

the Board of Elders, and an on-call teacher to the congregation. Currently serving as the assistant pastor, Rev. Brawley is the principal assistant to senior pastor Rev. Dr. Johnny Ray Youngblood in a variety of capacities such as pastoral counseling, officiating at sacred events such as weddings, baby dedications and funerals, leading worship services, teaching and community organizing.

In particular, Rev. Brawley's organizing efforts play a dynamic role in the church's community development activities. He is a member of the Governance Board of East Brooklyn Congregations (EBC) and the EBC Strategy Team. In his position at EBC, Rev. Brawley has been an outspoken advocate for public school reform, and has addressed issues such as public safety, housing and quality of life concerns on behalf of neighborhood residents. Rev. Brawley's community involvement also encompasses his role as Vice President of EDIFY Communities of East New York. EDIFY seeks to increase the vitality and value of urban communities by pooling resources and charitable funds.

In October 2004, Rev. Brawley joined the ranks of distinguished alumni of the Faith Seminary in Tacoma, Washington, having earned his Master's degree in Theological Studies. Rev. Brawley plans to continue his studies at Faith and plans to obtain a Doctor of Ministry degree.

As Rev. Brawley contemplates the growth of ministry, his four priorities are creating a vibrant worship experience, edifying God's people, community organizing, and economic development. As a pastor, Rev. Brawley possesses the gifts of exhortation, inspiration, motivation and encouragement. He shares these gifts not only in worship services, but also with the community in a variety of venues, such as men's conferences, revivals and youth groups. Rev. Brawley resides in Brooklyn, New York with his wife Debra and their two children, Rhonesha and Michael.

Mr. Speaker, Reverend David K. Brawley has been a leader in our community through his spiritual guidance at St. Paul Community Baptist Church and consistent efforts to improve the schools, housing and overall quality of life in Brooklyn. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today, and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

**CONGRATULATING THE TAYLOR LIONS CLUB ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

**HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my respected colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to the Taylor Lions Club as it celebrates its 50th Anniversary at St. George's Hall in Taylor.

The Lions Club of Taylor began its charter on Nov. 15, 1954. Sponsored by the Old Forge Lions Club, the Taylor Club chose Jay Fahringer as its Inaugural President. Over the next 46 years, the Club would have two members, Lion Dominic DeAngelo and Lion Joseph Canjar, serve in the esteemed position of Area District Governor.

Canjar and Lion Francis Scott received the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award for Dedicated Humanitarian Service from the Lions Club International Foundation, the highest award that a member can receive.

The Lions Club has a long-standing tradition of civic duty and pride. I cannot think of a better example for our young people than business people taking responsibility for their communities and neighbors. Lions Club members have been dedicated to giving their time, talent and resources to help our world become a better place since 1917. The Lions Club is one of the largest service organizations worldwide.

Lions Clubs are best known for their work with sight conservation, taking on the challenge after Helen Keller proposed it in 1925. Lions Clubs raise money for a variety of sight-preserving activities, from providing eyeglasses to paying for cataract surgery for needy people.

The District 14-H Lions Eye Bank was initiated by then-District Governor Dominic DeAngelo in 1958. Lion Merwyn Howells was instrumental with the inception of the Sergeant Seymore Program, sponsored by the Lackawanna Blind Association. The program educates third-graders about sight conservation and eye safety, and it concludes with a poster contest.

The District 14-H Lions Eye Bank Banner Patch for the most Cornea Eye Pledge Cards in a year was achieved in 1992, during Lion President John Souter's term. The Taylor Lions Club has continually provided eyeglasses to senior citizens and other members of the community throughout the years.

The District 14-H Hearing Committee's annual donation to the Scranton School for the Deaf began during Lion Joe Canjar's term in 1980. This tradition continues today.

Since the Club's beginning, members have provided wheelchairs, commodes, walkers, crutches, canes and personal safety items for all citizens of the community.

Over the past 15 years, the Taylor Lions Club's principal fundraiser has been a Holiday Basketball Tournament that features both girls' and boys' high school teams from Riverside School District and the surrounding area. This annual tournament is the only one of its kind to feature both a girls' and a boys' division. Eugene Evanish, Ted Evanish and Joseph Roberts have co-chaired the event since it began.

The Taylor Lions Club is also the first club in the history of District 14-H to have its Club Pin voted No. 1 in the state of Pennsylvania. Member Francis Scott designed the winning emblem.

