columbia, South Carolina, Reverend Darby is a fourth-generation minister in the African Methodist Episcopal Church with twenty-five years of pastoral experience. His career has been marked by selfless service to others that comes not only from his dedication to the ministry, but his innate passion and compassion.

Reverend Darby has been a vocal advocate for so many who do not have a voice in our society. He has stood up for his beliefs in the face of great obstacles. My father, a minister himself, taught me the strength of David as he faced Goliath and Daniel as he entered the lions' den. Reverend Darby has demonstrated that same strength drawn from his faith in his daily life, and as a result, his accomplishments are great.

He is presently a Board Member for the Reid House of Christian Service and the Family Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit's Drug Court Program, a member of the State Superintendent of Education's African-American Achievement Committee, the Racial/Cultural Advisory Council of the South Carolina School Boards Association, The Long Range Planning Subcommittee of the South Carolina Educational Oversight Committee; South Carolina Educational Television's Advisory Committee for African-American Programming; The Board of Directors of the Daniel J. Jenkins Institute for Children, and is First Vice-President of the South Carolina Conference of Branches of the NAACP. Reverend Darby is First Vice-President of the Charleston A.M.E. and Interdenominational Ministerial Alliances, Chairman of the P.A.S.T.O.R.S. Housing Initiative, and Chairman of the South Carolina Coalition of Black Church Leaders, an Affiliate of the Congress of National Black Churches.

Reverend Darby's honors and awards include South Carolina Business Vision magazine's 1997 South Carolina's 25 most influential African-Americans award, the 1999 South Carolina Christian Action Council's Howard G. McClain Christian Action in Public Policy Award, the 1999 NAACP Southeast Region Medgar W. Evers Leadership Award, the 2001 MOJA Festival Religious Achievement Award, and the 2001 Excellence in Religion award from the S.C. Mechanism of the National Council of Negro Women. He was inducted into the South Carolina Black Hall of Fame in July 2002.

Reverend Darby is married to the former Mary M. Bright of Walterboro, South Carolina, a career educator. They have two sons—Jason Christopher, Director of Marketing and Public Relations for Allen University, and Jeremy Christian who attends West Ashley High School.

Reverend Darby is a true leader in South Carolina both within and outside the church community, and I wanted to share his extraordinary talents with you. Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in welcoming Reverend Joseph Darby to the U.S House of Representatives.

MARKING PASTOR GEORGE
GRACE'S 20 YEARS OF SERVICE
TO THE FIRST BIBLE BAPTIST
CHURCH

HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to pay tribute to Pastor George P. Grace for his 20 years of service to the First Bible Baptist Church and his numerous contributions to the citizens of Rochester, New York. For two decades, he has faithfully led and continues to lead the First Bible Baptist Church and its congregation, earning a well-deserved reputation as a respected and trusted community leader.

Under his leadership, the First Bible Baptist Church has promoted good citizenship and voter awareness through the church's annual Political Candidates' Night. The Grace and Truth Athletics Ministry was initiated to provide a place for the youth of this community to experience sports so they may grow and learn, and every year this draws thousands from local communities, including those who are not a member of the church. Pastor Grace also has a namesake event, the Thanksgiving Day "Race with Grace," which has become a certified national 10k, having 1,000 participants last Thanksgiving Day.

The Pastor has found much success and continued growth in the athletics ministries. He developed the Grace and Truth Sportspark, whose soccer fields are home to the Junior Rhinos, the Greece Buccaneers, and other community soccer leagues. The church is hoping to complete the Sportspark in the near future, with lighted baseball and softball fields. The Grace and Truth Athletics Ministry has traveled throughout the world ministering to the world's youth through soccer.

Pastor Grace sits as a Regional Vice-President of Trinity Baptist College, Jacksonville, Florida, and he is a member of the Board of Trustees of Roberts Wesleyan College in Rochester. He and his wife Penny have raised their 5 children in Rochester and they now have one Grandson.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that this Congress join me in saluting Pastor George Grace as he marks 20 years of service to the First Bible Baptist Church. His love for his fellow man is an inspiration to us all, and I am proud to represent him in Congress.

