

Billy Paul has served as a teacher in Robertson County, a school principal and administrator in nearby Cheatham County, the mayor of Springfield and a volunteer firefighter. In addition, he currently serves as a Robertson County commissioner. Billy Paul's contributions to his community can be traced to his grandfather, R.W. Darke, who was a member of both houses of the Tennessee General Assembly and the city clerk for Springfield.

Billy Paul's service as a public school teacher and administrator is especially admirable. He says he became an educator because his teachers in high school and college served as excellent role models for him. He then passed his own passion for case history and government to a new generation. Today, his former students are doctors, lawyers, public officials and teachers.

As mayor of Springfield, Billy Paul was instrumental in changing the city's form of government from three at-large commissioners to a board of mayor and aldermen, with a city manager to oversee operations. He says the decision to seed the change in government was one of the toughest he made as mayor.

Billy Paul's latest contribution to his community involved a very successful tenure as the executive director of the chamber. In this capacity, he improved immensely the quality of life for Robertson County residents. But Billy Paul did not do all this alone. He had help from many in the community, and he had the love and support of an understanding wife and family. He attributes the support of his wife, Pat, and their three children for his accomplishments. Billy Paul, I wish you well in your future endeavors and thank you for your service to a community you obviously cherish.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. JOHN PETILLO, PRESIDENT OF UMDNJ

**HON. DONALD M. PAYNE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2005*

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. John Petillo on his inauguration as the third president of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. UMDNJ has been a vital resource for the people of New Jersey for more than 30 years. Comprised of eight schools on five campuses, a behavioral health network, and Newark's University Hospital, UMDNJ provides world-class education to practicing and future healthcare professionals and scientists, including physicians, dentists, researchers, nurses, and scores of allied and public health professionals. With more than 13,000 employees, UMDNJ is the eighth largest employer in New Jersey. There are nearly 19,000 UMDNJ alumni, the overwhelming majority remains in New Jersey. It is estimated that the University's health care and educational programs touch the lives of two million persons yearly.

Dr. Petillo brings many strengths and talents to this important appointment. He has enjoyed an extensive career in the corporate, nonprofit, academic and theological fields. He has served as the chief executive officer for several national corporations, chancellor for Seton Hall University, and as a member of the board for many nonprofit foundations.

More recently, Dr. Petillo served as the first president and chief executive officer of the

Newark Alliance, a nonprofit organization composed of representatives from private and civic groups whose shared goals is to improve the educational opportunities and economic redevelopment in Newark.

Prior to joining the Newark Alliance, Dr. Petillo was chief executive officer at Tribus Companies, Care Advantage, Inc., and Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey. As president and CEO of Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey, Dr. Petillo was influential in eliminating the reserve deficit and replacing it with a reserve surplus. During his tenure he advocated legislation requiring all health insurance carriers to underwrite individual policies regardless of medical histories.

In addition to serving leadership roles with corporate organizations, Dr. Petillo has also served as chancellor of Seton Hall University and the Archdiocese of Newark. While chancellor and chief executive officer at Seton Hall, Dr. Petillo was credited with completing the first development campaign in the institution's history and significantly increasing the residential student capacity. He also succeeded in achieving competitive salaries for the full time faculty, expanded institutional research, and with faculty consensus and monitoring instituted merit compensation.

In June 2003, Dr. Petillo was appointed Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey by Governor James E. McGreevey. In June 2004, Dr. Petillo assumed the responsibilities of Interim President of UMDNJ. The Board of Trustees named Dr. Petillo University President on November 16th, 2004. Dr. Petillo has a Ph.D. in Counseling and Personnel Services from Fordham University, an M.A. in Counseling from Seton Hall University and an M.P.A. from Rutgers University.

Under Dr. Petillo's stewardship UMDNJ is embarking on a new chapter in its history—proud of its accomplishments and focused on its future as a leader in health sciences research, education, and healthcare. UMDNJ and the State of New Jersey are fortunate to have the benefit of Dr. Petillo's leadership. I look forward to many more accomplishments made possible through the University's considerable intellectual capacity and fulfillment of its community service mission.