The Taylor Lions Club has also taken an active role in District 14-H with members Joe Canjar (as past District Governor), Mike Cole, Gene King, Fran DeAngelo, Gene Evanish, Ted Evanish, Neil DeAngelo, Robert Thomas, Lisa Mekilo and Francis Scott all serving in the District Cabinet in recent years.

The Taylor Lions Club has sponsored teams in the Taylor Little League, Taylor Girls' Softball Association, Boys Biddy Basketball League, T.C.C. Girls Basketball League, Boy Scout Troop 85 and Cub Scout Troop 90.

The Taylor Lions Junior Football Organization was even named after the club, which sponsored it from 1970 through 2000. Lion Frank Messoline was one of the primary organizers of the program, while Lion Mike Krypel

was primarily responsible for its present complex.

The Taylor Lions Club, in conjunction with the R&L Civic Club, American Legion Post 306 and the Taylor Borough Council, organized an Easter Egg Hunt in 1985 that has become an annual event for the area's children.

Lion J. Dennis Kryzanowski began the Taylor Lions Scholarship Award at Riverside Junior/Senior High School.

Two hundred and fifty-seven residents of Taylor have been past or present members of the Lions Club since its beginning in 1954. Lion Lisa Scott Mekilo was the first woman to join the Taylor Lions Club and became the Club's first female president in 2003.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me today in paying tribute to such a wonderful service organization. It is my honor to represent the members of the Taylor Lions Club in the United States Congress.

**HONORING FRANCIS J. LOMBARDI**

**HON. MIKE FERGUSON**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Francis J. Lombardi of Essex County, New Jersey.

For more than 30 years, Francis Lombardi has been a leader in one of the most vital aspects of our community. While raising a family, he has been a tireless advocate of protecting and fostering the transportation relationship between New York and New Jersey.

Francis began his work with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey in 1971 as an engineering trainee and has risen through the ranks to his current position as Chief Engineer for The Port Authority.

Always making safety his top priority, his work with the Port Authority gained him recognition and reputation for continued safe and efficient operating. Richard's work affects the daily lives of millions of residents of New York and New Jersey and with the turbulent world we live in it has never been more vital to ensure the safety and security of our citizens in every aspect of their lives. His contributions continue into the realm of education. His hands on approach and dedication to our youth over the years has earned him a position on the Board of Directors of the Salvadori Educational Center, a non profit educational center dedicated to helping inner-city youth appreciate science and mathematics.

Francis Lombardi has been a tremendous asset to both New Jersey and New York. His work over the years has unquestionably made New Jersey and New York safer places to live and commute. It is in his honor that I stand before you today.

**A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING COLLIER DILL**

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Collier Dill is a resident of New Philadelphia, Tuscarawas County; and

Whereas, Collier Dill has devoted his love to his wife, Nancy, and their son, Joseph; and

Whereas, Collier Dill demonstrated a commitment to his country while serving in the Vietnam War; and

Whereas, Collier Dill is active with his church and community and is appreciated by all who know him.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in recognizing Collier Dill for his dedication to the United States, his community, family, and friends.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF ERNEST J. WAITS SR., A CINCINNATI CIVIL RIGHTS PIONEER

**HON. ROB PORTMAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a friend and hero, Ernest J. Waits Sr. of Cincinnati, who passed away on October 19, 2004.

Mr. Waits was a pioneering civil rights activist. He worked his whole lifetime for desegregation and to open doors for African Americans. Born in Flat Rock, Georgia in 1920, he moved to Cincinnati with his family in 1922 and grew up in Cincinnati's West End. Mr. Waits was known to say that he became a civil rights fighter one day when school textbooks at Sands School were in short supply, and he was told he could not share a textbook with a white student. He challenged injustice, as he put it, "I've been challenging things all the way through."

And he has. At Woodward High School in 1935, Mr. Waits called for integration of the swimming pool and the prom. In 1939, at age 19, he wanted to see comedian Eddie "Rochester" Anderson at Cincinnati's Schubert Theater. He insisted on being admitted, employing a strategy of civil disobedience later embraced by others in the civil rights movement. From that point on, Mr. Waits joined with others in Cincinnati who pushed for desegregation and civil rights.

