

memory of Merle F. Peterson of Dumas, AR. Strong leadership, vision, concern for others, and philanthropy were enduring legacies left by Merle Peterson. He died on March 19, 2004 after having served his nation, state and Dumas with distinction.

After graduating with an electrical engineering degree from Arkansas State University, he came to Dumas in April of 1939 to operate a service station his father had bought. In November of that year, he was married to Deloris Ellegood, and together they built a successful Ford automobile business.

When Mr. Peterson volunteered for the Army Air Force in 1942, he rose to captain and served overseas three years with a bomber squadron in Africa and Italy. His wife kept the business operating during those years. After selling the Ford dealership in 1976, they continued their business and farming operations through Peterson Enterprises and jointly led in service and philanthropic endeavors for over 64 years.

After World War II, Mr. Peterson realized that Dumas faced major economic challenges in order to prosper. With other Dumas leaders, he worked to establish an industrial foundation and organized a drive to buy land for development as an industrial park.

Mr. Peterson founded Dumas State Bank, now Simmons First, and was its board chairman. His financial acumen led him to serve on the boards of the Arkansas Development Finance Authority, State Chamber of Commerce, and Economic Development Fund of Arkansas.

Fully devoted to his church, First United Methodist of Dumas, he was active in the Methodist Men's Class, chaired the administrative board and many committees, and served in important roles in the Little Rock Conference.

A mainstay of the Chamber of Commerce and the Lions Club, he was chosen Citizen of the Year in 1952, and 50 years later was still working with enthusiasm for projects to benefit Dumas. An early supporter of Arkansas Community Foundation, he was a founding board member of Dumas Area Community Foundation. He and his wife established scholarships at the University of Arkansas at Monticello and Dumas High School.

A loyal Democrat, he served as a state senator from 1960 through 1966, was chairman of the County Committee for 10 years, and was a volunteer staff member for Governor Bill Clinton for 12 years. He was a leader in the Clinton gubernatorial and presidential campaigns, and was named to the U.S. Electoral College in 1996. He received the Arkansas Democrats' top award in 1994.

Many state leadership and service accolades were bestowed on Mr. Peterson, but he always credited the people of Dumas for their support. He served for the betterment of many and leaves a huge legacy to fill.

TRIBUTE TO BISHOP JOHN HURST ADAMS

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2004

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker I rise today to pay tribute to Bishop John Hurst Adams, one

of eight legendary leaders of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church who will be retiring at this year's Quadrennial Conference in Indianapolis, IN.

Bishop Adams was born in Columbia, SC, where he now lives after years of serving congregations and communities across our Nation. He grew up in the Waverly neighborhood of Columbia, which is located in the Sixth Congressional District which I proudly represent in this august body. He attended Waverly Elementary School, Booker T. Washington High School and John C. Smith University in Charlotte, NC. Bishop Adams continued his education at the Boston University School of Theology, Harvard School of Divinity, and Union Theological Seminary.

Bishop Adams began his ministry with a small congregation in Lynn, MA. He taught at Payne Theological Seminary in Ohio and later served as President of Paul Quinn College in Texas for 6 years and as Chairman of the Board for 8. During his years at Paul Quinn College, the school received accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and saw many new building renovations and improvements.

Bishop Adams next served as pastor at First AMEC in Seattle. From Seattle, Bishop Adams went to Los Angeles where he pastored Grant AMEC in the Watts section of Los Angeles. It was also in Los Angeles that Bishop Adams was elected the 87th Bishop of African Methodism.

Upon his election, Bishop Adams served the Tenth Episcopal District in Texas and later left his mark on the Second Episcopal District in the Mid-Atlantic States. Under his leadership, 40 new congregations sprouted throughout the district. From there, he served the Sixth Episcopal District in Georgia where he served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Morris Brown College, Turner Theological Seminary, Interdenominational Theological Center and the Atlanta University Center. He also served on the Centennial Olympic Committee.

I was very proud when Bishop Adam's service called him to the Seventh Episcopal District in South Carolina, in 1992, to serve over the State's 609 AME churches. He arrived in South Carolina just in time to play a pivotal role in my election to this body. Bishop Adams currently serves the Eleventh Episcopal District, encompassing Florida and the Bahamas.

