

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 newsmagazine. 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 prospective 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.

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 step-children, 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.

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

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.

RECOGNIZING LEXMARK'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN BOULDER

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2005

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, as you know, I am very proud of my constituents in Boulder, Colorado, for their unsurpassed commitment to a clean environment. Indeed, Boulder's exceptionally clean air and water make the Second District of Colorado a very special place.

When a company can provide jobs and be a real contributor to the economy of Boulder, and it can do so in way that shows the utmost respect for the environment, the citizens of my district are doubly fortunate. Lexmark International, Inc. is just such a company.

One of the world's largest manufacturers of printers and developers of printing solutions, Lexmark has a large facility in Boulder that has recently achieved ISO (International Standardization Organization) 14001 certification for its environmental management system. ISO 14001 is the world's most recognized environmental management system framework, helping organizations better manage their impact on the environment and continually improve their environmental performance.

Lexmark employees worked for years to achieve this important certification. Such certifications do not come easily, and Lexmark's employees in Boulder are to be commended for their commitment to pollution prevention and for the overall environmental ethic that enabled them to achieve this important milestone.

This achievement is only the most recent environmental award received by the Lexmark facility in Boulder. In 2003, the city of Boulder awarded its PACE (Partners for a Clean Environment) Pioneer Award to Lexmark. This award is given annually to the business best exemplifying the goals of the PACE program.

For almost a decade beginning in 1993, Lexmark participated in the Colorado Governor's Pollution Prevention Challenge, and the plant also received the U.S. EPA's 33/50 award for toxic chemical use reduction in the early-to-mid 1990s.

In all, the record this facility has established for well over a decade is remarkable. My hat is off to the employees at the Lexmark facility in Boulder who share such an obviously genuine and profound commitment to environmental protection.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in commending Lexmark for this notable achievement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2005

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, September 7, 2005, I was unavoidably absent due to a previously scheduled engagement.

I request that the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD reflect that had I been present and voting, I would have voted as follows:

(1) Rollcall No. 457. On H.R. 3169, to provide the Secretary of Education with waiver authority for students who are eligible for Pell Grants who are adversely affected by a natural disaster: "yes."

(2) Rollcall No. 456. On H.R. 3650, to allow United States Courts to conduct business during emergency conditions, and for other purposes: "yes."

CONGRATULATIONS TO KAMALA S. FARQUHARS, RECIPIENT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL FREEDOM SCHOLARSHIP

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 Kamala S. Farquhars, 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.

Kamala is a member of the North Fort Worth Boys and Girls Club. The organization matched the \$500 federal fund scholarship.

Over 38,000 students to date have received this award and I extend my sincere congratulations to Kamala S. Farquhars 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 LANCE CPL. AARON H. REED

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 Lance Cpl. Aaron H. Reed upon the death of this outstanding Marine who served with the 3rd Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, Fourth Division, Lima Company.

Lance Cpl. Aaron H. Reed was an active member of the Richmond Dale Church of God where his devotion to the Lord was fostered through his commitment to the Youth Group. He was an active citizen in his community and did his best to make his country a better place to live.

Lance Cpl. Aaron H. Reed 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 Lance Cpl. Aaron H. Reed.

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT TO MEET IMMEDIATE NEEDS ARISING FROM THE CONSEQUENCES OF HURRICANE KATRINA, 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 2, 2005

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, our thoughts and prayers are with the people of New Orleans and all other Gulf Coast residents affected by this horrific disaster. As a nation we have watched with horror as the city of New Orleans has faced Hurricane Katrina and been overtaken by the waters of Lake Pontchartrain. We have seen the heart-wrenching stories that restore your faith, but sadly we have also seen the opposite.

Lives have been interrupted. Families separated. And many now face an uncertain future of trying to locate family and friends as well as begin to rebuild their lives, many from scratch. With the victims dispersed across this nation, when this can begin is not known. The full impact of Hurricane Katrina—emotionally, physically and financially—will not be known for years and more realistically decades.

It is during tragedies like this, that we must come together as Americans to help our fellow citizens in their time of need. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to praise the hundreds of Americans who are working day and night to help rescue and bring relief to the thousands of people trapped in the affected area.

From the start, the American people have again shown their unity of spirit and their willingness to aid those in the midst of this devastation. And these are not only professional rescue personnel but simply kind-hearted neighbors who may have a boat, or some extra water or blankets and are scouring the area looking for survivors. I cannot imagine the difficulties they are facing and the sacrifices they have made to help their fellow Americans. I thank them for all their efforts and pray that they remain safe themselves and return home to their families.

I commend the generosity of the American people, including my home town of Sacramento, which because of its location at the confluence of the American and Sacramento Rivers has a unique understanding of being a flood-threatened city. I am proud of their generosity and extension of assistance—sending its firefighters, search and rescue teams and opening its doors to hundreds of victims of Hurricane Katrina who are unable to return to their homes. Their efforts to restore a sense of normalcy for those who have been so up-rooted are a testament to them.

I also share the frustration of so many with the early response of our government to this crisis. While the conditions under which the relief workers are functioning are catastrophic