

on the issue of independence for Khalistan. There should also be similar plebiscites for Kashmir, Nagaland, and every other nation that seeks its freedom from Indian rule. India says there is no support for these freedom movements. Well, it is time for India to prove its point by holding a free vote on the matter. This is the only way for the people of South Asia to live in freedom, peace, democracy, and stability.

Mr. Speaker, there will be demonstrations around the world this weekend to commemorate the Golden Temple attack. The one in Washington will be led by the Council of Khalistan. I would like to insert their very informative flyer into the RECORD at this time.

TRIBUTE TO ENNIS JAMES
MCCORVEY, JR.

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2004

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Deacon Ennis James (E.J.) McCorvey, Jr., a noted family man and community servant. A native of Tunnel Springs, Alabama, Deacon McCorvey was also a member of the prestigious Tuskegee Airmen crew.

Deacon McCorvey entered into eternal rest earlier this year, but his memory will remain with us because of his substantial commitment to his faith and contributions to his fellow citizens.

Deacon McCorvey attended Tuskegee Institute, leaving when he was drafted into the armed forces. He served his country as a mechanic for the famed Tuskegee Airmen. He subsequently worked as an aircraft mechanic and power collator operator at both Maxwell and Gunter Air Force Bases. After leaving active duty he became a successful entrepreneur in Montgomery, Alabama along with his three brothers. Throughout his business career, he continued to serve the public interest by helping numerous Alabama State College students acquire off campus housing while encouraging them to continue their academic studies.

A leader in all respects, Deacon McCorvey stood out the most while communing among the people of Beulah Baptist Church, where he was a member of the Deacon Board. He developed initiatives that included purchasing junior choir robes and chairs for the Sunday School classes. His selflessness became legendary in his church and throughout his community.

Deacon McCorvey is survived by his wife of 52 years, Mavis Davis McCorvey, his devoted son Ennis and daughter-in-law, Pamela, a loving daughter, Amanda Bowers and four grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in honoring the late Deacon Ennis James McCorvey, Jr., for a lifetime of family commitments and community fellowships. The people of his native Alabama, his family in South Carolina and all those who knew him will always remember him for his passion, integrity, and dedication to God and Country.

CONGRATULATING JOHN H. BRYAN
OF CHICAGO

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2004

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my friend John H. Bryan of Chicago on being presented the Restore America Hero Award by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Save America's Treasures, and Home & Garden Television at their Second Annual Preservation Gala.

Mr. Bryan epitomizes the principles on which this award is bestowed. His meaningful involvement to maintain America's historic and cultural treasures provides future generations the opportunity to experience American history. Mr. Bryan continues to distinguish himself through his relentless commitment and leadership to the preservation of historic American landmarks.

While Mr. Bryan is a Mississippi native, he has spent much of his time in Chicago, serving as the Chairman and CEO of the Sara Lee Corporation. It was in these positions that he helped instill the value of community involvement into the corporate world. Mr. Bryan, changed the paradigm of Sara Lee, creating the notion that it was in the best interest of the company and society at large for a business to involve itself in the community. The result at Sara Lee is a community of people that enjoy volunteering with civic and social organizations. Sara Lee additionally donates five percent of its net income to charities.

Mr. Bryan also sits on the board of Goldman Sachs, Bank One Corporation, British Petroleum, and General Motors where his vision and leadership are recognized as essential assets to company and community growth.

Mr. Bryan has also donated tremendous amount of time and energy to the arts. He is affiliated with many non-profit organizations and has had the opportunity to serve as a trustee of the University of Chicago and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Art Institute of Chicago.

Because of his appreciation and love of Chicago, Mr. Bryan was appointed to the Board of Directors of Millennium Park by Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley. In this role Mr. Bryan has worked to change the urban landscape of Chicago, by dedicating his time to developing this uniquely Chicago treasure. Under his guidance, \$200 million, or one half of the funding needed to erect the park, was raised from Chicago's business community. Mr. Bryan was able to communicate to these two groups that the opportunity to create a lasting legacy in Chicago was in their hands.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of the Fifth Congressional District of Illinois and indeed all of Chicago, I am privileged to congratulate John H. Bryan, one of Chicago's great benefactors, on receiving the Restore America Hero Award and recognize the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Save America's Treasures, and Home & Garden Television for bestowing this award on such an admirable recipient. I wish him, his wife, and their four children continued happiness and success in the future.