IN RECOGNITION OF MS. KAROL
CORBIN WALKER

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize Ms. Karol Corbin Walker as she is sworn in as the first African American President of the New Jersey State Bar Association.

Completing an undergraduate degree at New Jersey City University, Ms. Walker went on to pursue her law degree from my alma mater, Seton Hall University. Through her many positions within the law community, Ms. Walker has become the first African American woman to attain Partner status at any major New Jersey law firm, representing clients in commercial, employment, environmental, hazardous waste, insurance coverage, toxic tort and product liability matters. An outstanding litigator, Ms. Walker has been the recipient of many awards and been recognized by many organizations including Business News New Jersey which recognized her as one of New Jersey's Top 20 African American Business People.

A former trustee of the Essex County Bar Association and President of the Garden State Bar Association, Ms. Walker is also a member of the Morris County Bar Association, the National Bar Association, the American Bar Association and the Association of the Federal Bar of the State of New Jersey.

In addition to her many accomplishments as a lawyer, Ms. Walker also takes time out of her busy schedule to give back to her community. Frequently speaking at many grade schools, high schools, and colleges, Ms. Walker is a shining example to our nation's youth of the success that can be reached if they follow their dreams.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor and a privilege to rise today to recognize Ms. Karol Corbin Walker and her innumerable contributions to not only my district but to the state of New Jersey. I know that my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives join me today in wishing her congratulations on this momentous occasion and in wishing her the very best for the future.

HONORING GAIL UILKEMA

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great educator and community leader, Dr. Gail Uilkema, for her 16 years of service to the community. In May of 2003, Dr. Uilkema will retire as Superintendent of the Piedmont Unified School District in California.

In 2002, Gail Uilkema was selected as the National Superintendent of the Year. Previously, she was superintendent of the Orinda Union School District, Assistant Superintendent in the Reed Union School District, and principal/teacher in California, Alabama, and England. Dr. Uilkema is President of Suburban School Superintendents.

Dr. Uilkema has inspired her East Bay community to contribute financial support for the

children of Piedmont. In 2001, under her leadership, a parcel tax raising \$4.2 million annually for Piedmont's schools passed with a 78.78 percent yes vote. Previously a bond for \$30 million was passed for school renovation, new construction and technology.

Dr. Uilkema has a strong interest in international education. She has served on the Board of Directors of AAIE (Association for the Advancement of International Education), and also has made presentations in Africa, Australia, Asia, and North America. She has raised funds for projects in Rwanda, Turkey, Ethiopia, and Kenya.

Dr. Uilkema is actively involved with the University of California. She served as a Regent of the University of California where she chaired the Educational Policy Committee. She received the outstanding service award from the University of California at Santa Barbara in 1999. Dr. Uilkema continues to participate in professional committees including California Assessment Policy, National Association of School Executives (chair), Executive Leadership Center Advisory, Mills College Department of Education Advisory, Association of California School Administrators Superintendents, California State Department of Education Elementary Task Forces, and the Association of California School Administrators Symposium (chair).

Dr. Uilkema has received the Outstanding Administrator of the Year Award for her region. In 1996 she was selected as one of 100 women in the United States to participate in Leadership America. Additionally, she received a National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship to study at Stanford, and a National Geographic Society/Smithsonian Institution scholarship to study in Africa.

Finally, as we honor Dr. Uilkema today, I want to thank her for being an exemplary role model, administrator, and teacher. I take great pride in joining Dr. Uilkema's family, friends and colleagues to recognize and salute the accomplishments and contributions of Gail G. Uilkema.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE EFFORTS
OF ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Orange High School for being this year's fundraiser for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's "Pennies Campaign."

This year, the school's students and staff raised over \$32,519 for leukemia research. It is the fifth year in a row Orange High School has come out on top in the nationwide collection, raising more than \$150,000 since 1999. Celebrity recording artist Mandy Moore visited the school to reward them for raising the most money.

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is a voluntary health organization dedicated to funding blood cancer research, education, and services. The Society's mission is to cure leukemia, lymphoma, and other related diseases, and to improve the quality of life of patients and their families. Since its founding in 1949, the Society has provided more than \$280 million for research specifically targeting blood-related cancers.

