

MARITIME DAY

HON. DAVID VITTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2004

Mr. VITTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize September 30 as World Maritime Day. I urge the members of Congress to join me in saluting the hard working men and women of the Merchant Marine.

Each day, mariners perform a vital service in the global economy by ensuring that international trade proceeds without interruption. They work long hours in all kinds of weather. Whether they sail on the storm-tossed waves of the North Atlantic or the tropical heat of the South Pacific, these men and women perform their duties without recognition or fanfare.

Mariners and many others contribute to homeland security, and we must give them the support they need to effectively keep our ports safe. As we recognize Maritime Day, we cannot overlook the human element. Mariners sail for many weeks without being ashore or hearing a loved one's voice on a call home.

We thank the mariners for their continued commitment to keeping us all secure, and we focus our attention on the challenge in their industry of balancing security needs with mariners' need for shore leave. I urge members of Congress to join me in working to reach a solution that provides the utmost in security for ports and harbors around the world while allowing for the personal needs of the men and women who sail these great ships.

I come to the floor of the House of Representatives to salute and honor the men and women of the Merchant Marine on this World Maritime Day.

HONORING LIFE AND WORK OF
DUKE ELLINGTON

SPEECH OF

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2004

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my strong support for H. Con. Res. 501, which honors the life and work of Duke Ellington and recognizes the 30th Anniversary of Duke Ellington School of the Arts. I add further that the Duke Ellington School is where the Washington DC Satirical Group, the theater troupe Hexagon, performs every year to raise funds for local charities. Over the last 17 years many members of Congress have performed in the annual "Congress Goes to Hexagon" Night, organized each year by Skip Maraney, of the National Star Route Mail Contractors Association. Hexagon Inc is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
OFFICER JAMES L. DAVIS**HON. JULIA CARSON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2004

Ms. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Butler

University Officer James L. Davis of Indianapolis, Indiana, who was tragically shot and killed in the line of duty on September 24th.

On the morning of Friday, September 24th, Officer Davis responded to reports of a suspicious person at the Hinkle Fieldhouse on Butler University campus. While questioning the subject, he was shot and fatally wounded, becoming the first ever Butler University police officer killed in the line of duty. He was 31.

Known as J.J. to his family, James L. Davis graduated from Indiana University in 1995 with degrees in criminal justice and Afro-American studies. He served our country proudly as a military policeman with the United States Army.

Throughout his distinguished record of public service, James Davis displayed an unwavering commitment to the youth of Indianapolis. In 2001, James supervised 96 Juvenile offenders for the Indiana Department of Correction as a youth service officer. From January 2001 to August 2002, he served as a drill instructor for troubled youth with Project Impact, a program that provides counseling, job training, school drop-out prevention, tutoring and mentoring to at-risk first- and second-time youth offenders. After serving as a corporate security officer for Conseco, Inc., James Davis joined the Butler University police force in January of 2003.

During his full-time service on the police force, James continued his education in the pursuit of justice. At the time of his death he was only two months from completing his master's degree, an important step on the way to fulfilling his career goal of becoming a civil rights lawyer. James had also planned to create a charity honoring his late mother.

The admiration of his colleagues speaks volumes to the strength of his character. To the Chief of the Butler Police, James was "probably one of the most genuine people I've ever known." To his Project Impact supervisor, he was "galactic in regards to his love for humanity." In my community, the outpouring of sympathy and grief for this remarkable man has been extraordinary. In the few days since his passing, hundreds have written cards and e-mails to the department honoring our departed neighbor and friend.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending my deepest condolences to his wife Valeeda, his three beautiful children, Josiah, 8, Jarren, 3, and Jaedyn, 2, his sister Mylandar Davis, and his loving family and friends.

James L. Davis will be deeply missed by all whose lives he touched. The citizens of Indianapolis extend our most sincere appreciation for his personal sacrifice and commitment to public service.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES W.
JOHNSON**HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2004

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a wonderful leader of 28 years in my community: Charles W. Johnson.

Charles Johnson is a father, a son, a husband, and most of all a beloved friend.

San Diegans will honor him at the Linda Vista Civic Association meeting on October

21, 2004. His friends, family, and supporters will join together to salute Charles for his selfless and steady dedication to improving our community.

His life is a great American story. It is a classic story of one of the kids that made good.

