

As a proud member of the Italian-American community, Mr. Furia has served on many committees and organizations to which he has so tirelessly volunteered time and support. He has not only played an active part in the rejuvenation of Ivy Ridge Lodge 251, but he has held national and state offices within the Order of Sons of Italy in America, including President of the Pennsylvania Commission for Social Justice (CSJ), the anti-defamation arm of the OSIA. The CSJ was founded to fight the stereotyping of Italian-Americans by the entertainment, advertising, and news industries. Rick is past Chancellor of the Justinian Society of Italian-American Lawyers and has served as a board member since 1984; and as board member of the Justinian Foundation since 1996. Additionally, with the Order of Sons of Italy in America, Rick served as National Orator, Chairman of the By-Law Committee, National Secretary for the Commission for Social Justice, and Ivy Ridge Orator for more than a decade. He is also a member of the National-Italian American Foundation, Counsel of 1000.

Richard Furia is an active member of the community in supporting the arts, education and culture. He is an active member of The Pennsylvania Society, Barnes Society of the Barnes Foundation, Free Library of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Union League. He was honored with the Millay Club Alumni Achiever Award from the Southeast Catholic/Bishop Neumann/Saint John Neumann High School Alumni Association in 2000.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Richard F. Furia for all his years of exemplary service to the Order of Sons of Italy in America, his community and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM "TOM"
WISEMAN

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 1, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to pay tribute to the life of William Thomas "Tom" Wiseman of Ignacio, Colorado; an extraordinary American who recently passed away at the age of seventy-three. Tom was an active member of the Ignacio community as the owner of Wiseman Hardware and Lumber Company, and was involved in numerous community organizations.

Tom graduated from Durango High School in 1948, and subsequently from Denver University in 1952. Upon returning to Ignacio, he joined his father at Wiseman Hardware and Lumber Company. In 1968, Tom purchased the hardware business from his father, which he operated until his retirement in 1992.

Tom generously gave his time and energy to his community, serving on the Ignacio Town Board, the Ignacio School Improvement Committee, and the Presbyterian Church Session. In addition, he was active with the La Plata County Republican Party, worked with the Ignacio Community Historical Society, and was a member of the Durango Masonic Lodge. Above all Tom loved spending time with his devoted family, including his wife Paula, whom he leaves behind.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise before this body of Congress and pay tribute to the life and memory of William Thomas Wiseman. He dedicated his life to his family and toward the betterment of his Ignacio community. My thoughts are with his loved ones during this difficult time of bereavement.

CELEBRATING CESAR CHAVEZ'S
BIRTHDAY: A CHAMPION FOR
WORKERS RIGHTS

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 1, 2004

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Cesar Chavez's birthday. I would like to ask the members of the House to join in paying respect to a man who brought awareness of labor injustices perpetrated upon migrant workers to national light. Cesar Chavez worked tirelessly to improve the lives of America's farm workers by securing their rights to recognize and bargain collectively for fair working conditions. Chavez grew up in the fruit and vegetable fields and knew what it meant to work them from dawn to dusk. He knew the injustices that faced labor workers on a daily basis, and knew there had to be a change.

From those fields, Chavez rose to the head of the United Farm Workers of America, UFW, instilling in the UFW the principals of non-violence practiced by Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. When the UFW began striking in the 1960s, to protest the treatment of farm workers, the strikers took a pledge of non-violence, determined not to detract from the message of improved labor conditions. Chavez led a successful 5-year strike-boycott. Through this boycott, Chavez was able to forge a national support coalition of unions, church groups, students, minorities, and consumers. By the end of the boycott everyone knew the chant that unified all groups, "Sí se puede!"—yes we can. It was a chant of encouragement, pride and dignity.

Throughout his lifetime Mr. Chavez continued to speak out and helped communities to mobilize by assisting them with voter registration drives and insisting that minority communities had just as much a right to have equitable access to educational opportunities.

My constituents of the 15th Congressional District join millions of Americans in celebrating and recognizing Chavez's legacy on today his 70th birthday. This celebration should not be limited to today, it should continue and we, as members of Congress should ensure that in today's world, the rights of workers are still protected.

CARL LAMM, DISTINGUISHED
NORTH CAROLINIAN

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 1, 2004

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, Carl Edward Lamm—a legendary pioneer in radio broadcasting will be honored on April 20 at the 2004 Distinguished Citizen Banquet of the Johnston

Community College Foundation. Lamm is president and general manager of Radio Station WMPM in Smithfield, North Carolina.

Lamm, now in his 56th consecutive year as a full-time broadcaster, is sometimes referred to as the "Voice of Eastern Carolina." His many awards have included induction into the North Carolina Broadcasters Hall of Fame and the awarding of the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, North Carolina's top citizen award, by Governor James B. Hunt. He is one of the finest examples of North Carolina values in action.

