

young men who were called to the colors. In Wilkes-Barre, the Salvation Army will forever be remembered for its work providing food, clothing and emergency shelter to flood victims during the 1936 and 1972 floods.

Mr. Henry, for the past 44 years, has diligently served on the Salvation Army's board of directors, providing leadership and wise counsel. Today, the Salvation Army in Wilkes-Barre serves more than 44,000 individuals per year.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Salvation Army and Mr. and Mrs. Henry for their contributions to the greater Wilkes-Barre area. The quality of life in that region has been greatly improved by the presence of the Salvation Army and community leaders like the Henrys.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF MR.  
CHARLES T. BROWDER, SR.

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 8, 2005*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, Clarke County and indeed the entire State of Alabama recently lost a dear friend, and I rise today to honor him and pay tribute to his memory.

Mr. Charles T. Browder, Sr., was a devoted family man and dedicated community leader throughout his life. A native of Monroe County, Alabama, Mr. Browder, for many years worked with his brother in Montgomery. In 1987, he and his family moved to the City of Thomasville, where he founded Browder and Son Veneer, a company which became an anchor of the area's business community and has grown to employ more than 80 men and women.

A popular figure in his community, Mr. Browder developed a strong reputation for his generosity and philanthropy, and was always available to help his friends and neighbors in any way possible. He was active in the congregation of Thomasville United Methodist Church, and was a member of both the Abba Shrine Temple and Oliver Lodge No. 334 F & AM.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my Colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated community leader and friend to many throughout South Alabama. Mr. Browder will be deeply missed by his family—his wife Annyce L. Browder; his children, Charles T. "Tom" Browder and Allen L. Browder; his sister, Gloria B. Lovinggood; his six grandchildren; and his seven great-grandchildren—as well as the countless friends he leaves behind. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all at this difficult time.

HONORING LARRY ERNST ON  
BEING NAMED AN IBM FELLOW

**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 8, 2005*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Larry Ernst, of Boulder, Colorado, for his recent nomination as an IBM Fellow, the company's highest and most prestigious technical honor.

IBM Fellows are selected for sustained and distinguished technical achievements in engi-

neering, programming and technology. There have only been 185 Fellows in the past 42 years of the company's existence, and currently there are only 58 active employees who share this distinction out of an astounding 325,000 employees worldwide.

IBM Fellows provide innovative solutions not only valuable for the future of this massive company, but also for the entire world. Fellows such as Mr. Ernst have developed some of the most useful products and applied technologies the industry and computer users have ever seen.

Larry Ernst has led the strategic definition and implementation of critical technologies for the Printing Systems Division, and his work in the area of print and image quality has been the foundation for many new products. Already, Mr. Ernst holds nine issued patents, serves as the patent coordinator for the division, and has been named an IBM Master Inventor for his works.

Larry Ernst joins two other distinguished Boulder residents, Ernest Booch and Joan Mitchell, as IBM Fellows. I am proud to have three out of the 58 active IBM Fellows in Colorado's Second Congressional District. It is quite a compliment to the men and women of Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Larry Ernst and in wishing him continued success in all future endeavors as an IBM Fellow.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SHANNON  
J. WILSON, RECIPIENT OF THE  
PRESIDENTIAL FREEDOM SCHOL-  
ARSHIP

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 8, 2005*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the superior academic performance of Shannon J. Wilson, a recipient of this year's Presidential Freedom Scholarship. Thirteen students in the 26th Congressional District are receiving this special recognition.

This award recognizes outstanding service and citizenship initiatives by the students who were nominated, and provides an opportunity to acknowledge their leadership. Administered by Learn and Serve America, the scholarship provides \$500 in Federal funds, matched with \$500 from a community organization or business obtained for the student by their high school or Boys and Girls Club. Winners must have completed at least 100 hours of community service, either through a school-based service-learning program or independently through service at a nonprofit or faith-based organization.

Shannon is a member of the Technology Center Boys and Girls Club. This organization contributed matching funds of \$500.

Over 38,000 students to date have received this award and I extend my sincere congratulations to Shannon J. Wilson for being one of them. This student's contribution and services should serve as inspiration to those who wish to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF  
NATHANIEL ROCK

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 8, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and community of Nathaniel Rock upon the death of this outstanding Marine.

