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IN RECOGNITION OF THE HENRY FAMILY FOR RECEIVING THE OUTSTANDING YOUNG FARM FAMILY AWARD FOR ALABAMA

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 16, 2005

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate an exceptional family from my home state of Alabama. On December 4th, Mike and Denise Henry of Montgomery County, Alabama, were awarded the 2005 title of Outstanding Young Farm Family for Alabama.

Mike and Denise are exceptional young farmers I met on a recent tour of Third District farms. The family manages a preconditioning business for weaned calves, and has 600 brood cows as well as registered Angus and Charolais cattle on their farm. They also own a catering business.

As the 2005 Outstanding Young Farm Family, the Henrys will participate in many events to encourage other young people to become involved in Alabama agriculture. This is a great honor for this family, and speaks to their hard work and dedication as outstanding leaders in our community and in our state.

As a member of the Committee on Agriculture in Congress, I am privileged to honor Mike, Denise and their five children for this award today, and congratulate them for this notable accomplishment.

CONGRATULATIONS MARTIN METHODIST REDHAWKS, 2005 NAIA WOMEN'S SOCCER NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 16, 2005

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, the Redhawks of Martin Methodist College in Pukaski, Tennessee won the 2005 NAIA Women's Soccer National Championship during tournament play in Olathe, Kansas. This historical feat came just 2 years after collecting their first winning season in the program's history.

Martin Methodist entered the NAIA National Tournament as the top-seeded team. They defeated McKendree College, Concordia University, tied Westmont College (eventually winning on penalty kicks), and Lee University during the championship drive. The championship game winning goal was scored against seventh-seeded Lee University at 45:55.

During their winning season these hard-working ladies collected 23 wins, 17 shutouts, 125 scored goals and a mere eight goals allowed. They came together as a team believing they can compete at a high level and win. In doing so they etched their names in the history books and earned the respect of their peers and community.

The National Champion RedHawks' 2005 roster included Karen Carmack, Sarah Prendergast, Maria Sonnerborg, Nicole Scherger, Rachel Sharp, Victoria Charnley, Johanna Botold, Jessica White, Clare Sykes, Kelly Lewicki, Mizuki Yoshida, Amanda Johansson, Azusa Takeuchi, Sara Perrigan, Maiko Higashiyama, Lisa Mann, Harumi Someya, Megan Finnegan, Emily Allegood, Tassia Gimenez, Mauela Schuh, Nicole Grochowsky, Julia Bazi, Amanda Clark, Yvonne McField, and Jessica Nix. The Redhawks were lead by Head Coach Gerry Cleary and Assistant Coach Peter Anthony. Congratulations on a historic season.

RECOGNIZING CENTENARIAN SALLY VANDER EST OF HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 16, 2005

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sally Vander Est of Hernando County, Florida. Sally has done something that all of us strives for, but that very few of us will ever accomplish, celebrate her 100th birthday.

Born February 2, 1905 in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Sally was the youngest in her family. She has many fond memories of roller-skating, ice skating and learning to drive in 1936. In fact, Sally has never gotten a ticket.

Sally worked for 28 years in Health, Education and Welfare offices and for the city of Grand Rapids. Following her father's death, Sally cared for her mother into the late 1950's. The proudest moment of her life was when she married Adrian Vander Est at 59 years old, remembering the exact date and time of April 4, 1964 at 4 p.m.

Sally says that her mother was an A-1 person and her best friend, noting that her mother was always her date during her high school days. While she wishes that she had gotten married earlier in life, she remembers that when her friend got engaged, she told Sally, "that she wanted the diamond but not what goes with it."

While she always thought she would live to be 136, Sally now says that being 100 is a miracle. Today, reading, listening to music, especially musicals, gives her the most pleasure. She enjoys being in Hernando County and away from shoveling the snow. Her favorite flower is the rose and her favorite color is blue, because it goes with her eyes. Her advice to young people is to, "stop smoking and stop this sex business and drinking, change your morals."

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in honoring Sally Vander Est for reaching her 100th birthday. I hope we all have the good fortune to live as long as she has.

HONORING ALICE WALKER ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 16, 2005

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Alice Walker for her dedicated serv-

ice to the community of Portland, Tennessee. On December 31, Alice will retire after serving 24 years as Executive Director of the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

During her time with the Chamber of Commerce, Alice has watched as Sumner County has experienced tremendous growth. Her leadership has helped to ensure that Portland keeps up with the development while maintaining its charm.

Alice has involved herself in many areas of the community. She was a charter member of the Kiwanis Club and served on the boards of the United Way, Tennessee Chamber of Commerce, American Cancer Society and many other fine organizations. In 1992, Alice was named Citizen of the Year by the Gallatin News Examiner.

