

of 1948 with a B.A. in Economics. After graduation, George sought to expand his horizons and enrolled in a one-year graduate program at the University of Stockholm in Sweden.

Upon returning to the United States in 1949, George took an aptitude test which suggested that he was best suited for a career as a social science teacher, not a lawyer. As a result, he enrolled in the UCLA Graduate School of Education in the Spring of 1950 to take up a career in teaching. However, it soon became clear to George that law was undoubtedly his true calling. It was in August of the following year that George applied and was admitted to the new Boalt Hall School of Law at Berkeley.

Although George was about to pursue a legal education, he could never truly abandon his love of music. Thus, in a short stint before law school, he fulfilled one of his lifelong ambitions by playing the upright bass in a traveling jazz trio known as the Crazy Kats.

His decision to enroll in Boalt Hall would prove to be a pivotal point in not only his career in law, but in his personal life as well. It was during his time at Boalt Hall that George began dating Mary Alice Johnson, a student at Mills College. They were married in December of 1952. Today, more than 50 years later, George and Alice are the happy parents of four children, Anne, Jennifer, John, and Paul, and four grandchildren.

George graduated from Boalt Hall 7th in his class with an LLB degree. Upon graduation, George enrolled for a graduate degree in law and spent a year studying at the Uppsala University in Sweden. After returning to the United States in 1955, George began his new job at Downey, Brand, Seymour, and Rohwer starting on September 20, 1955.

While working, George wrote his Master's thesis and obtained his LLM degree from Boalt Hall in 1956.

When George began his career at Downey Brand in 1955, he was one of 8 lawyers in what would later become a 120-lawyer firm. For the first few years, George spent much of his time doing probate work, but then began to focus his efforts on water law and flood control matters for clients such as Reclamation Districts 537, 1000, 900 and 999, the California Central Valley Flood Control Association, and many mutual water companies. For the next 45 years, George's knowledge and experience in water and flood control law became expansive, and George shaped much of the law in these areas through his position as General Counsel for the California Central Valley Flood Control Association.

George also focused significant efforts on making Sacramento and California a better place by acting in leadership positions for the California State Library Foundation, the California Historical Foundation, the California Historical Society, the Sacramento Metropolitan YMCA, the Sacramento Symphony Association, the Crocker Art Museum Association, the Sacramento YMCA Foundation, the California Capitol Historic Preservation Society, the Sacramento Trust for Historic Preservation, the Pfund Family Foundation, and the Sacramento Pioneer Association.

Throughout an almost 50-year career, George Basye has been acknowledged as one of the modern fathers of water and flood law in California. His years of commitment, hard work, and dedication to the Central Val-

ley and the law firm of Downey Brand have undeniably contributed to the firm's amazing growth and positioning as one of the top law practices in the region.

Mr. Speaker, as George's friends, family and colleagues gather to celebrate his admirable career, I am honored to pay tribute to one of Sacramento's most selfless and dedicated citizens. I ask all my colleagues to join with me in wishing George Donald Basye continued success in all his future endeavors.

HONORING DR. TIPKINS HOOD, SR.

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2005

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and achievements of Dr. Tipkins Hood, Sr. of Oakland, California. Dr. Hood was a compassionate physician, devoted husband and father, a leading member of our community and a wonderful friend. He passed away on September 22, 2005 in Oakland, California.

Dr. Hood was born on December 15, 1936 in Camden, Texas, where he was the third of nine children in a loving and close-knit family. A precocious child, he had an unsurpassed zeal for learning, and throughout his primary and secondary education he excelled in reading, the sciences and mathematics. Graduating early from high school, he enrolled at Texas Southern University at age 15, earning a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy and later graduating from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee.

In 1964, Dr. Hood married Ms. Ruth Starnes in St. Louis, Missouri. Sadly, Ruth passed away in 1978, but their union produced a son, Tipkins Hood, Jr. A dedicated family man and hard-working student, Dr. Hood completed his internship at Homer G. Philips Hospital in St. Louis, his general residency at Washington University, and his specialty orthopedic surgery training in St. Louis at the University of Missouri and the nearby Veteran's Administration Hospital.

As a young doctor, Dr. Hood voluntarily served from 1960 until 1970 in the United States Navy-Marine Corps, during which time he was awarded the Bronze Star with Combat V as well as a Meritorious Service Award for serving above and beyond the call of duty. At the end of his military service he was also awarded the Vietnamese Medal of Honor.

After completing his education and military service in 1970, Dr. Hood began his medical practice in Oakland, California. After getting his board certification in Orthopedic Surgery in 1974, he practiced for more than 35 years in Oakland, contributing immeasurably to the health and well being of our entire community. For close to 4 decades, he maintained an extensive inpatient and outpatient practice, and treated a wide range of patients including children, adults, the elderly and low-income individuals. Over the years, his medical expertise benefited groups such as the Oakland Police & Fire Retirement Association, the Oakland Raiders and the Social Security Administration, as well as an untold number of individ-

uals and families who otherwise may not have had access to that kind of medical treatment.