Nathaniel Rock was a member of the United States Marine Corps serving his great nation in the country of Iraq. He was a loving son to his parents, and a caring brother to Jared Rock with whom he served with as a Martins Ferry police officer. Nathaniel Rock was an active citizen in his community and did his best to make his country a better place to live.

Nathaniel Rock will be remembered for his unsurpassed sacrifice of self while protecting others. His example of strength and fortitude will be remembered by all those who knew him.

While words cannot express our grief during the loss of such a courageous Marine, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the family, friends, and colleagues of Nathaniel Rock. Your service has made us proud.

REMEMBERING JOHN H. JOHNSON

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 8, 2005*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life and legacy of the publishing mogul Mr. John H. Johnson, who died on August 8, 2005 at the age of 87. Mr. Johnson rose from extreme poverty to become founder and chairman of Johnson's Publishing Company, the world's largest African-American owned publishing Company. Mr. Johnson is one of America's most distinguished entrepreneurs, whose publications have helped to change the landscape of American history.

Mr. Johnson was born on January 19, 1918, in Arkansas City during southern segregation, which played an integral role in shaping his successful future. Another element that helped shape his path was his mother. When Mr. Johnson was 8 years of age, his mother moved the family up to Chicago with the belief that the Jim Crow south was no place to nurture and raise a Black child from whom she expected greatness. Like so many other blacks from the South, his mother believed that the North provided better economic and social opportunities for African Americans. Therefore, Johnson's family took part in The Great Migration of the early 1900's and moved north.

During his high school years, Mr. Johnson worked part time for the Supreme Liberty Life Insurance Company (he would later become chairman of the board). Part of his duties was to prepare a digest for the company president of Black or Black-oriented stories in the American press. This gave inspiration to the establishment of his first magazine the "Negro Digest". After being refused business loans from banks and other financial institutions, Mr. Johnson used his mother's furniture as collateral for a \$500 loan. In 1942, Negro Digest

was first published and became an instant success. This became the first of his many future capital ventures. Subsequently, in 1945 Mr. Johnson launched his most successful magazine *Ebony*, which sold 25,000, making it the largest circulated Black magazine of the time. Today, with its 60 year history, *Ebony* is still a success with a circulation of 1.6 million.

In 1951, 10 years after the start of *Ebony*, Mr. Johnson started *Jet* magazine, which became the number one Black newsweekly. Subsequently, he invested in book publishing and *Fashion Fair Cosmetics*, which was designed to fit the needs of African American women by offering a complete line of high-quality beauty and skin care products for a wide variety of skin tones. Moreover, he has invested in several radio stations, and has majority ownership in the company that inspired it all, *Supreme Liberty Life Insurance*.

The success of his magazines and other business endeavors were supported by Johnson's objective to show "not only to the Negroes, but also white people that Negroes got married, had beauty contests, gave parties, ran successful businesses, and do all the other normal things of life." His publications became a vehicle for his civil rights activism. Mr. Johnson purposefully presented positive imagery of blacks as professionals, movie stars, activists, and more, to combat the many negative stereotypes that permeated throughout the collective conscience of this country, which was overwhelmingly manifested through mainstream media. *Ebony* magazine highlighted the success and achievements of African Americans, taking a more glamorized perspective of Black America, while *Jet* magazine focused on the politics, entertainment, business, and sports. President Clinton, observed that Mr. Johnson "gave African-Americans a voice and a face, in his words, 'a new sense of somebody-ness,' of who they were and what they could do, at a time when they were virtually invisible in mainstream American culture."

John Johnson made history when he published the unedited and notorious 1955 pictures of the mutilated body of 14 year old murder victim Emmett Till, who was slain in Mississippi for allegedly whistling at a white girl. Johnson published the pictures to show the world the cruel reality of Jim Crow, and the violent results of legal segregation. As a result, the images of Emmett Till became the catalyst that sparked the flame that fueled the Civil Rights Movement. It was the pictures that Mr. Johnson published that inspired Rosa Parks to refuse to acquiesce and relinquish her seat to a white man, which in turn led to the kindling of the Civil Rights Movement.