A retired Navy Master Chief, he graduated high school in Paris, Texas and joined the Navy immediately after.

The Navy brought Charles to San Diego, where he attended San Diego City College and Mesa College.

He is a Linda Vista community activist. He has dedicated countless hours to improving the quality of life for Linda Vista residents.

Charles is a proud founder of the Linda Vista Civic Association and is the immediate past chair.

The Civic Association is a positive force for improving the quality of life for all Linda Vista residents and promoting the involvement of community members of all ages.

They are committed to coordinating, advising, and ensuring that projects operating in the neighborhood do so with collaboration, cooperation, and teamwork, and in a manner consistent with the vision of the Collaborative.

Charles continued his activism as a past chair of the Linda Vista Boys and Girls Club and of the Access Center.

He was a member of the Linda Vista Planning Committee for over six years and the City of San Diego Citizens' Advisory Board on Police-Community Relations.

Charles Johnson was an enthusiastic member of the City of San Diego Redistricting Commission, where he was a strong advocate for his community.

He is an American patriot. He honorably served our country in the military. He continues today as a member of the American Legion and VFW.

I wish to congratulate Charles Johnson for his untiring work on behalf of Linda Vista community.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. BONNIE
ELLIOTT**HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2004

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Mrs. Bonnie Elliott upon her retirement after 21 years of service to the citizens of the Charter Township of White Lake, Michigan.

For nearly three decades, Bonnie has lived in Michigan's Lower Peninsula, though she has always yearned to return to her Upper Peninsula roots; and, upon her retirement, she will realize her dream of once again living the Upper Peninsula.

Bonnie served as Township Clerk for 16 years before being appointed as White Lake Township Supervisor five years ago. During her tenure, the Township has seen significant growth, becoming an enviable location to live and raise a family.

Through her work as a community activist, and an elected official, Bonnie has been integral to the heart of this growing township. She is a charter member of the White Lake Historical Society and a member of both the White

Lake Goodfellows and St. Patrick's Church. Bonnie devoted time to the renovation of the Dublin Community Senior Center, the development of the Ferdinand C. Vetter Park, the Judy Hawley Park, and improvements to the White Lake Cemetery.

Bonnie and her husband, Charles, should be extremely proud of the indelible mark she has left on the community. We will sorely miss Bonnie, but will continue to benefit from her dedication and leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my sincere appreciation to Mrs. Bonnie Elliott upon her retirement, and thank her for her fine service to our community and our country. I wish Bonnie and Charles the very best on their retirement to Schoolcraft County in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND
TASK FORCE ON MENTORING

HON. ALBERT RUSSELL WYNN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2004

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and to express my appreciation to the Montgomery County, Maryland Task Force on Mentoring for the great work they are doing in helping to guide county children and youth to live useful and productive lives. The Task Force on Mentoring, TFM, works 365 days a year to bring mentoring services to all who ask and need such help. The services of the TFM are available to all county residents regardless of age, gender, race, color, religion or cultural background.

The TFM also provides technical services to organizations, communities, and institutions that request assistance in designing, developing and implementing mentor programs. It hosts a major annual breakfast focusing on key issues involving mentoring. This year, on October 7, 2004, at the Rockville campus of Johns Hopkins University, the TFM is sponsoring its 13th annual breakfast highlighting the crisis of anti-social gangs in Montgomery County, and the attempt by some of these gangs to recruit children and youth into their organizations.

The TFM is a community-based umbrella organization aimed at convincing troubled children and youth that they can make plans for a good life with the help of a caring, well trained, dedicated volunteer mentor.

The TFM is the only organization of its kind in the county. It offers assistance, mentor training, volunteer mentor recruitment, organizational and technical support free of charge to more than 60 mentor programs. It helps to implement mentor programs in any public school in Montgomery County that requests such help.

The TFM recently entered into a collaboration and agreement with the Alliance of Concerned Men of the District of Columbia to begin a mentor program for youthful offenders at the Clarksburg youth facility in Clarksburg, Maryland. The first meeting with the youthful offenders at the Clarksburg facility took place September 10, 2004. Additionally, the TFM is working with Montgomery County Councilman Phil Andrews and the Montgomery County Juvenile Court system to explore the establish-

ment of a mentor program for children and youth in the correctional facility.

