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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2003

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, May 14, 2003, I was unavoidably delayed and thus missed rollcall vote No. 189. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea," to pass H.R. 1000, the Pension Security Act of 2003.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SAMUEL J. TILDEN DEMOCRATIC CLUB ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Samuel J. Tilden Democratic Club on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. In the past half-century, the organization has consistently led its community in discussing, addressing, and resolving important political issues.

Since 1953, when a group of Democrats became fed up with Tammany Hall and turned to the notion of an open political forum for inspiration, Tilden has prided itself on its diverse membership and progressive views. Tilden members represent a cross-section of the constituency, and the diversity of opinion makes the club a driving force and leader of the community. Tilden embraces the philosophical principles of Eleanor Roosevelt and Herbert Lehman and has led the efforts to address and resolve community issues for over five decades. Tilden's contributions to the community include improvements in healthcare, housing, education, social services, senior citizen needs, crime prevention, transportation and landmark designation.

The local reform Democratic club of the 74th Assembly District, the Tilden club is named after Samuel J. Tilden, Governor of New York from 1875–1876. During his ten years as state party chairman from 1865–1875, Mr. Tilden made history by successfully leading the overthrow of the Tammany Hall Boss Tweed. As the Democratic Party's candidate for President of the United States in 1876, he became the first candidate to win the popular vote but lose the Electoral College vote, and the election. Mr. Tilden's legacy of community activism and reform is reflected in the Tilden club.

Tilden serves its community and its members by facilitating open communication between constituents and their representatives in government. Tilden hosts forums where constituents meet and are able to speak with their elected officials and political candidates. As a result, the residents of the district are given an opportunity to directly voice their concerns about their state and government to those who serve it.

In addition to these activities, Tilden spearheads community service projects including annual street fairs, the proceeds of which are donated to community groups, hospitals, hospices, senior support groups, charities and social service organizations. Their annual "Toys for Tots" drive provides needy children with toys throughout New York City. Further, Tilden hosts an annual celebration honoring community and political heroes, recognizing those men and women whose efforts have made a difference in the community. Through all its efforts, Tilden focuses on improving the quality of life in our community, just as Governor Tilden worked to accomplish over a century ago.

The dedication and enthusiasm of the many members and friends of Tilden have made it an extraordinary and invaluable community organization. Over the last 50 years, Tilden has helped shape the development of the community, advocating for and preserving the quality of life for residents and families of the east side of Manhattan.

In recognition of these outstanding contributions, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Samuel J. Tilden Democratic Club on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary.

RECOGNIZING JONATHAN H. WEAVER FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

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Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jonathan H. Weaver, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 99, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jonathan has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the 2 years he has been involved in Scouting, he has earned 30 merit badges. Additionally, Jonathan has held numerous leadership positions in his troop, serving as troop guide and junior assistant scout master. Jonathan also has been honored for his numerous Scouting achievements with such awards as the Silent Canoe and the Tom-Tom Beater in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

For his Eagle Scout project, Jonathan repaired and refurbished the deck and porch of the local women's and children's shelter.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jonathan H. Weaver for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING DR. FRANK PINKARD, JR. AND KATHI MARTIN-PINKARD

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Doctor Frank Pinkard, Jr. and the marvelous First Lady Mrs. Kathi Martin-Pinkard of Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church for their lifetime of ministry and community service. They have served as champions of faith and love for their congregation at Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church in Oakland, California for 18 years.

Pastor Pinkard began his higher education at Bishop College in Dallas, Texas, where he received his B.A. A self-reliant over-achiever, he then completed a three-year seminary program in just two years at the San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo, California, earning his Master's of Divinity. He then went on to receive a Doctrine of Divinity from the Urban Black Study Center in Affiliation with the Graduate Theological Union at Berkeley. Kathi Martin-Pinkard is also a source of joy and endless compassion. Together they have changed the lives of many people for the better.

Pastor Pinkard has demonstrated leadership skills which have established his reputation in national and international religious circles, as well as the political realm. Among his other roles, Pastor Pinkard has served as President of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of the East Bay, President of the Baptist Ministers Union of Oakland and surrounding vicinity, Moderator of the Oakland Council Churches, First Vice President of the United California Baptist State Convention, President of the Board of Directors for the African-American Church Health and Economic Services (ACHES), President of the St. Luke's Society, Moderator of the Mt. Zion District Association, and Executive Secretary of the Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc. His service to the community is just as impressive: Administrative Assistant to the late Assemblyman John J. Miller, Commissioner for the Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency in Alameda, and Member of the Alameda County Grand Jury. Between January 1993 and April 1996, Pastor Pinkard three times received a special invitation to the White House by President William J. Clinton. In 1996, he served as a member of the National Committee of the Re-Election of the President.

Reverend Pinkard is first and foremost a Pastor. For thirteen years he was Pastor of the Faith United Presbyterian Church of Oakland, where he oversaw the construction of a new worship facility. He then went on to become the Association Executive of the Presbytery of San Francisco. On Tuesday, April 9, 1985, he was called by the Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church to become their Pastor, succeeding his late Pastor and Organizer, Dr. J.L. Richard. For the past eighteen years Pastor Pinkard and First Lady Kathi Martin-

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Pinkard have provided devout and dedicated leadership to the Evergreen family. He has also been blessed to direct and oversee the construction of Evergreen's new worship facility, which was dedicated during a month-long celebration in July 2000. Presently, they are overseeing construction of Evergreen's Children's Center, which will include a "Maya Angelou Reading Room."

Finally as we honor Reverend Doctor and First Lady Pinkard today, I want to thank them on behalf of the entire 9th Congressional District for being great religious and community leaders. Reverend Pinkard and Mrs. Kathi Martin-Pinkard have shared their wisdom and provided me tremendous support. Most of all, I thank them for their friendship and for their prayers.