As a result of Johnson's success, both in his publishing and activism, he has received many accolades and awards. In 1982 he was the first African American ever to be on *Forbes Magazine's* 400 Richest Americans. He was a member of the Publishing Hall of Fame, the National Business Hall of Fame, the Advertising Hall of Fame and the Arkansas Business Hall of Fame. He also received the Spingarn Medal, the highest honor from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. In addition, he received the Salute to Greatness Award, the highest award for the Martin Luther King Jr. center for Non-violent Social Change. In 1972 he was named

Publisher of the Year by the Magazine Publishers Association. Lastly in 1995 he was awarded America's highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Clinton.

As a visionary, entrepreneur, philanthropist, and civil rights activist, Mr. Johnson's life has become one of the greatest "American dream" success stories of all time. Through his publications and other media ventures, Johnson has managed to transform the mainstream image and self-image of African Americans throughout the world. The legacy Mr. Johnson leaves is one of constant challenge. Throughout his life he has challenged and overcome the validity of old norms and has presented new ones that have helped to change both the face of African-Americans, as well as the face of our Nation.

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HONORING THE BLOOMSBURG HOSPITAL IN COLUMBIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AS IT CELEBRATES ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

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**HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 8, 2005*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Bloomsburg Hospital in Columbia County, Pennsylvania, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary of serving citizens in that region of the Nation. I also ask that you join me in recognizing Regis P. Cabonor, CEO of Bloomsburg Hospital, and Dr. John A. Scerbo, Chairman of the Board of Directors.

The first and only locally owned and operated hospital in the area, Bloomsburg Hospital's highly trained staff of physicians and technologists offer state of the art diagnostic services, and an array of women's health and psychiatric services.

Known as "The Baby Hospital," the facility has been delivering about 600 infants annually for the past several years. Special birthing suites and knowledgeable nurses ensure that families receive a warm and caring experience at this special time in their lives.

Accredited by the American College of Radiology, the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the American Association of Blood Banks, the College of American Pathologists, the hospital is licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

Its mission is to "promote, restore and maintain health" through fully integrated health care systems and services including in-patient care, in-patient and out-patient rehabilitation and out-patient surgery.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Bloomsburg Hospital on the occasion of this milestone event. The quality of life in the Bloomsburg area is clearly better because of the fine and caring work performed by the dedicated professionals at this institution.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF MR. EMORY BUSH "E.B." PEEBLES, JR.

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 8, 2005*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, Mobile County and indeed the entire state of Alabama recently lost a dear friend, and I rise today to honor him and pay tribute to his memory.

Mr. Emory Bush "E.B." Peebles, Jr., was a devoted family man and dedicated community leader throughout his life.

A graduate of Murphy High School in Mobile, Alabama, Mr. Peebles received his diploma from the Military College of South Carolina (The Citadel) in 1939. Following his graduation, he joined the United States Army Reserve with the rank of second lieutenant, and was employed by the Southern Industries Corporation. In June, 1941, he was called to active duty as a member of the United States Army and served with distinction during World War II as a member of the 31st Infantry ("Dixie") Division of the Pacific Theater. For his service, he was awarded both the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star, and he was promoted to the rank of major prior to his discharge in December, 1945.

Following his discharge, he was employed by Ryan Stevedoring in Mobile, and continued to work with that corporation for the next four decades. He retired from the new Ryan-Walsh Stevedoring Company in 1985 as chairman of the business.

In the midst of his intense professional schedule, Mr. Peebles also found time to serve in many community organizations and on several boards of directors. He served on the boards of several area businesses and financial institutions, including the Mobile Gas Service Corporation and the Alabama Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Company. During the mid-1960s, he served as president of the America's Junior Miss Pageant, and in 1969 served as the president of the Mobile Carnival Association. He also helped to make Mobile's Senior Bowl college football all-star game one of the preeminent events in all of college athletics, and served as president of that organization. He was also actively involved in the Mobile Touchdown Club and the Mobile Area Arts and Sports Association, and served as president of the University of South Alabama's Jaguar Club. In 1996, he was named "Mobilian of the Year."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated community leader and friend to many throughout South Alabama. Mr. Peebles will be deeply missed by his family—his lovely wife, Barbara Cowen Peebles; his children, E.B. Peebles, III, Laura P. Rutherford, and John D. Peebles; his stepchildren, Alley C. Butler and Douglas L. Ford; and by his seven grandchildren and great-grandchildren—as well as the countless friends he leaves behind. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all at this difficult time.