Lamm, born in Spring Hope, North Carolina, dreamed early on of a career in radio. As a 17-year-old, he did his first broadcasting on Radio Station WEED in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, took time out to join the Navy for World War II service, and returned in 1946 to finish high school. He then enrolled in the National Academy of Broadcasting in Washington, DC to pursue his dream of becoming a broadcaster. Within a year, he was hired at Radio Station WCEC in Rocky Mount. He followed that with a position at WCKB in Dunn, North Carolina. In 1958, he became a co-owner of and full-time broadcaster for WMPM in Smithfield, a career that continues to this day.

It has been a labor of love for his adopted community. A national expert on country music, Lamm has one of the most extensive collections of historic country music in the United States. His station is considered a leader in the presentation of old time country music, bluegrass, and southern gospel music. During his long career, he also emceed a program for Radio Station WSM in Nashville, TN, interviewing Hank Snow, a member of the County Music Hall of Fame.

On his Smithfield station, Lamm's interests have ranged far and wide. He was the 1971 Sportscenter of the Year for the Raleigh Hot Stove League. For 25 years, he hosted a program about North Carolina lawmakers, "Legislative Report to the People." He covered the Smithfield tobacco market for 54 years and from 1993 to 2000 was the sales supervisor of the market. Lamm has interviewed more than 500 major league baseball players and country music entertainers. Those interviews include Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio, Yogi Berra, Casey Stengel, Mickey Mantle, and Whitey Ford. Interviews with entertainers have included Hank Williams, Red Foley, Ernest Tubbs, Roy Acuff, and Kitty Wells.

Lamm, is a former president of the Smithfield Rotary Club. He initiated the annual "Rotary Radio Day" in 1971 that continues to this day. That event, it is estimated, has raised more than \$100,000 for the Smithfield Rotary Club's community projects. The club honored him with one of its first Paul Harris Fellowship Awards. In 2003, the club established the Carl and Margie Lamm Scholarship, which will be awarded annually to a graduating senior at Smithfield-Selma High School.

Lamm was the first to broadcast the death of legendary Johnson County movie star, Ava Gardner, and was the natural voice to emcee the opening of the Ava Gardner Museum when it opened its new quarters in October, 2000.

Lamm taught a Sunday School Class at Beulah Baptist Church in Four Oaks for 48 consecutive years and now occasionally teaches the Evander Simpson Sunday School Class at First Baptist Church in Smithfield where he and his family are members.

Truly, Carl Lamm has been a unique man in a unique time in Johnson County. Through the radio, he has recorded the county's comings and goings, the births and deaths, the struggles and the triumphs, and the dreams of tomorrow.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
PEOPLE OF TAIWAN

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 1, 2004

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, with 80.2% of voters participating in Taiwan's recent Presidential election, I congratulate the country's 23 million citizens for once again demonstrating the strength and vibrancy of their democracy.

The very close margin of victory calls for a recount, and impassioned protests are not unfamiliar to voters in our own country who experienced the aftermath of the 2000 Presidential election. We know that protection of free expression and other personal freedoms are signs of a healthy democracy.

As Taiwan's democratic society has grown strong, its citizens have prospered. The transformation of Taiwan from an impoverished backwater into an industrial powerhouse, and from a one party dictatorship into a multiparty democracy is among the most impressive economic and political accomplishments of our time.

I send my congratulations to the people of Taiwan on the completion of their third direct presidential election.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF MRS.
FANNIE BELLE CALLAHAN

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 2, 2004

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, Mobile County, Alabama, and indeed the entire First Congressional District recently lost a dear friend, and I rise today to honor her and pay tribute to her memory.

Fannie Belle Callahan was a devoted mother, grandmother, and friend to the Mobile community throughout her entire life. At the time of her passing on March 15, 2004, she had devoted 94 years to the care of her children, her family, and her city.

Raised with her three siblings in the small community of Crichton, Alabama, Mrs. Callahan was required at an early age to go to work to help support her family following the death of her father. By the age of 17, she had already worked as a telephone operator, a cashier at Mobile's Saenger Theater, and a night clerk at the Battle House Hotel. Following her marriage to Herbert Callahan, she moved to East St. Louis, Illinois, but returned to Mobile three years later when he obtained a job with the GM&O Railroad.