ENERGY POLICY ACT OF 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2004

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, the House today is considering legislation that continues to ignore the real needs of our families.

Today's energy bill won't create jobs, won't lower gas prices and weakens our strong environmental standards that protect our nation's health.

America needs a comprehensive energy plan that strengthens our national security, grows our economy and protects our environment.

We need to pass legislation that invests in energy-efficient technologies of the 21st century, expands conservation efforts and builds an infrastructure based on renewable, home-grown fuels.

Democrats have a plan that would appropriate sufficient funds for the development of domestic energy sources. This includes measures to increase the use of renewable energy resources and the use of emerging technologies that could increase energy efficiency and reduce overall energy consumption.

Unfortunately, Republicans won't allow this plan to be considered.

Once again the House is considering pork-laden energy legislation that adds \$140 billion to our deficit, benefits the Republicans special interest friends and fails to create twenty-first century jobs without providing energy independence.

The Republican energy plan on the floor today is the same one the House passed last year. Their plan still tilts too far towards oil and natural gas production. I support domestic production of oil and natural gas. It must be done sensibly, however, to not harm our nation's environment.

I also strongly support investing in energy efficient technology and renewable fuels. Minnesota leads the nation in wind power, ethanol and biodiesel. The energy bill we are passing yet again fails to adequately recognize these homegrown fuels.

Instead of passing the balanced energy plan Minnesotans demand, the Republicans have loaded this bill up with giveaways to corporations making record profits.

I will not vote for a pork-filled energy bill that doesn't meet our nation's energy needs for the first century.

I urge my colleagues to vote no today.

HONORING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2004

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 35th year of existence of the Bible Baptist Church of Hendersonville, Tennessee. The congregation will celebrate the church's 35th anniversary on July 24–25, 2004.

Bible Baptist Church has grown from its original 60 members to more than 500 members today. The church has served the community and its congregation well for the past

35 years, and it continues to benefit the Hendersonville area in innumerable ways.

Over the past 35 years of dedicated service, the church has seen great changes. Beginning with the Phillips Robinson Chapel in 1969, the church constructed a 300-seat auditorium in 1972. It built the fellowship hall in 1989 and a church office complex in 1993. The church plans to move to a 36-acre property on New Shackle Island Road in the near future. Over the years, the dynamic nature of the church's facilities has served as a mirror for its ever-increasing role in the community.

Hendersonville is a better place because of the work of the Bible Baptist Church and its congregation. I am sure the church will continue to make a positive difference in the community for the next 35 years, and I congratulate the congregation and pastor Jim Crockett for all the good work they have done.

HONORING BRIGADIER GENERAL
RILEY P. PORTER

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2004

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great Arkansan and an outstanding citizen with a long history of service to his country. I am proud to recognize Riley P. Porter and congratulate him on his recent promotion from Colonel to Brigadier General.

Born and raised in Arkansas, Gen. Porter is a native of West Helena, and a 1974 graduate of the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. Upon completion of his degree in business administration and marketing, Gen. Porter committed to the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps and was commissioned as a second lieutenant.

After completing a rigorous pilot training at Vance Air Force Base in Oklahoma, Gen. Porter's commitment to service continued by attending the Strategic Air Command Combat Crew Training in the KC-135 at Castle Air Force Base in California. In 1981, Gen. Porter joined the Arkansas Air National Guard at the Little Rock Air Force Base and is now an accomplished command pilot with more than 5,700 flying hours in training, tanker and airlift aircraft.

Gen. Porter's abilities and leadership are exemplified in the many awards and decorations he has earned, including the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Outstanding Excellence Award with one oak leaf cluster, and the National Defense Service Medal with service star.

Gen. Porter continues to serve his country with distinction as the Chief of Staff for the Arkansas Air National Guard and Joint Force Component Commander. Throughout his career, Brigadier General Riley P. Porter has served his country with honor and dignity. On behalf of the Congress, I would like to extend our gratitude and appreciation for his service and commitment to our great Nation.

HONORING BECCA KERN

HON. HENRY J. HYDE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2004

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend a young individual from my district who recently won the honor of "Mayor For The Day" of Elmhurst, Illinois. Miss Becca Kern, who is in Sixth Grade at Visitation Catholic School, won this honor by composing the following essay in 50 words or less:

"Good citizenship is important in Elmhurst because. . . ."