CONGRATULATING MS. PAULETTE W. WILLIAMS ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AS DIRECTOR OF THE MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2005*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to honor Ms. Paulette Williams on occasion of her recent retirement from the position of director of the Mobile County Emergency Management Agency. Throughout her 40-year career, Paulette has contributed her extensive knowledge and expertise at the local, State, and Federal levels of emergency management and civil defense.

As an area frequently impacted by natural disasters and other such events, particularly

during hurricane season each year, Mobile County has a well-established need for an efficient and well-run emergency management system. Paulette Williams has provided the leadership for such an organization, and her presence and expertise has been extremely helpful numerous times during the past several years, most significantly during Hurricane Ivan which made impact on Alabama's Gulf Coast on September 16, 2004. In the hours and days immediately following the storm, Paulette worked tirelessly with her team and with officials from all levels of government to coordinate the emergency relief so vitally needed by the tens of thousands of residents in the county. The work was incredibly difficult and the hours quite long, but through it all she maintained a firm hold on the situation and worked to ensure the county returned to as normal a life as possible in as short a time period as possible.

This work ethic has been a hallmark of her entire career and has resulted in numerous professional accomplishments. In 1992, she was selected by the Federal Emergency Management Agency as one of four emergency management staff members from Alabama to assist in the State of Florida following Hurricane Andrew. In 1994, she was invited by the United States Department of Defense to participate in the first International Emergency Management Conference. The Alabama House of Representatives appointed her to serve as a member of the State's Homeland Security Task Force in 2003, and the next year she was chosen by Alabama Governor Bob Riley to serve on the Alabama Citizens Corps Council.

At the present time, she serves as president of Alabama 3, one of the state's two disaster assistance medical teams, and serves on the executive board of the Greater Mobile Emergency Planning Committee. She also serves as the legislative chairperson of the Alabama Association of Emergency Managers.

In addition to her impressive professional resume, Paulette has been recognized numerous times during her career for her outstanding contributions to her career field and her community. She was selected to be included in Who's Who in America for the 1998–1999 year, and she was listed in Who's Who of American Women between 1995 and 2000. Additionally, Governor Riley honored her when he selected Paulette as the first female and first merit employee ever selected for the post of Director of the Alabama Emergency Management Agency.

Mr. Speaker, there are few individuals who have provided more invaluable service to their community, their county, and their state than Paulette Williams. She is an outstanding example of the quality individuals who have devoted their lives to public service, and I ask my colleagues to join with me in congratulating her on the occasion of her retirement. I know her colleagues, her family, and her many friends join with me in praising her accomplishments and extending thanks for her many efforts on behalf of Mobile County and the state of Alabama, and I would like to wish her much success in all future endeavors as she enters this new phase of her life.

TRIBUTE TO EARL STERNKE, MILWAUKEE, WI, IN RECOGNITION OF 40 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE BOY SCOUTS

**HON. GWEN MOORE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 21, 2005*

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, Mr. Earl Sternke. Mr. Sternke is a model of service to his community, having provided leadership and mentoring to youth for over 40 years.

Mr. Sternke is a distinguished exemplar of the American spirit of generosity. A veteran, husband and father, Mr. Sternke has made a commitment to the Boy Scouts from the earliest days of parenting his own children. As a troop leader, he raised his two sons in Scouting, helping both achieve the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout. But his work did not stop there. He continued to lead troops long after his children were grown, training boys to follow the same Scout Oath that he lived every day of his life.

Mr. Sternke also contributed to the strength and development of the Boy Scout institution in innumerable other ways. As a trainer and training chairman, Mr. Sternke was responsible for helping many young Scouters become leaders. He helped design emblems, certificates and badges, some of which are still used by troops today. His award-winning design for the Boy's Life Display for the 1981 National Jamboree brought national attention to the Milwaukee Boy Scouts Council.