Though Dr. Hood's medical achievements were extraordinary, his accomplishments and leadership extended far beyond the realm of medicine. Throughout his life he was involved in a variety of business, community and academic endeavors, and supported a number of important civic and political causes. He was a tremendous asset to the late Mayor Lionel Wilson of Oakland as well as to Congressman Ron Dellums, and was one of my longtime and consistent supporters. For this, I am deeply grateful.

Additionally, in what he considered to be one of his most important roles, Dr. Hood was a dedicated and lifelong member of the Board of Trustees at his medical alma mater, Meharry Medical College. A deeply spiritual person, Dr. Hood was also a longtime member of Downs Memorial United Methodist Church in Oakland, California.

In 1981, Dr. Hood married Ms. Carol H. Williams, and together they raised two children, Tipkins Hood, Jr. and Carol Henry Hood, Jr. Their life together was enriched by their devotion to each other, and they delighted in the arrival of a grandson, Tipkins Milton Hood. Dr. Hood enjoyed sharing his love of travel, fishing and cooking with his family and friends, and took every opportunity to spend time with them. His dedication to his family was unsurpassed, and throughout his life his loved ones brought him great joy.

As a close personal friend since the early 1970s, I benefited from Tip's advice, keen intellect and remarkable wisdom. He was a "wise man," yet he had a lot of heart. For example, this summer he took the time to provide his medical insights to one of my family members who had also been his patient many years ago. Not only did he give his best thinking regarding treatment options, but he also gave reassurances to call and visit every day during recuperation. Tip comforted those who needed comfort and always went beyond the call of duty.

The last time I saw Tip was in my Washington, DC office very recently. He cared about the aging and sick prison populations and wanted to provide treatment facilities for the Federal and state penal institutions. Tip concluded this very intense meeting by pleading with the Federal prison officials to understand that providing this treatment was the humane way to treat these individuals. His compassion profoundly impacted everyone in the meeting, just as it had always impacted everyone who knew him.

Throughout his life, Dr. Hood "did it his way." He was a man for all seasons whose wit, charm and brilliance will be forever remembered. He will be greatly missed, but his legacy and his spirit will inspire us all, especially young African American men, to soar to heights unseen, and to do so in his memory.

Today Dr. Hood's family and friends come together to celebrate his life and work, and the immeasurable personal and professional impact he has had on all of us. On behalf of the 9th U.S. Congressional District of California, I salute and thank Dr. Tipkins Hood, Sr. for his invaluable contributions to the people of Oakland, the 9th Congressional District, the State of California and our entire country.

IN MEMORY OF ESTHER
WEISSMAN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, Esther Weissman understood with all her heart that the cause of injured workers is one of society's great moral callings.

Social consciousness infused her daily work as a lawyer. She knew she was fighting not only for just compensation for her clients, she was trying to save their lives from being sacrificed upon the altars of modern industrial society.

They came to Esther on crutches, wearing arm slings, with eye patches and bandages of every sort from their encounters with the hazards of the workplace. They came to her office as pilgrims, migrants to a sacred place, seeking a miracle that would save their lives. Again and again Esther gave them hope, through honest and aggressive representation.

In addition to her advocacy in the courts, Esther actively participated in the electoral system. She rallied other attorneys, labor leaders, and voters to protect the rights of workers and advance social justice at the ballot box. Her legacy includes preserving Ohio's legal protections for injured workers in the popular defeat of the anti-worker ballot initiative known as Issue 2, in 1997.

Esther's was the cause of human dignity. Hers was the cause of economic justice. Hers was the cause of worker rights. Hers was the cause of the safe workplace. Hers was the cause of just compensation for injured workers. Hers was the cause of advocating for those too hurt, those too poor, those too weak to advocate for themselves.

Esther Weissman was the Joan of Arc of injured workers.

Again and again, holding up the banner of worker rights, she fearlessly fought on behalf of her beloved workers, with every fiber of her being, with all of her resources, with her last ounce of courage, to her last breath.

CELEBRATE TAIWAN'S NATIONAL
DAY ON OCTOBER 10

HON. PATRICK T. McHENRY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2005

Mr. McHENRY. Mr. Speaker, the Republic of China (Taiwan) will celebrate its National Day October 10, 2005. I wish to congratulate the President and the People of Taiwan on this festive occasion.

Taiwan is a small island with few natural resources, yet it has prospered because of the opportunity provided by freedom and democracy. With one of the world's largest foreign exchange reserves, its 23 million people enjoy one of the highest standards of living in the world. Politically, Taiwan is a full democracy, with free elections and a free press. Taiwan fully embraces the values of economic liberalization, democracy, rule of law, and respect for human rights.