In breaking race barriers, Mr. Waits held many Cincinnati "firsts." In 1947, he became the first African American Cincinnati radio disc jockey. For twelve years, he played jazz for a number of local stations, and was known for his creative programming in an era when there were few alternatives for African Americans. From 1958 to 1960, he was the first African American in Cincinnati to be an assistant sales manager for two auto dealerships. In 1960, he attended Northwestern University to study investment banking, and returned to Cincinnati to become the first African American New York Stock Exchange registered broker. He was the first African American to work for Cincinnati & Suburban Bell Telephone Company, and in the 1970s, he pioneered the concept of magnet schools to encourage inclusiveness and voluntary school desegregation.

He received many honors for his volunteer and community service, including a key to the city of Cincinnati and the "Mayor's Hometown Hero" award; a Cincinnati City Council resolution recognizing him as a leader in the ongoing campaign for racial equality; the Black

Male Coalition's 1993 Living Hero Award; the 1992 Broadcasting Hall of Fame Award; the Cincinnati Historical Society's Best in Broadcasting Hall of Fame Award; and an Amistad Foundation Award. He served in the U.S. Army as a mechanic based in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Mr. Waits' wife of 37 years, Betty, died in 1986, and a son, Eric Wilson Waits, died in March 2004. He is survived by a son, Ernest J. Waits, Jr.; three daughters, Kym Zimmers of North Avondale and Diane "Taffi" Weaver of Forest Park, and Shelley Moon of Los Angeles; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

All of us in Cincinnati are grateful for the gift of Ernest Waits' life and his inspiration.

IN RECOGNITION OF BILL AND GLADYS JENNINGS

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, on October 30, 2004, Bill and Gladys Jennings, of Calhoun County, Alabama, will celebrate their 50th anniversary.

Members of Saks Baptist Church in Saks, Alabama, for over 25 years, Mr. and Mrs. Jennings met through mutual friends and have always resided in the Calhoun community. They have one son, Jeff.

The Jennings love gardening and landscaping, and after long careers in the community have retired to enjoy their outdoor activities and spend time with their family and friends. Mr. Jennings is also an avid golfer.

Mr. Speaker, it's not often we have the opportunity to honor a distinguished couple like the Jennings. Thank you for the House's attention on this proud occasion.

TRIBUTE TO THE OAKLAND LIVINGSTON HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY

**HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency as it celebrates its 40th anniversary as a community action agency. I commend their years of service and dedication to improving our community.

In 1964, the Economic Opportunity Act was enacted into law and provided stimulation and incentive for urban and rural communities to mobilize their resources to combat poverty through community action programs. That same year, Judge Carl F. Ingraham, Oakland County Executive Daniel T. Murphy, and James P. Dickerson created the nonprofit agency, the Oakland County Commission of Economic Opportunity (OCCEO) to serve Oakland County, Michigan. In 1965, the new agency received its first Federal grant, \$77,000 from the Office of Economic Opportunity. This money allowed the opening of OCCEO's central office in Pontiac, Michigan and the hiring of James M. McNeely as its first executive officer.

During its first 10 years, OCCEO served the Oakland County community in an effort to eliminate the causes and consequences of poverty. In 1975, OCCEO began serving Livingston County and the agency's name was changed to the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency (OLHSA).

Today, OLHSA's mission is to enable the low income, elderly, and people with disabilities living in Oakland and Livingston Counties to become self-sufficient. Over the years, OLHSA has worked to reduce poverty by focusing all available resources toward helping low income individuals and families acquire the skills and knowledge they need to improve their personal quality of life. Today, the agency operates 74 programs, employs 575 people, and has an annual budget of more than \$30 million.

The work OLHSA has done for our community is truly remarkable. I had the opportunity to see their good work first-hand last year when I celebrated National Homeownership Month with families that OLHSA had helped. Through OLHSA's sponsored home-buying counseling classes, families participated in eight weeks of counseling and education designed to deal with budget and credit issues. This led them to their ability to qualify for an affordable mortgage and make their homeownership dreams come true. This is just one example of the many programs that OLHSA provides to our citizens.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the contributions that OLHSA has made over the past 40 years to our community and wish them continued success.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JOHN LELAND HALEY

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, John Leland Haley has devoted himself to serving others through his membership in the Boy Scouts of America; and

Whereas, John Leland Haley has shared his time and talent with the community in which he resides; and

Whereas, John Leland Haley has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, John Leland Haley must be commended for the hard work and dedication he put forth in earning the Eagle Scout Award.

Therefore, I join with the residents of Crooksville, the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio, John's family and friends in congratulating John Leland Haley as he receives the Eagle Scout Award.

A TRIBUTE TO MILTON MARSHALL

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Milton Marshall in recognition of his service to New York City and his country.