

MARKING 120 YEARS OF
COMMUNITY SERVICE

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2004

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the anniversary of a very helpful institution in Jacksonville, Florida. The institution is Daniel. Their mission is to help youth build character by helping them forge strong values, enhance their self-worth, and erect a sense of community. I would like to enter into the record, a brief history of this organization, and how it came to help so many children through its 120 years in operation.

Established in 1884, Daniel has met the physical and emotional needs of children. It is considered Florida's oldest child-serving agency. Originally founded as an orphanage, and later named after James Jaquelin Daniel, Daniel has evolved into a multi-service agency that assists troubled youth and their families with a variety of innovative and nationally recognized programs.

Originally established as the Orphanage and Home for the Friendless, its mission was "to receive into a suitable home to support and provide for all who shall come under the provisions of the constitution as far as our means and facilities will enable us."

To meet this goal, a cottage was rented on the corner of Liberty and Ashley Street and a fund was started to open a permanent home. Three years later, a two-story frame building was built on the corner of Evergreen Avenue and Center Street.

The earliest minutes of the organization that would become Daniel begin with a Preface as follows:

Before Organization a few children in the city occupied themselves in the winter of '83-'84 in working for a little fair, the proceeds to be devoted to the care of little orphan children. Dell Hungerford, Edie Fitzgerald, Kitty and Eva Havener began in a quiet way & soon other children became interested and in Feb. 1884 quite a large company, old and young, met at Mrs. A.L. Hungerford's where she had carefully arranged a programme of interest to the children and where all were supplied with good things under the supervision of herself and the friends whom she had invited to assist her. The proceeds amounted to \$41.57 which were generously supplemented by Mr. & Mrs. Hungerford by a donation of \$15.00.

In 1888, a yellow fever epidemic ravaged the Jacksonville community. Colonel James Jaquelin Daniel, the president of the Auxiliary Sanitary Association, well-known attorney and religious leader, worked tirelessly to combat the disease and coordinate volunteer efforts. As a result, however, Daniel died of the fever. Financial contributions poured in from around the nation to "build a living monument to his memory" and the Daniel Memorial Association was formed and consolidated with the Orphanage in 1891. Daniel Memorial Home for children was incorporated in 1893.

During the intervening years, the needs have changed as society and the family structures have changed, however, Daniel Memorial continues to support and provide for children as far as their means and facilities will allow.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to be associated with the remarks concerning the history of this

organization. Daniel currently assists up to 61 children at any given time, ages 5 to 18 years of age, from throughout Florida. Daniel Memorial Incorporated also operates a charter school, foster homes, and other services for children.

Mr. Speaker, let me conclude with this thought. Were it a perfect world, organizations like Daniel would have no place in our society. But the sad truth is organizations like Daniel are necessary and provide a vital service. Daniel truly makes a difference in the lives of children, and for our entire community. I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the good work of Daniel, all they have performed for the last 120 years, and in wishing Daniel another 120 years of community service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEORGE R. NETHERCUTT, JR.

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2004

Mr. NETHERCUTT. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, May 4, I was unavoidably detained due to a prior obligation. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on the following: Rollcall vote No. 139 on H. Res. 600, Congratulating charter schools and their students, parents, teachers, and administrators across the United States for their ongoing contributions to education; Rollcall vote No. 140 on H. Con. Res. 380, Recognizing the benefits and importance of school-based music education; and Rollcall vote No. 141 on H. Res. 599, Congratulating the University of Connecticut Huskies for winning the 2004 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I men and women's basketball championships.

RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS IN UKRAINE

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to join Rep. HYDE, Chairman of the International Relations Committee, in sponsoring an important resolution urging Ukraine to ensure a democratic, transparent, and fair election process for the upcoming presidential election. By urging the Ukrainian authorities to abide by their freely undertaken OSCE commitments on democratic elections, this resolution emphasizes our commitment to the Ukrainian people and the goal of Ukraine's integration into the Western community of nations.

As Chairman of the Helsinki Commission, I have been a steadfast supporter of human rights and democracy in Ukraine, and I value independent Ukraine's contribution to security and stability in Europe. The stakes in the upcoming elections are high, not only with respect to the outcome, but also as a fundamental indicator of Ukraine's democratic development.

Recent events have dramatically underscored the need for this clear statement of resolve to support a truly democratic process in

Ukraine. The pre-election environment in Ukraine has been discouraging, with examples of obstacles to free assembly and free speech, the limiting of access to Radio Liberty, Voice of America and other international broadcasts, and substantial transgressions in recent parliamentary by-elections and mayoral elections.

Mr. Speaker, the most blatant of these took place just a few weeks ago in the city of Mukacheve. These elections witnessed violence, intimidation, fraud and other massive violations both of the electoral code and any standards of civilized human behavior. The mayoral elections have been roundly and rightly criticized by the United States, Europe, and the OSCE. Many observers fear that Mukacheve is a harbinger of things to come. As Chairman of the U.S. delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, I join OSCE PA President Bruce George in calling upon Ukrainian President Kuchma to ensure a proper investigation of the violations which took place and to rectify the situation so that the will of the voters is realized.

Mr. Speaker, Ukraine remains at a crossroads. Developments with respect to democracy have been discouraging over the last few years. The elections represent a real chance for Ukraine to get back on the road to full respect for the tenets of democracy, human rights and the rule of law. The United States stands in solidarity with the people of Ukraine as they strive to achieve these essential goals.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO REV. GARY
MACDONALD

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor the life and memory of Reverend Gary MacDonald of Durango, Colorado, who passed away recently at the age of forty-six. Reverend MacDonald was pastor of Durango's New Life Chapel, and his sudden death comes as a shock to us all. He was a man of devotion, hard work, and humility, and while his family and community mourn his passing, I believe it is appropriate to pay tribute to the life of an exceptional person.

Involved in the ministry for twenty-four years, Reverend MacDonald served as senior pastor of the Lubbock First Foursquare Church in Lubbock, Texas before he and his wife Tammy moved to Durango. In 1998, he was named senior pastor at New Life Chapel in Durango, and in April 2000 he was appointed as the divisional superintendent of the Western Slope Division of Foursquare Churches. Known for his passion and leadership, Reverend MacDonald spoke at youth camps, retreats, conferences, and churches throughout the country; and wrote many songs of worship.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to pay tribute to the life of Reverend Gary MacDonald before this body of Congress and this nation. Reverend MacDonald was a kind and devoted spiritual leader who did much to uplift the lives of his congregation. I would like to extend my heartfelt condolences to his family and members of his church as they mourn his passing.