I take great pride in joining their friends, colleagues, and members of the congregation to salute the extraordinary Pastor Frank Pinkard, Jr. and the magnificent First Lady Kathi Martin-Pinkard.

RECOGNIZING ERIC DANIEL
LORENZ FOR ACHIEVING THE
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HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

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Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Eric Daniel Lorenz, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 99, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Eric has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the 6 years he has been involved in Scouting, he has earned 28 merit badges. Additionally, Eric has held numerous leadership positions in his troop, serving as junior leader, assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, and junior assistant scoutmaster. Eric also has been honored for his numerous Scouting achievements with such awards as the Bright Eyed Buffalo and the Tom-Tom Beater in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

For his Eagle Scout project, Eric cleaned up and maintained a playground, including the installation of a mulched area, at First Step Preschool of the Hodge Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Eric Daniel Lorenz for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO PASTOR JERRY
EDWARD MOE

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and sincerity that I wish to congratulate Pastor Jerry Edward Moe as he celebrates the 50th anniversary of his ordination in ministry. His parishioners at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Merrillville, Indiana will honor him on Sunday, May 18, 2003.

Pastor Moe was born on July 16, 1927, in Chicago, Illinois, to Walter and Edna Moe. He was educated in the Chicago public schools and graduated from Taft High School in 1945. Pastor Moe received his call to ministry during his teenage years and after high school went on to attend Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. After graduating with a bachelor of arts, he attended Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. Pastor Moe graduated from the seminary on May 17, 1953 and was ordained the same day at Central Lutheran Church located in Minneapolis, Minnesota. As an ordained minister, Pastor Moe's first call was to the Air Force Chaplaincy. He attended basic training at Lackland Air Force Base and was assigned to Patrick Air Force Base in Florida until 1955.

After completing his duty with the Air Force, Pastor Moe served as interim pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Jersey City, New Jersey. In 1956, Pastor Moe moved to Edinburgh, Scotland, where he studied post-graduate theology at the University of Edinburgh.

Upon his return to the United States, Pastor Moe accepted a call to the Valders Lutheran Parish in Wisconsin and served there from July 1957 to January 1960. From 1960 to 1963, Pastor Moe continued his service to God as the director of the Lutheran Center at Hothorpe Hall in Theddingworth, England.

Returning to the United States in 1963, Pastor Moe accepted the challenge of leading Christ Lutheran Church, a new mission church in Las Vegas, Nevada. During his tenure with Christ Lutheran, Pastor Moe was able to see the congregation grow. When Pastor Moe left this place of worship after seven years of service, the congregation consisted of more than 700 members.

Pastor Moe left Las Vegas to come back to his home state of Illinois where he served as pastor at Faith Lutheran Church for 22 years until his retirement in 1993. Since his official retirement, Pastor Moe has continued his call to worship at a variety of establishments in the state of Indiana. He served as Chaplain at St. Joseph's Medical Center in South Bend, as interim pastor at St. John Lutheran Church in Kokomo, and at St. John Lutheran Church in Marion. Today, Pastor Moe serves as the interim pastor at Prince of Peace Church in Merrillville.

Mr. Speaker, at this time I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Pastor Jerry Moe as he celebrates the 50th anniversary of his ordination in ministry. Throughout Pastor Moe's career in ministry he has touched the lives of many throughout the community. His unselfish and lifelong dedication to those in need is worthy of the highest commendation, and I am proud to represent him in Congress.

RECOGNIZING PHILLIP STEWART
ELLIOTT FOR ACHIEVING THE
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Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Phillip Stewart Elliott, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by tak-

ing an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 99, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Phillip has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the five years he has been involved in scouting, he has earned 27 merit badges. Additionally, Phillip has held numerous leadership positions in his troop, serving as Quartermaster and Junior Assistant Scout Master. Phillip also has been honored for his numerous scouting achievements with such awards as the Spotted War Shirt and the Runner in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

For his Eagle Scout project, Phillip repaired and refurbished picnic tables for Trenton Park System, in Trenton, Missouri, which included making some tables handicapped accessible.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Phillip Stewart Elliott for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONGRATULATIONS MONSIGNOR
WILLIAM LINDER

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, it is with the greatest pleasure that I recognize the awarding of an honorary Doctorate degree to Monsignor William L. Linder by John Carroll University. Msgr. William Linder had the vision thirty-five years ago to give new life and hope to people who lived in Newark, New Jersey, then one of America's lowest income communities, with the establishment of New Community Corporation. Indeed, the city had experienced urban riots and destruction related to the awakening of modern civil rights in America.

A Roman Catholic priest for nearly forty years, Msgr. Linder has spent his ministry in Newark, New Jersey, still one of the poorest cities in the country. For 28 years, he has been the pastor of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, a somewhat unique congregation comprised of people from thirty different national backgrounds. A Doctor of Sociology, Msgr. Linder is an adjunct professor at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs. He has received dozens of national and community awards honoring his pathbreaking work to build a new city out of the old.

When rioting in 1967 devastated much of Newark's Central Ward, Msgr. Linder founded New Community. Working with a coalition of local residents and others, Msgr. Linder grew New Community into a development encompassing fourteen city blocks in the heart of the Central Ward. New Community is a thriving venture of people in safe, attractive, affordable housing with an intricate network of employment, day care, education, training, health care, credit unions, banking and human services focused on economic development which benefits its people. New Community employs 2,300 people in sixteen separately funded efforts. Its capital assets now exceed over \$375 million.

New Community offers people from childhood through old age myriad opportunities for