The TFM has been repeatedly recognized and commended as a valuable resource and asset to the children, young adults, and the communities within Montgomery County, Maryland. Every year the TFM helps a significant number of children and youth turn their lives around and become positive, active, and socially contributing residents.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Montgomery County, Maryland Task Force on Mentoring for their commitment to improving the lives of all people in the County, and especially the lives of young people.

CASA GRANDE RUINS NATIONAL
MONUMENT BOUNDARY MODIFICATION ACT OF 2004

HON. RICK RENZI

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2004

Mr. RENZI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument Boundary Modification Act of 2004.

The Casa Grande Ruin Reservation was first set aside on March 2, 1889, and proclaimed as our nation's first archeological preserve on June 22, 1892. On August 3, 1918, the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument was created, to protect one of the finest architectural examples of 13th century Hohokam culture in the American southwest known to early Spanish explorers as the "Great House".

Mr. Speaker, the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument Boundary Modification Act of 2004 will allow the National Park Service to protect newly discovered sites associated with the existing monument and provide greater opportunities to visitors, researchers and surrounding communities to understand and appreciate the Hohokam culture.

This legislation expands the boundary of the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument to include approximately 257 acres, including land owned by the State of Arizona, private property owners and other Federal agencies. This legislation specifies that lands owned by the State of Arizona and private landowners may be acquired only with the consent of the landowners.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument Boundary Modification Act of 2004. This legislation will expand our knowledge of the ancient Hohokam culture in the Southwest.

EWING MARION KAUFFMAN

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2004

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kansas City's own "Prescription for Success," Ewing Marion Kauffman. Ewing Kauffman, one of Kansas City's greatest entrepreneurial leaders and philanthropists, is being honored on September 30, 2004 for the continuing gift and proud legacy he left to the community and nation through his Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation.

Ewing Kauffman's humble boyhood and successful adulthood are a classic Horatio Alger story. He was born September 21, 1916 near Garden City, in Cass County Missouri. Growing up in rural Missouri and later in Kansas City, Ewing's background of hard work and perseverance through adversity instilled the discipline, entrepreneurial principles and philanthropic sympathies that resulted in his extraordinary achievements and remarkable success later in life.

As a boy he sold fish and eggs door-to-door. While bedridden for an entire year with a heart ailment at the age of 11, Ewing read as many as 40 books a month. He worked through high school and junior college driving a laundry truck and earned an associate degree in business in 1936 from Kansas City Junior College. He entered the Navy in World War II and was discharged as Navigator and Ensign.

Upon returning from the war, Ewing began his phenomenal career in pharmaceuticals. He started out as a salesman and became the best one in the business. With a \$5,000 investment, he founded Marion Laboratories in 1950. He operated initially out of the basement of his home. He reportedly chose to use his middle name for his company rather than his last name in order to not reveal his one-man operation: Ewing Kauffman, salesman by day and Marion Labs Manufacturer by night.

Ewing Kauffman attributed his success as a direct result of one fundamental philosophy: Treat others as you would like to be treated. "It is the happiest principle by which to live and the most intelligent principle by which to do business and make money," he said. His entrepreneurial success enabled him to help others. He was beloved by his associates in the pharmaceutical firm through which he provided jobs and economic self-sufficiency to thousands.

He also shared his success with all of Kansas City by bringing back Major League Baseball to the region with his purchase of the Kansas City Royals in 1968, boosting the city's economic base, community profile and civic pride. Ewing's beloved wife, the late Muriel McBrien Kauffman, a philanthropist in her own right with her gifts and perpetual bequests to Kansas City Arts organizations, is also credited with encouraging her husband to invest in the Royals. Their daughter, Julia Irene Kauffman, continues their loving tradition of philanthropy in Kansas City today.

Kauffman's most enduring gift and greatest legacy was the establishment of the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation in the mid 1960s. The Kauffman Foundation places special emphasis on improving the academic achievement of our youth, and in stimulating the growth of entrepreneurship in America. For over 40 years the Kauffman Foundation has successfully helped other to help others to live self-sufficiently and has benefited communities through out the country.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in commemorating this most gifted, successful, inspirational, and generous man whose loving legacy has made a difference in countless lives and whose love of the entrepreneurial spirit lives on in the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation.