

Oakwood Community, and earlier this year became its Director. Of Oakwood she said "I continue to discover each day the deep roots of the love of God, the Society and the Community. I believe it is these bonds which make Oakwood a home of joy, understanding, reconciliation and celebration. I see my responsibility to find new ways of keeping this spirit alive and visible as we celebrate the end of our journey together in love."

Sister Salisbury was a holy woman, devoted to her RSCJ community and their mission, and deeply committed to living her life loving and serving the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Her wisdom was recognized by anyone who met her. Her wisdom was more than being smart . . . it came not from a busy head but from a deeper well . . . her peaceful heart. Her leadership skills lifted people to new heights and she emulated Jesus by gathering, teaching, and loving the children and she contributed mightily to the future well being of our nation, preparing generations of young women for leadership roles. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this good and great woman, paying tribute to her, the life she lived and the lives she shaped. How blessed I am to have known her and benefited from her love, counsel and wisdom.

CELEBRATION OF THOMAS JAMES OWENS

HON. NORMAN D. DICKS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, October 9, 2004

Mr. DICKS. Mr. Speaker, Tom Owens was my friend; he came to Washington, DC, almost weekly until he retired in 1996. Tom always wanted to play tennis and go to the best restaurants for dinner. Tom was a very effective lobbyist. He worked both sides of the aisle very skillfully.

His friends and family were all shocked when he suddenly died on September 16th.

I wanted to include in the RECORD a recent article about Tom and his family. Tom Owens was a tremendous human being who will be missed by all who knew him.

THOMAS JAMES OWENS

Thomas James Owens—Born June 2, 1928, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Tom died suddenly and unexpectedly in his north Capitol Hill home early in the morning, September 16th. He was preceded in death by his parents, Helen Reese and Edward Addison Owens, and brother J. David Owens. A graduate of Amherst College and Michigan Law School, he moved to Seattle in 1955 where he began a law practice and eventually met and married his wife of 44 years, Angela (Pellegrini). A lobbyist, he worked on both the state and federal levels, retiring from a successful practice in 1996. A masterful communicator and intermediary, he was liked and respected by Democrats and Republicans alike. Impeccably dressed, with his unmistakable trench coat, he was a fixture in political circles in both Olympia & Washington D.C. Tom was also an accomplished racquets man. After a successful tennis and squash career in the Ivy League, he went on to become one of the more dominant amateur players in the area, winning numerous titles in the Pacific Northwest and British Columbia, including the Pacific Coast Championship in 1964, ranking him among the best amateur players in the country. His true passions, first and foremost, were his loving family and dear friends. A particular joy in his life

was the time he spent together with his children and their friends. A gracious host, he loved to surround himself with friends, family, wonderful meals prepared by Angela, and fine wine, most often a robust cabernet made by his late father-in-law, Angelo Pellegrini. Loud, boisterous and laughter filled evenings, roast pork, roast potatoes, hot peppers and greens from the garden were the norm in the Owens home, with Tom at the head of the table, wine glass in hand, belaboring the occasional anecdote or joke. To hear him tell a story was an experience in and of itself. In Tom's case, punch line were an irrelevant detail, as the delivery, often scrambled and confused were what made his diatribes so unforgettable. He also loved travel, particularly to Italy, working out, playing the piano, cigars, spending time with his children and grandchildren, bullmastiffs, trees, and golf. He is survived by his loving wife, Angela, two children Tom (Dena) and Sarah (Scott Lindblad), five grandchildren, Olivia, Evan, Reese, Cameron, Lauren and surrogate granddaughter Gabriella Pellegrini. He is also survived by a brother, Dr. E. Reese Owens (Betsy), of Pittsburgh, PA. We will miss your thoughtful generosity, your wit, love of family and friends, and your frank and honest emotional support. For now we say to the man clad in the trademark blue blazer, see you again someday, somewhere, as we lift a glass in fond farewell to our beloved patriarch: Salute! e Addio, caro Tommaso. Sarai sempre nel nostro cuore e nei nostri pensieri. There will be a celebration of Tom's life at 4 p.m., Friday, October 1st at the Seattle Golf Club.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MICHAEL ANDREW MITCHELL

HON. JIM DAVIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, October 9, 2004

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in remembrance of Michael Andrew Mitchell, a loving family man who nobly served his community as a Tampa Police Officer.

A natural athlete, at Tampa Bay Technical High School Michael excelled in football, track and basketball and earned a football scholarship to Miles College. After graduating from the police academy, Michael went on to serve in the Tampa Police Department, for 25 years.

