

But Jim Zwerg, a white rider, bravely marched off the bus first. The other riders slipped off while the mob focused on pummeling Zwerg. Floyd Mann tried to stop the mob, but it continued to beat the Riders and those who came to their aid, such as Justice Department official John Seigenthaler, who was beaten unconscious and left in the street for nearly a half an hour after he stopped to help two Freedom Riders. Mann finally ordered in state troopers, but the damage was already done. When news of the Montgomery attack reached Washington, Robert Kennedy was not happy. He decided to send federal marshals to the city.

Martin Luther King, Jr., flew to Montgomery and held a mass meeting, surrounded by federal marshals, in support of the Freedom Riders. As night fell, a mob of several thousand whites surrounded the church. The blacks could not leave safely. At 3 AM, King called Robert Kennedy and Kennedy called Governor Patterson. Patterson declared martial law and sent in state police and the National Guard. The mob dispersed and the blacks left safely.

After the violence at the church, Robert Kennedy asked for a cooling-off period. The Freedom Riders, however, were intent on continuing. James Farmer explained, "[W]e'd been cooling off for 350 years, and . . . if we cooled off any more, we'd be in a deep freeze." The Riders decided to continue on to Mississippi. They were given good protection as they entered the state, and no mob greeted them at the Jackson bus terminal. "As we walked through, the police just said, 'Keep moving' and let us go through the white side," recalled Frederick Leonard. "We never got stopped. They just said 'Keep moving,' and they passed us right on through the white terminal into the paddy wagon and into jail." Robert Kennedy and Mississippi Senator James O. Eastland had reached a compromise. Kennedy promised not to use federal troops if there was no mob violence. Both men kept up their end of the bargain. Unfortunately, the Freedom Riders were now at the mercy of the local courts. On May 25, they were tried. As their attorney defended them, the judge turned his back. Once the attorney finished, he turned around and sentenced them to 60 days in the state penitentiary.

More Freedom Riders arrived in Jackson to continue the Freedom Ride, and they were arrested too. Freedom Riders continued to arrive in the South, and by the end of the summer, more than 300 had been arrested.

The Freedom Riders never made it to New Orleans. Many spent their summer in jail. Some were scarred for life from the beatings they received. But their efforts were not in vain. They forced the Kennedy administration to take a stand on civil rights, which was the intent of the Freedom Ride in the first place. In addition, the Interstate Commerce Commission, at the request of Robert Kennedy, outlawed segregation in interstate bus travel in a ruling, more specific than the original Supreme Court mandate, that took effect in September, 1961. The Freedom Riders may not have finished their trip, but they made an important and lasting contribution to the civil rights movement.

The Freedom Rides mark one of the most despicable chapters in our history on the part of the Democratic administration at every level of government. They mark one of the most courageous and uplifting periods of time, as evidenced by the courage and determination of those who put their bodies and their lives on the line to end racial segregation and win social justice in this country.

The Freedom Rides and sit-ins showed the potential that human beings have. It was a

time when ordinary people did extraordinary things, and the number of heroes was too great to be counted!

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF ORVIL JONES' RETIREMENT FROM HIGHLAND PARK HIGH SCHOOL

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2004

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to make my tribute to Orvil Jones of Highland Park High School on the occasion of his retirement. I have the pleasure of representing Highland Park High School in Congress, and I am proud to have four alums from Highland Park High School on my staff, and two of them that played football under Coach Jones.

Coach Jones has been a fixture at Highland Park High School for 36 years, and he will be leaving behind a great legacy of service to his students and players. Jones started his career with the Highland Park Independent School District (HPISD) in 1968 as a mathematics teacher and coach at Highland Park Junior High. When ninth grade was moved into the high school within the HPISD, Coach Jones joined the faculty of Highland Park High School in 1970 and has been coaching and teaching there ever since.

During his tenure with Highland Park High School, Coach Jones worked under seven head coaches, eleven principals, and four school superintendents. His day in and day out work ethic will be greatly missed by his fellow coaches and the players that he instructs.

Highland Park's football team has historically been one of the best programs in the State. Highland Park ranks fourth in the State for all-time victories with 637 and is fifth in all-time playoff victories with 62.