Bishop Adams is a strong believer that people must join together to do what they cannot do alone. To that end, he has founded the Congress of National Black Churches, the Institute on Church Administration and Management in Atlanta, Georgia; the Richard Allen Service and Development Agency in Washington, DC; and the Educational Growth Organization in Los Angeles, CA. He continues to serve on many Boards including that of the Interdenominational Theological Center, Institute on Church Administration and Management, Joint Center for Political Studies, Children's Defense Fund Black Community Crusade for Children, National Black United Fund, Industrial Area Foundation, National Urban League, and the Palmetto Project.

Bishop Adams has received many fitting honors and awards throughout his 25 years as Bishop. In 1996, he was awarded South Carolina's highest citizen honor, the Order of the Palmetto, in recognition of his contributions to the State.

Bishop Adams is married to his partner in the ministry, Dr. Dolly Adams of New Orleans,

Louisiana. They have three daughters and five grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me today in honoring Bishop John Hurst Adams whose spirit, belief, and kindness have moved communities to action across the Nation. He is a roll model, a friend, an outstanding leader and a great American. His retirement from the Bishopric creates a void that will be hard to fill.

HONORING MARK BEELER ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2004

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mark Beeler on his retirement from the Trousdale County Agricultural Extension Service. Mark is a resident of Hartsville, TN, which I have the pleasure of representing in Tennessee's Sixth Congressional District.

For 27 years, Mark has been a dedicated employee of the Ag Extension Service, but the agency has been in his blood for much longer. His father, H.Y. Beeler, is a retired extension agent from Williamson County. Mark began his own career in Hickman County before transferring to Trousdale County in 1981.

In addition to his commitment to Ag Extension, Mark has been a first-rate public servant. As a member of Hartsville's Volunteer Fire Department, he has championed fire-safety education programs. In fact, Mark was instrumental in establishing fire-safety education in the local school system and day-care facilities.

I applaud Mark and all that he has accomplished. He and his coworkers at Trousdale County Ag Extension have made certain that Middle Tennessee farmers have access to the latest technology and techniques. I am sure the Hartsville community will be sad to see him go, but I know I join with them in wishing him a very happy retirement.

RECOGNIZING AND ENCOURAGING ALL AMERICANS TO OBSERVE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATHS OF ANDREW GOODMAN, JAMES CHANEY, AND MICHAEL SCHWERNER, CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZERS

SPEECH OF

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 21, 2004

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, this House must be applauded for the passage of the Resolution (H. Con. Res. 450) I introduced to honor the civil rights martyrs: Andrew Goodman, James Chaney, and Michael Schwerner. These young men were true martyrs, non-violent and self-sacrificing for the highest ideals. In contrast to the suicide bombers who call themselves "martyrs" while taking lives, these heroes placed themselves at risk in order to save lives. The fact that their passion and dedication was expressed in non-violent actions made them no less courageous and brave fighters. On this fortieth anniversary of

their lynching it is important that we hold up to our youth and to the world these examples of three "greatest" American men.

THE ANGELS CRIED

The day Chaney, Schwerner and Goodman died

Was a day the angels cried:
Heroes who laid down their lives,
Courage recorded for eternal archives.
Medals of honor belong to the brave
Who take no lives but struggle to save
The credo of justice for all;
Build them a three person Memorial Wall.
Suicide bombers look down and see
True martyrs who won great glory
In the war for ideals
Fought past Mississippi cotton fields;
Three sacrificed the full measure of devotion,
Murder of enemies is an obsolete notion,
Love is a weapon of overwhelming emotion.
Sound the trumpet again and again
Appreciate the sacrifice of three greatest American men.
The day Chaney, Schwerner and Goodman died
Was a day angels in heaven cried.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PETUNIA FESTIVAL

HON. J. DENNIS HASTERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, I have the great honor and privilege of representing the city of Dixon, Illinois. Dixon encompasses all that is good in America. It's a place that puts a great emphasis on the importance of family and friendship. Mom-and-Pop businesses are often passed down from generation to generation and its citizens continue to honor traditions from years past. For that reason, I rise today to recognize one of these long and celebrated traditions—the 40th anniversary of the Petunia Festival.

In 1830, Father John Dixon purchased land in the western parts of Illinois and soon began ferrying people across the Rock River to settle the area that would later be named after its founder. Unfortunately, in the 1950s a combination of Dutch Elm disease and major highway expansion resulted in the removal of all trees along the community's major roadways.

Nonetheless, in 1960, a small group of residents, better known as the Dixon Men's Garden Club, grew tired of the arid landscape and planted 4,000 petunias along South Galena Avenue to enhance the aesthetic beauty of the small Midwestern town. The following year, the Garden Club planted 6,000 more petunias, this time along North Galena Avenue.