During his career, Michael earned the praise of his colleagues and superiors. He was twice awarded the Tampa Police Department Commendation Award, as well as earning a Special Award of Recognition from the Department of Justice. But more important than any award, Michael earned the trust of his fellow officers. As Jose Feliciano, Michael's former partner said, "I never worried when I was with Mike. I always knew he had my back."

Michael's dedication to serving his community extended beyond his role as a police officer. A lifetime member of First Baptist Church of College Hill, Michael was active in nearly every aspect of the church. He was a member of the Youth Choir, Youth Usher Board, Young Adult Choir, Tape Ministry, Breakfast Ministry, Security Ministry and Deacon Board Ministry. And Michael always had time for young people. His patient, calm and caring demeanor drew people of all ages.

However, Michael may best be remembered for his devotion to his family. In June, he gave up his career at the Police Department so he

could take care of his mother. His brother Pat remembers how "if the family needed him for anything, he'd be there." Michael was never one to miss the weekly family dinners on Friday or the family get-togethers at church on Sunday.

On behalf of the entire Tampa Bay community, I would like to extend my thanks to Michael for his dedication to serving others and offer my deepest sympathies to his many loved ones.

9/11 RECOMMENDATIONS IMPLEMENTATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2004

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 10) to provide for reform of the intelligence community, terrorism prevention and prosecution, border security, and international cooperation and co-ordination, and for other purposes:

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of the amendment offered by the Gentleman from Indiana designated as #29. This amendment directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to "ensure that all appropriate personnel engaged in security screening of individuals have access to law enforcement and intelligence information maintained by DHS." It also calls for the submission of an overview of all the agencies, databases, and other capabilities that exist within the Department involved in intelligence relating to terrorism, drug trafficking, illegal immigration, screening, investigations, and inspection of goods or individuals entering the United States. Furthermore, this amendment would require the submission of a report to Congress within 180 days on actions taken and plans in place to improve access and the flow of information.

Proposals that seek to ensure that DHS is functioning efficiently, effectively, and in accordance with the U.S. Constitution with respect to individual rights and liberties should be supported fully because the function of DHS is a bi-partisan issue. Protecting the American people is a bi-partisan issue.

Similar to this amendment, I would have offered a proposal that would make the "Next Generation Airline Passenger Prescreening" provision (Section 2173) more effective while taking active measures to protect individual rights and liberties.

The existing language in Subsection (i) of Section 2173(a)(C) assigns the task of testing the next generation passenger prescreening system against automatic selectee and no-fly lists and records in the consolidated and integrated terrorist watchlist maintained by the Federal Government to the "Assistant Secretary or designee." This is a very loose assignment of a very important task. Moreover, the duties of the Assistant Secretary would hardly allow for the time and effort that is necessary to perform the functions of this provision to address the needs of the American public.

The Jackson Lee Amendment would have assigned this task rather to the "Civil Liberties

Protection Officer" or designee thereof—in consultation with the Assistant Secretary. Therefore, this amendment would have added teeth to the existing provision in the area of personnel assignment.

The Civil Liberties Protection Officer is the most appropriate personnel to perform this function.

Therefore, it is very important that we not only make this legislation efficient and thorough but that we craft it to protect civil rights and civil liberties. Mr. Chairman, I ask that my colleagues support the amendment by the Gentleman.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, October 9, 2004

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast votes on Thursday, September 30, 2004, due to a death in the family. If I was present for rollcall votes, it would be the following:

No. 480 on motion to recommit with instructions—Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2004, Part V—1 "yea."

No. 481 on Passage, Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2004, Part V—H.R. 5183—"yea."

No. 482 on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 5149—the Welfare Reform Extension Act, Part VIII—"yea."

No. 483 on motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended H.R. 4231, the Department of Veterans Affairs Nurse Recruitment and Retention Act of 2004—"yea."

No. 484 on passage of H.J. Res. 106. Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage—"nay."

No. 485 on motion to suspend the rules and agree on H. Con. Res. 501, Honoring the life and work of Duke Ellington, recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Duke Ellington School of the Arts, and supporting the annual Duke Ellington Jazz Festival . . .

No. 486 on motion to suspend the rules and agree on H. Res. 792, Honoring the United Negro College Fund on the occasion of the Fund's 60th anniversary and the Fund's unflagging dedication to enhancing top quality college opportunities to millions of students . . .

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DENISE L. MAJETTE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, October 9, 2004

Ms. MAJETTE. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be in attendance for a number of rollcall votes taken on October 8, 2004. Had I been present I would have cast my votes as follows:

"No" on rollcall No. 524; "yes" on rollcall No. 525; and "no" on rollcall No. 526.

