

COMMEMORATING THE OPENING
OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF
THE AMERICAN INDIAN

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian. Detailing the lives, beliefs, histories, and stories of thousands of years of Native American life in North America, this museum catalogs the important and unique contribution of Native Americans to the cultural legacy of the United States.

It is fitting that the National Museum of the American Indian is located on the National Mall at the footsteps of the Capitol Building. We are all reminded that, except for the people this museum celebrates, we are immigrants to this land. We have all come to this country from different corners of the world: some from Europe, some from Asia, others from Africa, Central America, South America, the Caribbean, and the Pacific Islands. In a way, all of us are guests to this continent, and the American Indian Museum reminds us that we have a responsibility to care not only for our country but for the land we live on, the oceans we are surrounded by, and, most especially, the native peoples who were here first.

We forgot sometimes what life was like before we immigrants came here. Our land was not always called the United States, and the people here were not always called Americans. The nations that made up the Native American spectrum had different cultures and different histories, but often shared similar beliefs, such as the power of the relationship between humans and nature, the wisdom of ancestors, and the particular order of the universe.

Mr. Speaker, the National Museum of the American Indian reminds us of the important legacy of the Native American community as representatives of our nation's history, the destructive and the creative ideas that built our country. We are privileged to have access to this invaluable collection of artifacts from a history that once was and memories from a present that is still very much alive. Once again, I celebrate the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian, and I encourage all Americans to visit this museum to better understand the history of our nation and those who came before it.

RECOGNIZING SCOTT TUCKER FOR
ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE
SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Scott Tucker of Blue Springs, Missouri, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 138, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Scott has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Scott has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Scott Tucker for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY HIGH-
END COMPUTING REVITALIZA-
TION ACT OF 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support H.R. 4516 calling on the Secretary of Energy to carry out a program of research and development to advance high-end computing systems, and to develop and deploy high-end computing systems for advanced scientific and engineering applications.

Federally-supported High End Computing and Computation (HECC) programs involve leading-edge research and development (R&D) in large, high performance computational systems, including hardware, software, architecture, and applications. HECC R&D extends the state of the art in computing systems, applications, and high end infrastructure to achieve the scientific, technical, and information management breakthroughs necessary to keep the U.S. in the forefront of the 21st century information technology (IT) revolution.

Federal HECC research continues to pave the way for revolutionary advances in science, technology, and national security and has become an important tool in the design and development of military and commercial products ranging from submarines and aircraft to automobiles. HECC researchers develop computation-intensive algorithms and software to model and simulate complex physical, chemical, and biological systems; information-intensive science and engineering applications; management and use of huge, complex information bases; and advanced concepts in quantum, biological, and optical computing.

This bill will help to further the Department of Energy's Leadership-Class Computing (LCC) initiative to develop the world's fastest science research supercomputer and make it available to all users. This legislation, endorses the goals of the High End Computing and Computation Coordinating Group to ensure an efficient deployment of resources for advanced computing research at the Department of Energy and the other federal agencies such as the National Science Foundation, the Department of Defense, the Department of Commerce.

Federal funding of high-risk research in high end computing systems over the past decades has helped to bring us the personal computers, networks, and cell-phone infrastructures that have helped to fuel U.S. economic growth. This newest initiative will help continue that trend.

A TRIBUTE TO NEW LIFE BAPTIST
CHURCH

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of New Life Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York in commemoration of its 50th anniversary and spiritual and community leadership.

God placed a vision for New Life Baptist Church on the heart of E.F. Jacobs and Mother Martha Jacobs, and on February 7, 1954, the church began its mission at 214 Howard Avenue. The first members were sister Gladys Blackman, Sister Delores Hite, Sister Mae G. Mills Mazzyck and Sister Geneva Wonsley. They received letters from Pilgrim Baptist Church to become members. Temporary officers were Rev. E.F. Jacobs, moderator and Sister Gladys Blackman as church clerk. These members were extended the right hand of fellowship by the Council on September 17, 1954 making them the New Life Baptist Church.

Pastor Jacobs adopted the motto: Lift up Jesus and give the devil battle. Under his continued leadership, the church continued to thrive. In 1962, God blessed its members with a new home for the church at 931 Dumont Ave in Brooklyn.

In 1967, Rev. Holness came to work with us. On December 30, 1968, the church elected Rev. Clifford L. Johnson as its assistant pastor. On May 8, 1973, Brother Marshall Rowe received the call to the ministry and was the first minister to receive a license to preach by New Life. He was followed by Rev. Melvin Ward, who was elected to serve as the second pastor of New Life on May 1, 1978. In the summer of 1983, New Life mothered its first church, Victory Baptist Church.

On October 24, 1983, Rev. John H. Marshall was elected as the third pastor of New Life. Under his leadership, the church has received many blessings. Sister Carolyn Plaines preached her trial sermon and on August 18, 1991 was licensed to preach the gospel. In April 2, 1995, Brother Akin Royall also preached his trial sermon and received his license to preach the gospel. With Rev. Marshall's guidance, the church also improved the church's physical surroundings. It built a new sanctuary, holding its first baptism there on October 5, 1996. Three years later, the church renovated its fellowship hall, kitchen and bathroom and officially dedicated its new sanctuary.

New Life also conducts several community outreach programs including the Annual Vacation Bible School event, clothing and food give-outs and in 2001 it assisted with the "Feed the Children" campaign, which provided food for more than 2500 families in the community. New Life also undertakes a "Back to Christ Crusade" each year that draws community participation.

Mr. Speaker, New Life Baptist Church has been a source of community and spiritual leadership in Brooklyn for 50 years. As such, it is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable congregation.