Alice has said that Portland and the Chamber of Commerce will always have a special place in her heart. I know I join with the residents of Portland in saying that Alice also has a special place in our hearts, and her service will be missed greatly.

Alice, I commend you on 24 years of dedicated service to Portland, Tennessee, and I wish you all the best in your retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CLAY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PANTHERS FOR THEIR CLASS 2A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 16, 2005

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize today the players and coaches of the Clay County High School Varsity football team from Alabama's Third Congressional District.

On December 3rd, the Clay County Panthers won their sixth State Championship title with a 31-0 victory over Southern Choctaw in the Class 2A final. These talented young athletes won the game after beating a tough opponent. In particular I would like to give tribute to the Panther defense, who in this game helped shutout their ninth opponent of the season.

I am proud to acknowledge and congratulate the Clay County High School Varsity Football team of 2005 in the House today, and extend my most heartfelt congratulations to these talented young people for this significant accomplishment.

TRIBUTE TO LEWIS AND CYNTHIA UHLER

HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 16, 2005

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to congratulate two good friends from my district in California, Lewis and Cynthia Uhler, as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on December 26th.

Lew and Cindy grew up together in San Gabriel, California. Long-time friends, they both graduated from Alhambra High School one year apart. However, their relationship gradually changed after Lew went off to Yale University, where he graduated in the class of

1955. They began dating when he returned home for visits during those college years. Meanwhile, Cindy also attended college and worked.

Mr. Speaker, it was during Lew's first year attending the Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California at Berkeley that the Uhlers' life together really began. During the Thanksgiving break, Cindy agreed to Lew's marriage proposal and they decided to have the wedding the next time he was home. They both knew what they wanted and then made it happen. Thus, on the day after Christmas, December 26, 1955, they were married. This example of setting an important goal and then focusing on quickly realizing it reflects the pattern they have established ever since then.

Their first home together was Berkeley, California. Subsequently, Lew's duty in the Army led them to Baltimore, Maryland. However, their roots continued to be in Southern California until Governor Ronald Reagan designated Lew as the State Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, and the Uhlers relocated to the Sacramento area. They have made their home in the beautiful community of Granite Bay for 35 years.

Lew served in Governor Reagan's cabinet as Assistant Secretary of the Health and Welfare Agency. In 1972, Governor Reagan asked Lew to organize and serve as Chairman of the Governor's Tax Reduction Task Force. With the assistance of a nationwide panel of advisors (including Nobel Laureates Milton Friedman and James Buchanan), the task force developed California's landmark Revenue Control and Limitation Act, which became a model for tax-expenditure limitation measures in many states.

A devoted wife and mother, Cindy has always made family the priority in her life. Raising four sons, separated in age by 11 years, was her chief mission. While she has always been interested in working and serving in many ways outside of the home, such activities were always relegated to part-time endeavors so she could focus on the great mission of nurturing her children.

Mr. Speaker, Lew is founder and President of the National Tax Limitation Committee (NTLC), one of the Nation's leading grass roots taxpayer advocacy organizations. With offices in the Sacramento Area and Washington, DC, NTLC works with the White House, Members of Congress, state legislators across the Nation and grassroots organizations to limit state and federal spending through statutory and constitutional enactments. In fact, Lew has been at the forefront of the national movements for a Tax Limitation/Balanced Budget Amendment to the United States Constitution. He has written numerous articles and opinion pieces on taxes and spending. He is the author of the book, *Setting Limits: Constitutional Control of Government*. He speaks internationally on fiscal issues and has appeared on numerous national, regional and local television and radio programs and has also been widely quoted in the print media.

Cindy has always become very involved in her church wherever the family has gone. Several times, she has served as secretary to the pastor and, as one son puts it, "running the show." It would be difficult to account for all the good and worthwhile efforts to which she has contributed.

Along with his fiscal policy work, Lew has been active in land development in Northern

California. He is also a member of the California Bar and serves Of Counsel with the Newport Beach law firm of Davis, Punelli & Keathley.

Lew and Cindy have four grown sons and three lovely daughters-in-law: Jim, John and Tricia, Kirk and Tami, and Mark and Echo. Of course, they also take great joy in their eight grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, undoubtedly, the life Lew and Cindy have created together is a great American success story—one rooted in a love that has endured and grown for fifty years and counting. Today, I join in commending them for their commitment to one another and their ongoing service to their community. Their dedication to God, family, and country is worthy of praise and emulation.

