

For the past 80 years, The Flint Journal has been located in their main building, which was designed by the noted architect, Albert Kahn. In 1954, an addition was completed where the printing of the paper has taken place for half a century. In October of 2002, the Flint Journal, as part of its commitment to continuing to provide superior newspaper coverage of world and local events, broke ground on a new multi-million dollar state-of-the-art Press and Distribution center. The center was completed in the early part of 2004 and is located in downtown Flint, Michigan. The Press and Distribution Center is a 75,000 square-foot, six-story facility designed by Dario Design of Framington, Massachusetts.

Symbols of past and present are represented in the new building's design. On the glass of the press hall, the main part of the Press and Distribution center, are 12 etched design elements from the old building. The designs are of printers' marks from the early days of mechanical printing; an eagle, symbolizing vigilance; a lantern, for knowledge; and a beehive, for industry. The design also includes figures that represent typesetting—a medieval craftsman with tweezers, setting type for a book, and for engraving, an old man etching symbols with a stylus. Charles Wollitz, an artist for the Journal, designed 26 artistic tiles for the building exterior to symbolize some of the communities served by the Journal.

The Flint Journal along with its experienced and dedicated staff is committed to bringing quality news stories to the people of Genesee County. I am confident that with the modernization of their printing and distribution center, they will be even more effective in delivering stories and editorials that will not only inform, but will also inspire the communities which they serve.

Mr. Speaker, as the Member of Congress representing Flint, MI, I ask my colleagues in the 108th Congress to please join me in congratulating the Flint Journal on the opening of their new Press and Distribution center and in wishing them the best in future success.

CONGRATULATING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON THEIR 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate First Presbyterian Church of Columbia, CA, on the occasion of celebrating 150 years of dedication and service to the needs of the community. The church is holding numerous anniversary events throughout 2004, culminating in the observance of the actual founding on December 19.

The First Presbyterian Church was founded during the Gold Rush in 1854 and is one of California's oldest Presbyterian churches. The first pastor, John Brodt, started out with 15 worshipers and together they organized the church in the gold mining camp of Columbia. The historic church of the 49ers is located in Tuolumne County and has been a landmark in the restored mining town of Columbia, which has been a California State Historic Park since 1945.

Over the years, the church has had many renowned pastors. Henry Palmer delivered a

eulogy in 1866 to then recently assassinated President Abraham Lincoln to a crowd of over 1,000 worshipers. Pastor Hugh Furneaux was designated "Shepherd of the Hill" by regional newspaper editors because of his efforts to go to remote camps with his two donkeys to deliver inspirational messages.

Today, First Presbyterian Church is the only regular place of worship in Columbia offering weekly services. The church also offers a variety of other services to the community including: music ministry, youth ministry, adult bible study, preschool, parish nursing, small groups, Presbyterian women ministries, and interfaith social services.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to congratulate the First Presbyterian Church of Columbia, CA on the occasion of their 150th anniversary. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing First Presbyterian Church many more years of continued success.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF REVEREND DR. GEORGE E. MCRAE

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the contributions of one of our community's most remarkable leaders, the Rev. Dr. George E. McRae, Pastor of Mt. Tabor Missionary Baptist Church in Miami, Florida. I know Rev. McRae well, because he is my Pastor.

On Friday, May 14, 2004, at the Sheraton Biscayne Bay Hotel in Miami, the members of our congregation will honor Rev. McRae, for his 15-year service to our church and its surrounding neighborhoods.

Historic milestones and countless awards characterize Rev. McRae's pastoral service, including his recent designation as President of the Florida General Baptist Convention. Yet perhaps the one achievement of his many achievements that says the most about his values and priorities is his establishment of a community-based non-profit organization called MOVERS, or Minorities Overcoming the Virus Through Education, Responsibility and Spirituality. MOVERS is designed to meet the needs of lower income people with few options who are afflicted with the HIV/AIDS virus and other sexually transmitted diseases, and their families. Over the years, Rev. McRae and his dedicated staff have taken few resources and done much good.

The 17th Congressional District of Florida is so honored to bear witness to the consecration of this Man of God to works of charity. The timeliness of his wisdom and the focus of his sensitivity guide us in committing ourselves to the well being of the less fortunate, the voiceless and the underrepresented. By establishing MOVERS, he has made it his mission to courageously stand by this mission of mercy, thus evoking his calling to bring to everyday life the Gospel's good news of healing and reconciliation.

Rev. McRae is a man of great faith who has come to define the role of the church in its stewardship over the voiceless and the disenfranchised members of society. It is something analogous to the role of Dr. Martin

Luther King, Jr., as he resiliently struggled through the harrowing challenges of racial equality and the demands for simple justice and equal opportunity for all.

The timeliness of his common sense and the courage of his conviction serve to strengthen and guide us at a time when our community needs someone to put in perspective the agony and pain of people without resources or options who need help with problems that are much bigger than they can handle alone.

While Rev. McRae will be honored by the members of the Mt. Tabor congregation, this fitting but symbolic ceremony is but one small measure of the genuine respect and thanks that people in Miami feel for his contributions to our community. Our collective pride in sharing his friendship is only exceeded by our gratitude for all that he continues to do on our behalf. Indeed, this is the remarkable legacy for which we will honor Dr. McRae. We are fortunate to have a man of his compassion, intelligence, caring and energy, and I want to express to him the thanks and best wishes of everyone in our community.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING ADAM M. ELLIOTT

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Adam Elliott has devoted himself to serving others through his membership in the Boy Scouts of America; and

Whereas, Adam Elliott has shared his time and talent with the community in which he resides; and

Whereas, Adam Elliott has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Adam Elliott must be commended for the hard work and dedication he put forth in earning the Eagle Scout Award;

Therefore, I join with Troop 548 and the entire 18th Congressional District in congratulating Adam Elliott as he receives the Eagle Scout Award.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL JOHN B. SMITH

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Col. John B. Smith upon his retirement after 30 years of outstanding service in the United States Army.

Colonel Smith has distinguished himself during his military service in challenging and diverse assignments. Throughout his remarkable career, he has been recognized and decorated for his ability to lead by example, encourage excellence from his peers and subordinates, and consistently produce outstanding results at all levels of command.

Mr. Speaker, for the last 2 years, Colonel Smith has served in the position of Chief of

Staff for the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command. In that position, Colonel Smith was vital in efforts to advance Redstone Arsenal. In addition, his leadership has been critical to our Nation's defense by helping to ensure the Army's readiness and technological superiority for the future. I commend Colonel Smith for energizing a diverse staff toward a common purpose and inspiring them to achieve their goals.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of North Alabama, I congratulate Colonel Smith for his 30 years of service to our country and wish him well in his retirement.

COMMENDING DAVID LEESON AND CHERYL DIAZ MEYER OF THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS STAFF, WINNERS OF 2004 PULITZER PRIZE FOR BREAKING NEWS PHOTOGRAPH

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate two great journalists, David Leeson and Cheryl Diaz Meyer of the Dallas Morning News, who were recently awarded the 2004 Pulitzer Prize for Breaking News Photography.

We Texans saw blood spill, tears shed, and conflict unfold in the trenches of Iraq through their camera lens.

Mr. Leeson, who was with the U.S. Army's Third Infantry Division for 6 weeks, captured an image of an Iraqi rolling out of a vehicle engulfed in flames, only to be shot by an American soldier; Ms. Meyer photographed a gripping scene of American troops risking their lives to save a wounded civilian.

The Pulitzer is Leeson's first. He had been a Pulitzer finalist three other times. The Iraq war is the 11th major conflict Leeson has covered. He has also produced work on the apartheid in South Africa, a portion of the gulf war and flooding in southeast Texas.

It was the first Pulitzer for Ms. Meyer also, a news photographer since 2000. In late 2001, she traveled to Afghanistan to photograph the war on terrorism and its effects to topple the oppressive Taliban regime. She has received numerous awards for her body of work there including the John Faber Award from the Overseas Press Club. In April 2002, Ms. Meyer traveled to the Philippines and Indonesia where she photographed Muslim and Christian extremism and the violence caused by religious hatred.

Mr. Speaker, I also congratulate the Dallas Morning News' entire staff for their seventh Pulitzer.

Mr. Leeson and Ms. Meyer, I commend you for this great accomplishment. Keep capturing those shots because they are worth thousand words.