Most recently, Coach Jones coached the defensive secondary for Highland Park's varsity football team, and his players considered him to be the hardest working coach on the staff. Coach Jones taught his players that, whether or not they are blessed with the most natural talent, they can succeed by working harder than their competition. Coach Jones provided the perfect example of hard work by always being the first coach to have his players in the film room or on the field and by working with his players on the field even after the other coaches and players had retired to the locker room.

While Coach Jones has made a lasting impact on thousands of students and players, his family has been the center of his attention. I congratulate the Jones family, his loving wife Elaine and their three children and two grandchildren, on this momentous occasion.

I commend Coach Jones on his proud career of service that spans five decades within HPISD, and I wish him and his family all the best for a nice start to a well-deserved retirement.

HONORING PGA PLAYER KIRK TRIPLETT, ADOPTION ADVOCATE

HON. DEBORAH PRYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2004

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor pro golfer Kirk Triplett for introducing a winning cause to his professional golf game: helping find permanent homes for foster children as he competes on the 2004 PGA Tour.

Working with the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, Triplett, at each tournament, will prominently display a photo of a local child on his golf bag. The public stage provided by the Tour will enable Triplett to portray each child's story to the media, spectators, and viewers at home.

In addition to his support for the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, Kirk and his wife, Cathi, have organized their own foundation, known as Fore Adoption, which provides funding for financially challenged parents seeking to adopt. Kirk will also host the Dave Thomas Desert Classic this month, an event which will help to raise money to support the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption.

Having adopted two children themselves, Kirk and Cathi take a personal interest in helping to connect foster children with quality parents across America. No experience is more rewarding than providing a child with a set of loving arms and giving them the opportunity to fulfill their dreams. I commend Kirk for his dedication and commitment to foster children in this country, and wish him the best of luck this year on the PGA Tour.

A TRIBUTE TO BISHOP VINTON RANDOLPH ANDERSON

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2004

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Honorable Bishop Vinton Randolph Anderson. Bishop Anderson's devotion to the ministry is exhibited by his history of preaching and lecturing internationally, including the Caribbean, Canada, Taiwan, India and Australia. In addition to his commitment to ministering, Bishop Anderson has been an effective and vocal advocate of civil rights and ecumenical issues.

Bishop Anderson was born in 1947 in Somerset, Bermuda. He graduated with honors from Wilberforce University and earned his Master of Divinity Degree from Payne Theological Seminary. Later he earned his Master of Arts Degree in philosophy from Kansas University. Bishop Anderson has also received honorary doctorate degrees from Paul Quinn College, Wilberforce University, Payne Theological Seminary, Temple Bible College, Morris Brown College, Interdenominational Theological Center and Eden Theological Seminary. Bishop Anderson's pastoral experience encompasses Kansas and Missouri.

Bishop Anderson has demonstrated his unwavering dedication to community development by creating adult education programs, summer youth programs, promoting the first

black owned supermarket in St. Louis, and developing 162 units of low income housing in St. Louis County. Bishop Anderson's extraordinary leadership is exemplified through his participation as chairman of several boards of directors, membership with many committees and by the numerous honors that have been bestowed upon him.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great privilege that I recognize Bishop Anderson today before Congress. He is well-deserved of our respect, and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Bishop Vinton Randolph Anderson.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2004

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, March 2, 2004, I was unavoidably detained due to a prior obligation. I request that the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD reflect that had I been present and voting, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall No. 32, "yes" (on H.R. 3796).

Rollcall No. 33, "yes" (on H. Res. 526).

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BELLE AIRE BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2004

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 50th year of existence of the Belle Aire Baptist Church of Murfreesboro, Tennessee. The congregation will celebrate the church's 50th anniversary on Sunday, March 7, 2004, with a special homecoming and luncheon.

Belle Aire Baptist Church has grown from its original 27 members to more than 2,000 members today. The church has served the community and its congregation well for half a century, a time of tremendous growth and prosperity in the Murfreesboro area.

The church has worked hard to foster relationships with Middle Tennessee State University students. Currently, Belle Aire Baptist Church is helping to start a church near Rutgers University to continue its ministry to students on that campus. Belle Aire Baptist Church also supports missions around the world.

Murfreesboro is a better place because of the work of Belle Aire Baptist Church and its congregation. I am sure the church will continue to make a positive difference in the community for the next 50 years and congratulate the congregation and Pastor Dean Sisk for all the good they have done.