Widowed at the time of her husband's death in 1950, Mrs. Callahan was once again required to go to work to support her large family of nine children. Although she retired in 1965 after many years of employment with the Mobile District Office of the U.S. Army Corps

of Engineers, she was not one to sit idly by and watch life go on in the world around her. She became actively involved in the political campaigns of her sons Sonny and George, and following Sonny's election to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1984 volunteered her time as the receptionist in his Mobile district office. Mrs. Callahan quickly became the center of her son's office "family," and for the remainder of her life was always referred to affectionately as "Mom Callahan."

Throughout her 94 years, Fannie Belle Callahan taught many valuable lessons to her family and friends, and everyone who came in contact with her took away very fond memories of a charming southern lady who could make anyone to whom she was speaking feel they were the most important person at that time. In an article which appeared in the Mobile Register in 2000, Mrs. Callahan reflected on her long and rewarding life and spoke about how her years of hard work were rewarded with the successes her children enjoyed.

Many of her children were also interviewed and offered their perspectives on the lessons they had learned from the matriarch of a family made up of 94 men, women, and children. Perhaps her son, former Rep. Sonny Callahan, best summed up her long life and what she passed on to her children when he said, "She taught us responsibility. With nine kids, there had to be some degree of responsibility. She taught us to respect people and work hard."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a lovely woman who deeply loved, encouraged, and respected her many family and friends and the entire Mobile community. "Mom Callahan" will be deeply missed by her family—her sons, Sonny Callahan, George Callahan, Charles Callahan, and Terrance Callahan; her daughters, Patsy Dempster, Madeline Martin, Margaret Ann Athey, Mary Jane Emick, and Rose Callahan; and her 32 grandchildren, 56 great-grandchildren, and 13 great-great-grandchildren—as well as the countless friends she leaves behind. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all at this difficult time.

A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE TO
REQUIRE A SIMPLIFICATION
TITLE IN ANY TAX MEASURE

HON. AMO HOUGHTON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 2, 2004

Mr. HOUGHTON. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a resolution to amend the rules of the House regarding legislative measures changing our tax laws. The proposed change would prevent the consideration of any tax measure unless it contained a title simplifying the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

We are at a state where, I believe, tax simplification should be a top priority of our legislative efforts. In a word, the Code is a mess. The current size amounts to an incredible 9,490 pages. The Code has become too complex. Over the years it has become a destination for provisions that may be admirable, but should belong elsewhere. The inclusion of these provisions in the Code puts an extra burden on the Internal Revenue Service—one

that it may not be particularly adept at handling. Many tax provisions simply are mind-numbing in their detail and burdensome in their compliance requirements. It is not a simple task, for more than a few citizens do their own returns. The tax preparation service has ballooned. Many are either disinclined or unable to deal with the tax process.

As you know, I'm not a tax lawyer. I'm merely an old glass man from Corning, New York. In talking to a member of the Ways and Means tax staff on April 15th several years ago, he told me he had just dropped his tax return in the mail, and was clearly sweating bullets. "I just hope I got it right," he said. Strange. Here was a bright young tax lawyer—a government employee with what I would have guessed was a fairly straightforward tax return: deductions for mortgage interest, charitable contributions, and student loan interest. Even so, he was worried whether he had filled out his return correctly. My reaction at the time was: "If he's nervous, what about the rest of us?"

Until we overhaul the system in a major way, whether that be a flat tax, VAT or some other approach, we should make it a priority to attack the present Code, reduce the complexity, and make it simpler for as many citizens as possible.

In recent years, I have introduced several tax simplification proposals (the current bill is H.R. 22) covering a variety of areas. We are currently reviewing those proposals to refine them, and then will reintroduce some of the proposals as stand-alone bills to focus better on the specific issues.

So, Mr. Speaker, in order to call attention to the simplification issue, the resolution I am introducing, as stated above, would require that tax legislation include a tax title in any tax measure for it to be considered by the House. The purpose is to focus attention on simplification each and every time we consider a tax measure, with the result that we accomplish some measure of simplification to the Internal Revenue Code.

I urge your support of this measure. It cannot hurt. It may just help in ways we are unable now to contemplate.

BRING CHARLES TAYLOR BEFORE
THE SPECIAL COURT IN SIERRA
LEONE

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 2, 2004

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I want to share with our colleagues a letter to Secretary of State Colin Powell that 28 members of Congress have signed asking that the United States act swiftly to ensure that Charles Taylor, former president of Liberia and now a fugitive from justice, is held accountable for his heinous crimes and brought before the Special Court for Sierra Leone. There should be no safe harbor for tyrants like Charles Taylor.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 1, 2004.

Hon. COLIN POWELL,
Secretary of State,
Washington DC.

DEAR SECRETARY POWELL: We are writing to express deep concern that Charles Taylor, former president of Liberia and now a fugitive from justice, has not been brought before the Special Court for Sierra Leone.