I was unable to be present for votes taken on October 9, 2004, however, I would have voted:

"Yes" on final passage of conference report on H.R. 4200—Defense Authorization Act for FY 2005; "yes" on final passage of the con-

ference report on H.R. 4837—Military Construction/Emergency Supplemental Appropriations; "yes" on the conference report on H.R. 4567—Homeland Security Appropriations; and "no" on the Adjournment Resolution, because the 108th Congress should complete its work before it adjourns. The Republican-led Congress has failed to address the needs of middle class families. Republicans have failed to create jobs, end outsourcing, improve national security, lower health care costs, improve education, or protect our environment.

IN MEMORY OF BISHOP MOSES TAYLOR, MINISTER TO AND FRIEND OF THE PEOPLE OF LONG ISLAND CITY AND ASTORIA, NY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, October 9, 2004

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the life and achievements of Bishop Moses Taylor, one of New York City's foremost spiritual leaders. I am saddened to report to the members of this chamber that Bishop Taylor passed away on October 1, 2004. He is survived by his loving family, his many friends and the congregations of the three ministries he founded in Long Island City and Astoria, Queens.

Bishop Taylor was a fixture of his community for more than 60 years. Bishop Taylor's ministry began in a small house on 12th Street in Long Island City, where he preached to a group of twelve followers; in the next few years, this ministry moved to a larger, permanent home across the street and became known as the Long Island City Gospel Tabernacle. It was during this time that Bishop Taylor began many of the community service initiatives for which his ministries would become widely known in the Queens community. Indeed, the two founding principles of the Bishop's ministries are "to teach and preach the Word of God with simplicity and understanding" and "to undergird, strengthen and increase (the) community through programs, targeted activities for men, women, singles and families, combined with educational instruments that will address the whole need of man."

Building on the success of the Gospel Tabernacle, Bishop Taylor went on to found the Astoria Outreach Ministries and the Center for Hope International in Long Island City, which is now led by his son, Pastor Mitchell G. Taylor. I am certain that Bishop Taylor was extremely proud to see his son follow in his footsteps and dedicate his life to enriching the lives of people in the Queens community.

The three ministries founded by Bishop Taylor have become invaluable parts of New York City's spiritual life. They are true reflections of the vibrant and generous Queens community that Moses Taylor so faithfully served.

Mr. Speaker, I request that my colleagues join me in honoring the late Bishop Moses Taylor, whose dedication to community service lives on thanks to the generosity of his many followers. With his passing, the community has lost one of its true heroes.

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Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Chairman, I rise to address the Amendment offered by Mr. KIRK of Illinois which would require that the President submit a report to the congressional intelligence committees detailing how the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) can be integrated into the intelligence community. I believe it is important that we recognize the vital role the DEA has played in our War on Terror and we should study how effective it would be to officially include the DEA in our intelligence apparatus.

Many of the terrorist groups including Al Qaeda that are targeting our Nation derive much of their income from the sale of drugs which finances their terror network. It is clear that narcoterrorism is becoming a larger threat to our security and the DEA is playing a significant role in reducing this threat. Just last December the USS *Decatur* intercepted a boat in the Gulf near the Strait of Hormuz that was found to be carrying almost two tons of hashish valued at up to \$10 million. The boat was found to have direct connection to the Al Qaeda terror network. While this large shipment was intercepted we can safely assume there are many others that are out there that pose a threat to our national security.

In Afghanistan, we replaced the brutal Taliban regime that was harboring Al Qaeda terrorists, but today Afghanistan faces many threats from those same terrorist networks. President Karzai himself has said that the cultivation of drugs namely the poppy crop is one of the biggest threats that Afghanistan faces. The U.S. State Department has indicated that poppy cultivation in Afghanistan is expected to jump by 40 percent this year. In fact, Afghanistan is one of 22 nations listed by President Bush in his annual report to Congress on "major" drug-producers. Our own Pentagon is reporting that the drugs trade is corrupting Afghan government institutions and that without vigorous eradication, security will not improve quickly. The U.N. released figures earlier this year saying three-quarters of the world's opium poppy was now grown in Afghanistan. These figures are staggering and indicate the battle we face to eliminate these drugs so that they can not benefit our terrorist adversaries.

The DEA has played a critical role in challenging Al Qaeda and other terror networks that engage in narcoterrorism. The DEA currently has an international presence with 77 offices in 55 countries that gather drug enforcement intelligence, take part in host-country drug-related law enforcement operations, and train host-country law enforcement personnel. An indication of DEA's effectiveness in foreign operations can be found in the intelligence information the DEA gathered to reveal that Osama bin Laden himself had been