It is activities like this that strengthen our society and build character and citizenship. And it carries on this country's long line of volunteerism, which is built upon the principle of being a 'Good Samaritan' and stopping along side the road to lend a helping hand. I am proud of you all. Keep up the good work.

TAIWAN, SARS, AND THE WORLD
HEALTH ORGANIZATION

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my best wishes and congratulations to the Republic of China as it celebrates President Chen Shui-bian's third anniversary in office. President Chen is to be commended for his leadership in guiding Taiwan through various challenges and maintaining prosperity and democracy for its 23 million people on the island.

Despite economic downturns in many parts of the world, Taiwan has maintained a healthy growth. Taiwan's substantive relations with nearly all the free countries have been steadily improving, especially with Taiwan's recent accession to the World Trade Organization. However, much more needs to be done to expand Taiwan's international presence, particularly as Southeast Asia combats the spread of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, or SARS.

With the recent outbreak of SARS, I feel even stronger that Taiwan needs to be included in any and all international medical collaborative efforts. With the spread of SARS, the importance of public health information disclosure is paramount. Secretary of State Colin Powell recently stated that, "infectious disease knows no borders and requires an effective and coordinated response at local, national and international levels." Time has come for Taiwan to be included in all World Health Organization activities. For a start, I believe the United States should strongly support Taiwan's efforts to obtain observer status at the World Health Assembly this May.

We must make every effort to combat the growing threat of SARS. Taiwan is geographically located at the heart of this devastating crisis. To deny WHO membership—or at the very least observer status at the World Health Assembly—is a direct affront on the international medical community's efforts to contain the deadly spread of this virus. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in support of Taiwan's inclusion in the World Health Organization.

RE: HONORING FALLEN POLICE
OFFICER, GEORGE SELBY

HON. HAROLD E. FORD, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of George Selby, a Shelby County Sheriff's deputy killed in the line of duty. Officer Selby, 33, was shot and killed December 4th, 2002 at a home where he was

servicing a warrant. Sadly, he was struck in an area not covered by his protective vest.

Officer Selby died bravely doing what he and so many other countless individuals across the country do everyday—protecting and serving their communities. All too often we get busy in our own lives and forget that we have brave men and women who put on the badge day-in and day-out in order to keep our communities safe. Having made the ultimate sacrifice, George Selby is a hero to this nation and a reminder to all Americans of the precious nature of human life.

Officer Selby is survived by his wife, Jessica Selby, who was in Washington, D.C. Tuesday, May 13, as part of the 15th annual National Candlelight Vigil at the Law Enforcement Memorial. My thoughts and prayers are with Ms. Selby, as she struggles with the loss of her husband.

Tuesday was the culmination of a week of events honoring law enforcement in the nation's capitol. The Memphis Police Department also held a formal ceremony Thursday, May 15, to honor fallen officers from West Tennessee.

IN SUPPORT OF AMERICAN
VETERANS

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 15, 2003

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak on behalf of America's veterans. As a veteran myself, I am saddened to see how this country is turning its back on those who answered the call of duty time after time in this country's history. My district, the 4th District of Texas, has the second highest veteran population in the State, and I am proud to stand up for these courageous men and women who have given so much for their country.

Recently, this Congress was faced with structuring a budget. The House Republican Budget severely cut veterans expectations, while the Democratic Budget, containing less harmful, but more expensive language, was more favorable to veterans. I supported the Democratic substitute which would have left the desperately needed money to support the growing needs of our veterans, including veterans health care, vocational rehabilitation, disability compensation, pension, education and survivors benefits. The Democratic Budget was defeated, and in as much as we had to pass a budget, I voted to send the Republican Budget to the Senate—knowing that it had to be moved along to reach the House and Senate conference committee, where the bill will be rewritten. I will work to ensure that our veterans' benefits will be restored in the final budget.

Sixty two years ago, our country was attacked at Pearl Harbor. The commanding officer in the Japanese fleet was Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto, who is quoted as saying, "I fear we have woken a sleeping giant and filled him with a terrible resolve." Some historians write that he said "I fear that we have awakened a sleeping tiger." Unless Congress rectifies these spending cuts for our veterans, I feel that we will once again "awaken a sleeping tiger." Our veterans will not—and should not—