REVEREND DR. FRED L. MAXWELL, PATRIARCH OF SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP IN CENTRAL FLORIDA, AUGUST 2, 1907–DECEMBER 13, 2005

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 16, 2005

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, as a pastor at St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Orlando in the Third Congressional District of Florida and an advocate for poor and homeless people in Central Florida, it was in the early 1990's that Rev. Maxwell founded the Grand Avenue Economic Development Corporation. Then, in 1994, due to the tremendous and continually increasing need for permanent housing opportunities for the homeless in the community, Maxwell with the aid of "his Member of Congress" Congresswoman CORRINE BROWN, led an effort to apply for grant funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to create permanent housing for single, disabled homeless persons, a group rarely assisted. The effort was successful and the organization was awarded \$4,800,000 to create 100 units of permanent single room occupancy housing.

As a community advocate, economic development pioneer, and spiritual leader, Rev. Maxwell worked as a catalyst for change for more than a decade to bridge the gap between the rich and poor and black and white communities in Central Florida.

In addition to his public sector work, Rev. Maxwell was an author, "Where Is Thy Brother," a book of his sermons; a radio pastor for 22 years; started a community credit union; construction development company; tax preparation business; transportation company; citrus business, and even appeared in commercials promoting Florida orange juice.

Rev. Maxwell received the divine call to the ministry in 1926 at the age of 19, but it took him 20 years to heed the call in 1946. In 1950 he became the pastor of Zion Hill Baptist Church, one of the oldest Black churches in Orlando, and at the same time serving as pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Alachua, also known as one of the oldest Black churches in Alachua County. In 1964 he was called to pastor at St. John Missionary Baptist Church located on Carter Street in the City of Orlando. In 1971, he organized the purchase of St. John's current location at 2025 West Central Boulevard, Orlando.

In the early 1980's many poor and homeless people were affected by major winter storms in Central Florida and Pastor Maxwell used the church's fellowship hall to provide food, shelter and clothing to people with no homes. It was at this time he became an advocate for the homeless and prayed, "Lord, let your will be done. I desire to do something to make conditions better for some homeless people, Lord, teach me, lead me, and guide me."

Maxwell retired as Senior Pastor of St. John Missionary Church in 2001, but never from the ministry and stated, "Retired, but not slacked up one bit."

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REVERED MINISTER, MENTOR DIES AT 98

(By Jeff Kunerth)

The Rev. Fred Maxwell, a man considered the father of Central Florida's black preachers, died Tuesday. He was 98.

Maxwell, who served as pastor of St. John Missionary Baptist Church for 37 years, was a civil-rights leader, ardent advocate for the homeless, human history book and a man so universally respected that he often was called in to mediate church disputes.

"This was a man anyone would want to know—similar to Rosa Parks to me. The Reverend Maxwell had that kind of presence," Orlando City Commissioner Daisy Lynum said. "You are talking about an icon."

To ministers such as the Rev. Randolph Bracy of New Covenant Baptist Church of Orlando, Maxwell was a mentor who encouraged them, and helped resolve the problems that arise with pastoring.

"He knew how to bring calm to a very raucous situation. He had a special gift that way," Bracy said. "I have lost a dear friend. I have lost a mentor."

Orange County Commissioner Homer Hartage remembers Maxwell as a tireless advocate for the homeless.

Maxwell was instrumental in securing a \$4.8 million federal grant to convert a former motel on Colonial Drive and John Young Parkway into a 127-unit rental complex for the homeless that became known as Maxwell Terrace.

But he didn't stop there. When Maxwell came to Hartage seeking support for another motel conversion on South Orange Blossom Trail, Hartage turned him down—four times. Maxwell kept coming back until Hartage finally relented.

Two years later, Hartage had a cousin who got out of prison and needed a place to transition back into society. He found an apartment at Maxwell Gardens on South Orange Blossom Trail.

"He ended up living in the same place I had problems approving," Hartage said.

Maxwell, who used a wheelchair, was still active and alert, working on a land deal in Maitland just a few months ago, Hartage said.

"He was still strong, and he was still able," Hartage said. "You really, in your heart, wanted to see him around forever. You just expect him to be there."

Eatonville Mayor Anthony Grant called for a moment of silence at a Town Council meeting Tuesday night to honor Maxwell.

"He stood up for everything that was right. We have lost a good leader," said Ella Dinkins, 87, a volunteer at the Zora Neale Hurston Museum.

Born in Williston on Aug. 2, 1907, Maxwell grew up in Lake County as the son of turpentine industry workers.

He said he first heard the calling to the ministry when he was 19 but rejected it. He worked as a carpenter, grew citrus and started a janitorial business.