Each year since, the residents of Dixon pay tribute to the Dixon Men's Garden Club by planting and caring for 24,000 petunia plants, which now extend along all major streets throughout the town.

In recent years, Dixon has received much attention for their annual Petunia Festival celebration. In fact, in 1999, the 91st General Assembly of Illinois passed a resolution declaring the city of Dixon, Illinois, the "Petunia Capital of Illinois." In addition, the fun-spirited festival has earned the town national recognition and is often referred to as the "Petunia City" by passing travelers.

Once again, I want to congratulate the city of Dixon as it celebrates its 40th anniversary of the Petunia Festival and wish its citizens, and my constituents, all the best in the years to come.

TRIBUTE TO LCDR BRUCE D. CLEMONS, UNITED STATES NAVY

HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Lieutenant Commander Bruce D. Clemons who leaves his active duty assignment with the United States Navy this month after seven years of service to our Nation and to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Dr. Clemons' last assignment in the Navy was as the Senior Medical Officer at the Office of the Attending Physician here in the United States Capitol. In that position, he has provided invaluable medical assistance to my colleagues and me in the House and Senate, to the members of our staffs, and to the hundreds of thousands of visitors. All who came into contact with Dr. Clemons will agree that he served with an unmatched level of commitment and professionalism.

This dedication to duty and service yielded many honors for Dr. Clemons. These include the Navy Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medical, the Navy Unit Commendation, and the National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star. Perhaps the honor that best reflects his medical ability and coolness under pressure is the U.S. Public Health Service Crisis Response Award that he recently received for his work in responding to the Anthrax bioterrorism attacks on the United States Capitol. His immediate actions in the face of grave, unknown danger prevented the potential loss of life and serious illness for those exposed to the deadly Anthrax spores. In addition to providing medical care, he helped develop a comprehensive plan to deal with the crisis both in the short and long-term, and he calmly provided valuable information to members and staff who were or may have been exposed to these toxins.

Mr. Speaker, Bruce Clemons has been an outstanding sailor, doctor, and friend. My colleagues in the House appreciate his service to the Navy and to the United States Congress. We will greatly miss Bruce and want to wish him and his wife Catherine and their two children Abigail and William all the best as they continue Bruce's medical career in central Virginia.

IN HONOR OF DONALD J. CAMPBELL, RETIRING DIRECTOR OF NASA GLENN RESEARCH CENTER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Donald J. Campbell—admired and respected businessman, community leader, and friend and mentor to countless—upon his retirement following 10

years of exemplary service as the Director of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Glenn Research Center at Lewis Field in Cleveland, Ohio.

Under his tenure as Director, Mr. Campbell carried out the mission of the NASA Glenn Research Center with great focus, vision, and dedication. He easily garnered the admiration of the entire staff at NASA Glenn. Moreover, Mr. Campbell forged strong partnerships with local and national business leaders, political leaders, and educational institutions, including historically black colleges and universities. These unbreakable bonds that radiate outward from NASA Glenn Research Center inspire countless young adults to follow their dreams of exploring careers in aeronautics, elevate our community's interest and understanding of aeronautics, and serve to support and enhance numerous educational opportunities for students within our community. As the only African American NASA Center Director during his tenure, Mr. Campbell served as an inspiration to numerous young Americans to remain focused on their academic and professional dreams, despite barriers or challenges along the way.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Mr. Campbell continues to take an active role within our community. He is a member of the board of directors of the American Red Cross and is a member of the Kent State University Aeronautics Division Advisory Board. Mr. Campbell has been honored numerous times for his significant career in public service, including the Affirmative Action Award from the Ohio Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission, and the Technical Excellence in Government and Engineer Award from the National Technical Association.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of Mr. Donald J. Campbell, as we recognize his significant contribution to NASA Glenn Research center and to our entire community. His work, expertise and dedication has enhanced and fortified the cornerstone of technology within our region. More importantly, it has served to provide tangible educational opportunities and limitless dreams of possibility for the young people of our community. I extend best wishes of peace, health and happiness to Mr. Campbell and his family, today, and throughout all of his future endeavors.

HONORING THE WHARTON FIRE DEPARTMENT OF MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Wharton Fire Department, in Wharton, Morris County, New Jersey, a patriotic community I am proud to represent! On June 5, 2004 the good citizens of Wharton celebrated the Fire Company's Centennial Anniversary with special festivities and a parade.

For one hundred years, the Wharton Fire Department has been protecting and serving the residents of their community. Established by the collective efforts of the property owners in the Borough of Wharton, the ordinance "to