Citizenship means contributing to the community. In Elmhurst, our town relies on each other. People taking the time to make it a fun, safe, and successful community. I am proud to be a citizen of this town because everyone in Elmhurst makes a contribution to its greatness."

RECOGNIZING FOUNDING FATHERS
OF CITY OF JACKSON, MICHIGAN

HON. NICK SMITH

OF

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2004

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Founding Festival of the City of Jackson, Michigan. This celebration commemorates the 175th anniversary of the founding of the City of Jackson, Michigan, and the 150th anniversary of the meeting "Under the Oaks," the first convention of the Republican Party.

New Yorker Horace Blackman arrived at what is now Jackson on July 3rd, 1829. On July 4th, he staked out his 160-acre claim along the banks of the Grand River. Named for President Andrew Jackson, the village also known as Jacksonburgh and Jacksonopolis grew quickly, and became a hub of commerce and transportation in southern Michigan. It became the terminus of the Michigan Central Railroad, which helped to spur economic growth in the region, and served as a starting point for pioneers heading west.

Jackson has played an important role in defending our country. It was the first city in Michigan to muster troops for the Civil War, and made significant contributions to the war effort during WW II, manufacturing materiel and supplies.

Jackson was a leader in the automotive industry, with 23 different cars manufactured in the City, including the "Jackson" automobile. Both Buick automobiles and Ritz Crackers were originally manufactured in Jackson. Gilbert's Chocolates, Sparton Electronics, and the All-Star Dairy also call Jackson home.

July 6, 2004 marks the 150th Anniversary of the Under the Oaks meeting in Jackson, MI. On this day in 1854, the name "Republican" was used in affiliation with a political party for the first time in the history of the United States of America. With its seeds sown at meetings in Ripon, Wisconsin; Friendship, NY; and Bangor, Maine, the movement took root at the meeting in Jackson, adopting a platform, nominating candidates, and formally adopting the name "Republican."

Called to the City of Jackson by Charles V. DeLand, editor of the Jackson American Cit-

izen newspaper, thousands of former Whigs, FreeSoilers, disgruntled Democrats, and others assembled in Jackson to consider further anti-slavery actions. The call was taken up by newspapers throughout the state to meet on the 6th of July 1854. The crowd of more than 3,000 quickly filled Bronson Hall to overflowing, and the meeting adjourned to the oak grove on Morgan's Forty, at what is now the corner of Franklin and Second streets. At this meeting "Under the Oaks," the first Republican platform was passed, the first Republican candidates were nominated, and the name "Republican" was formally adopted. It is only fitting that this city, that also played an important role in the Underground Railroad, is where the first political platform calling for the abolition of slavery would be adopted. Thus was born the Grand Old Party.

At the time of year that we celebrate the founding of the United States of America, it is my great honor to recognize the founding of Jackson, Michigan, a truly American city born on the fourth of July, and of that Grand Old Party, the Republicans.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. JOHNNY RAY
YOUNGBLOOD

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Dr. Johnny Ray Youngblood in recognition of his spiritual leadership and contributions to the community.

Dr. Johnny Ray Youngblood is without a doubt, one of the leading theologians of his time. His commitment to the call of spiritual healing, racial parity, social justice and economic equity for all people has garnered him national recognition as a preacher, national leader, public advocate, motivator, writer and teacher. Now in his 30th year serving as senior pastor of St. Paul Community Baptist church and 3rd year as senior pastor of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, both located in Brooklyn, New York, he has completed more than a quarter of a century pastoring to God's people.

In May of 1990, Youngblood received his Doctorate of Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, where he studied with an elite group of preachers from across the country as a Samuel D. Proctor Fellow. Dr. Youngblood earned his Masters of Divinity degree from Colgate-Rochester Divinity in Rochester, New York and his bachelor's degree from Dillard University in New Orleans. Dr. Youngblood is now single and a father of three sons, Joel Ray, Jason Royce and Johnny Jenell, and the grandfather of Donny Lynn, Joshua, Jalen and Jordyn.

Dr. Youngblood has earned national recognition because of his work with East Brooklyn Congregations (EBC), an affiliate of the Industrial Areas Foundation. He is credited through EBC with spearheading the Nehemiah Housing project, which to date has constructed approximately 2,850 owner-occupied single family homes in some of the most devastated communities in Brooklyn. He has served as national spokesman for the group and in 1990, was recognized in the Congressional Record for his trailblazing work with the project. Dr. Youngblood is a subject of the