HONORING THE BAY REGIONAL EMS UNITS

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to acknowledge the Bay Regional EMS units of Bay City, Michigan for their tireless efforts and dedication in providing life sustaining treatment, and transportation of the sick for 31 years. On May 16, 2004, during National EMS week, the community will join together to honor these men and women during a special presentation ceremony to be held at the main EMS station in Bay City, Michigan.

The Bay Regional EMS, formerly known as the Bay Medical Center EMS, started in 1973. In 1978 it added the Advanced Life Support (Paramedic) service units. There are currently eleven Advanced Life Support units within the fleet. The EMS Units are based out of four stations, which are located in downtown Bay City, Bangor Township (2 units) and Hampton Township. Bay Regional Medical Center employs thirty-eight paramedics, and twelve EMT/Dispatchers who respond to approximately 11,000 emergency and non-emergency transports annually. The Bay Regional EMS Paramedic units are the best in its class. They were among the first responding units to the Wenona Hotel fire, the Bay City fireworks festival explosion, and the motor vessel *Jupiter* explosion and fire. Aside from their duties as paramedics and EMT/Dispatchers, they also provide Medical First Responder level, EMT-Basic level, EMT-Specialist level, and Paramedic level licensure programs, as well as community CPR/AED classes and informational events within the Bay County Schools. The service also provides coverage for special events throughout the Bay County area, including all levels of EMS coverage at no cost for Bay City Central and Essexville Garber football games.

Mr. Speaker, as a Member of Congress, I ask my colleagues in the 108th Congress to please join me in recognizing the Bay Regional EMS units for their outstanding professionalism, attention to detail, and unwavering commitment to assisting all those in need of medical care.

HONORING 2004 STANISLAUS MEDICAL SOCIETY PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR DR. J. CARL HORNBERGER

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. J. Carl Hornberger on the occasion of receiving the Stanislaus Medical Society John Darroch Memorial Award for Physician of the Year. A ceremony honoring Dr. Hornberger will be held at the Stanislaus Medical Society Annual Dinner Meeting on Thursday, May 27, 2004.

Dr. Carl Hornberger received his MD from the University of Rochester. He completed his Medical Internship, Residency, and Traineeship in Cardiology at the National

Heart Institute: University Hospitals of Cleveland, OH. Carl has been practicing medicine for 55 years and has been an active Internal Medicine Physician with Gould Medical Group in Modesto since 1955.

Carl's care and concern for the community and medicine are reflected in the wide variety of leadership roles he has held for the Stanislaus Medical Society and the Stanislaus Foundation for Medical Care. He has served as president for both boards and for the United Foundations of California. Carl has been chair of the bioethics committee at Memorial Medical Center in Modesto since 1997. Dr. Hornberger describes bioethics as, "all issues regarding quality patient care. It's the recognition that patients are in a dependent position, they are scared, they don't know what is going on. Bioethics is about the realm of care for people who are dependent and in need of care, how you are spoken to, how you are treated." Carl says the thing about doctoring he enjoys most is patient contact.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. J. Carl Hornberger for his excellence and dedication as a physician. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Carl many years of continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF CAPTAIN JIM JENNINGS FOR HIS 35 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CONCORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Captain Jim Jennings, who is retiring from the city of Concord Police Department after 35 years of serving the residents of Concord as well as the larger community.

Captain Jennings was born in Placerville and is a life-long resident of California. He married his wife Jennifer in 1970 and they have spent 34 wonderful years together.

Captain Jennings' public service career began even before his time with the Concord Police Department. He served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. During his service, he received several commendations and medals for his work.

Captain Jennings was hired as a patrolman with the Concord Police Department in May 1969. His distinguished career of public service includes serving on the board of directors of the Peace Officers Research Association of California. For 8 years, he also served as the organization's president.

In 1992, he collaborated with the Contra Costa County Superior Court to develop a protocol that law enforcement officials could follow to handle weapons seized from individuals. This protocol is now followed by all law enforcement agencies in Contra Costa County.

In 1994, Captain Jennings was honored for his on-the-scene help to prevent an individual from jumping to his death. During the following year, he was responsible for creating the Concord Police Department's Northern District Field Office. More than 1,000 individuals attended the Field Office's Grand Opening, demonstrating the widespread public support for his work.