Taiwan President Chen Shui-bian recently stopped in Miami, Florida en route to Central

America. Through a teleconference, President Chen was honored by the Congressional Human Rights Caucus in recognition of Chen's life-long campaign to promote and safeguard human rights not only in Taiwan but also in other parts of the world. In his teleconference, President Chen told Congressional members that Taiwan's democratic development is irreversible, that China could and should learn from Taiwan's history of democratization and that he would like to have direct talks with China's President without any prior conditions. I hope President Hu will take up President Chen's offer and move toward permanent peace in the Taiwan Strait based on personal freedom and individual liberty.

Mr. Speaker, President Chen is a man of peace. For the good of his country and his people, he has been pleading with Chinese leaders to resume talks over cross-strait disputes. In the meantime, President Chen has been asking the international community, to set up a mechanism to ensure that there would not be unnecessary military conflicts over the Taiwan Strait. I believe that the United States should, at the very least, continue to impress upon the Chinese that we will uphold our commitment and defend Taiwan if it is attacked without provocation.

On Taiwan's National Day, I join my colleagues in congratulating the Taiwanese people. We deeply appreciate our common bonds and friendship with them and look forward to strengthening our relationship in the future.

TRIBUTE TO TAIWAN

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2005

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in extending my congratulations to the people of Taiwan on the occasion of 94 years of progress.

In recent years, Taiwan has become a model society. It has excellent schools, outstanding medical care, a strong economy, and many of its people enjoy one of the highest standards of living. Taiwan's social welfare programs have been laudable efforts to raise the standard of living for all. Moreover, Taiwan's constitution guarantees its citizens basic civil liberties, including freedom of peaceful assembly and association, freedom of speech and press, and freedom of religion. Taiwan's full commitment to democracy and human rights is commendable.

We are very appreciative of Taiwan's commitment to fight global terrorism, particularly by cooperating with our law enforcement agencies in sharing intelligence and doing everything possible to protect American interests in Taiwan. We are also aware of Taiwan's contributions to the Twin Towers Fund, the Pentagon Memorial Fund and to the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

We wish the 23 million people of Taiwan continued progress and prosperity.

HONORING CAVION JAMIK
HOLLOWAY

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2005

Mr. NUNES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to pay tribute to a courageous person—a giant among men—that touched many lives in the short seven years he was with us.

Cavion Jamik Holloway slipped the surly bonds of this earth on the wings of angels to the heavens above on September 28th 2005 in Omaha, Nebraska. This is a boy who never gave up and had the courage of a lion, the ferocity of a bear, and the tenderness of a dove to fight the scourge of leukemia until it overcame his body—not his soul.

Cavion is survived by a loving mother, Danielle Holloway, a devout father, Billy Holloway and four compassionate grandparents, Americo and Mary Flaiban of Bohemia, New York and Billy and Anne Holloway of Warner Robins, Georgia.

For over a year, Cavion went toe-to-toe with a disease that ravages the body and demoralizes the soul. Despite this overwhelming challenge, Cavion stood tall with a smile on his face and faith in his heart that he would win this battle and return to a life free of doctors, needles and hospital rooms. With the total dedication of his parents, Cavion knew that courage, conviction, and faith would be his partners on the journey to a life free of this disease. Unfortunately, his body succumbed to the challenges his brain refused to accept. Simply put—Cavion never quit!

Now in the heavens above, Cavion is charged with the duty of serving our Heavenly Father by looking over the family that survived him. To quote one of the many well wishers who left notes for Cavion and his parents, "Cavion will sing to you in the wind; he will call to you from your dreams; he will walk beside you and whisper in your ears—he will always be there with you."

During this fight, Cavion had help from many compassionate folks around this country. I would like to take this opportunity to express a special thanks to the medical professionals that never gave up and were constantly a source of encouragement and compassion for Cavion and his parents. I would like to specifically thank the staff of the University of New Mexico's Pediatric Oncology Department, especially Dr. Jeff Hanrahan, aka "The Commissioner of the Albuquerque Chapter of Hoccerball" and their counterparts at the University of Nebraska's Medical Center, specifically Dr. Bruce Gordon, aka "Doc Hollywood".

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not mention the fact that each one of us has an opportunity to help champions like Cavion have a fighting chance at life. I would like to encourage every eligible person to enroll themselves in the National Marrow Donor Program. This program helps people who need a life-saving marrow or blood cell transplant. The program connects patients, doctors, donors and researchers to resources they need to help folks live longer, healthier lives.

As the days move on, all who knew Cavion will work to lift their hearts and souls to carry on with life. In doing this, we will continue to