HONORING THE STUDENTS OF ST. FRANCOIS COUNTY, MISSOURI

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2004

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the students of St. Francois County

in the Eighth Congressional District of Missouri for their outstanding efforts in gathering items to donate to U.S. troops serving overseas.

As a school project in cooperation with the Leadington VFW Post No. 5741, students in the West County and Central school districts have collected personal hygiene products, writing supplies, games, food, and magazines for the men and women of National Guard Unit 1140 Company A, serving right now in Iraq. Many students have also added personal cards to their contributions.

The patriotism of these young students is very moving. I am extremely proud of their selfless efforts. They are providing an example to our communities and our Nation that we must unite behind our men and women in uniform to give our support to their mission and to show our appreciation for their hard work. It is especially heartening to find that spirit in our youngest fellow Americans.

At an early age, these students have learned the value of standing with their fellow Americans for a noble and just cause. They are taking the first steps in good citizenship and community service. Their goodwill is circling the globe and brightening the day of our brave soldiers of the 1140th who have taken on a great task in Iraq.

The 1140th is a combat engineering battalion, but its mission is symbolic for our Nation as well. These men and women from southern Missouri are not going to Iraq with the sword in hand. They are going with the plowshare and the builder's square. Others before them have liberated the Iraqi people from Saddam Hussein, from terror, and from oppression. Their work in Iraq serves a new mission: to liberate the same people from poverty, from fear, and from hopelessness.

Back home, the children in the West County and Central school districts are learning the value of their sacrifices. They are an important link in the supply chain for the 1140th in Iraq. The efforts of these students is connecting our loved ones with their homes in Missouri, and that is a very important mission all of us should undertake.

I would also like to express my appreciation for the sponsors and coordinators from the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the community for their help in this project.

TRIBUTE TO RETIRING CHIEF JIMMY LUSTER

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2004

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that my good friend, Jimmy Luster, will retire as chief of police of El Dorado Springs, Missouri, after a lifetime of service to the various communities in which he has lived.

In 1970, Jimmy accepted the position of chief of police for Fairview Height, Illinois, where he established a completely operational police department for the newly incorporated city. By writing the rules, regulations and operational procedures, he laid a solid foundation for the department.

In 1976, Chief Luster left Illinois for Rogers, Arkansas, taking the position of chief of police in that community. He remained until 1978, when he moved to Missouri to serve the peo-

ple of Cass County in the sheriff's department, supervising night operations.

From 1979 to 1988, Jimmy served as chief of police for the town of Belton, Missouri. During his time there, he proved instrumental in getting a new state-of-the-art police facility built.

Since 1992, the people of El Dorado Springs have had the good fortune to have Jimmy as their chief of police. His retirement brings to a close the career of a graduate of the FBI National Academy, the president of the Southwest Missouri Major Case Squad, a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and a fine and dedicated man.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure the Members of the House will join me in honoring Chief Luster for his years of service and in wishing him all the best in the days ahead.

HONORING HATFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2004

Mr. HOFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the Hatfield Volunteer Fire Company and two of its outstanding volunteer fire fighters, who have each contributed in excess of 50 years of dedicated service to the community.

The Hatfield Volunteer Fire Company was founded on March 10, 1910 after a fire destroyed a local business. The Hatfield Volunteer Fire Company had modest beginnings with 24 charter members and equipment that included a single horse drawn chemical truck. Presently the company has 68 active members and a ladies auxiliary. The current fleet consists of two fully equipped 1,500 gallon per minute engines, a Rescue/Cascade truck, and a 2,000 GPM pump with a special service six wheel pickup truck. The company serves the Hatfield Borough and Hatfield Township and provides mutual assistance across Montgomery and Bucks Counties in Pennsylvania.

Robert Nolen is a lifetime member of the Hatfield Volunteer Fire Company, who at age 70 still drives trucks to active fire calls. Isaac Feusner, another lifetime member now 93, has devoted countless hours to his duties as a fire fighter. The dedicated volunteers of the Hatfield Volunteer Fire Company have provided critical services to citizens in need, oftentimes endangering their own lives in the process.

I congratulate the Hatfield Volunteer Fire Company, specifically Robert Nolen and Isaac Feusner, for embodying the spirit of volunteerism in America through proactive service in the community.

HONORING CHARLES L. HORN

HON. MARK R. KENNEDY

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2004

Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, rise today to call attention to the accomplishments of a great man and a great Minnesotan, Charles L. Horn.