Throughout the period of his involvement, Mr. Sternke received numerous awards from the Boy Scouts. I am especially impressed that Mr. and Mrs. Sternke were awarded the Silver Beaver Award in 1975 as a tribute to their work together in training young Scouters. Clearly, these two provided a model of leadership that could inspire youth to dedicate themselves to family, community and country.

It is a distinct pleasure to offer my thanks to Mr. Sternke for a lifetime of service. He has been unselfish in volunteering his time, his experiences, his resources and his money to improve the community in which he lives. Our community and Nation are better places because of his work.

RECOGNIZING VICTOR MARCUS OF SAN FRANCISCO, CA

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 21, 2005*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to join with my colleague Democratic Leader NANCY PELOSI to honor our friend, Victor Marcus, on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

Victor Marcus was born in 1915 in Berlin, Germany. He escaped Nazi Germany in 1936 and immigrated to America.

He is one of San Francisco's most prominent residents and has been president of a real estate firm, the Victor L. Marcus Company, for the past 52 years. He serves on numerous committees and boards and actively participates in a variety of civic and political

endeavors. His leadership and vision have no doubt strengthened his beloved home, San Francisco, California.

In 2003 Victor Marcus received the Distinguished Leadership Award from the Jewish Committee of San Francisco for his immeasurable contributions to San Francisco's business world, cultural institutions, and the Jewish Community. He has generously and enthusiastically supported the Jewish Community with particular expertise in issues relating to Israel, foreign affairs and diplomacy.

Victor Marcus is a connoisseur and patron of the arts and one of his greatest passions, music, is demonstrated by his support of the San Francisco Opera and Symphony. His loves in life are music, fine wines and wonderful food. He is the proud uncle of three nephews from South Africa who have traveled to the United States to celebrate this milestone with him.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, we join Victor Marcus's family and friends in congratulating him on his 90th birthday and extend our best wishes to him.

TRIBUTE TO YWCA OF ESSEX AND WEST HUDSON—CELEBRATING NINE DECADES OF EXCELLENCE

**HON. DONALD M. PAYNE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 21, 2005*

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to recognize a valued institution in my Congressional district. For the past ninety years, the YWCA of Essex and West Hudson has been dedicated to the empowerment of women and girls as well as the elimination of racism. Founded at a time when women suffered through inhospitable working and living conditions, the YWCA of the USA was founded, in 1858, in order to fight for gender parity. The early pioneers of the organization realized that they could overcome racial and gender discrimination by banding together to form strong alliances of determined women.

Since 1914, the Essex and West Hudson affiliate of the YWCA has provided the highest quality in health and fitness, recreation, education, child development and social services programming. Over nine decades, it has evolved from offering camping activities to providing childhood development classes to pregnant and parenting teens. Currently, the Essex and West Hudson affiliate serves nearly 200 children in its after-school programs, over 500 children in its summer camps and over 200 birth through 5 year-olds in its early childhood education programs.

In commemoration of 90 years of service, on May 19, 2005, the YWCA of Essex and West Hudson will celebrate the grand opening of its new state-of-the-art building. This facility will house amenities such as a computer learning center and an Aquatics & Fitness Complex.

I salute the YWCA of Essex and West Hudson as they "celebrate nine decades of excellence" for their dedication to women, girls and the community at-large. I am proud to have this organization in my district and I wish them continued success in their future endeavors.

WHATEVER IT TAKES TO REBUILD ACT

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 21, 2005*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the "Whatever It Takes To Build Act" with Representatives OWENS, ISRAEL and SERRANO of New York.

This legislation would remove a \$5 million cap placed on the Community Disaster Loan program that provides communities with lost tax revenues following disasters. This cap was added in 2000. Prior to 2000, no cap was in place and several communities received in excess of \$5 million from the Federal Government for lost tax revenues, to recover from disasters.

Right after 9/11, the President promised New York City that he would do whatever it takes to rebuild. While he and the Congress has provided billions in relief, much more still needs to be done to make New York City whole. The new GAO report shows that we are still suffering significant tax losses. Lack of this revenue forces New Yorkers to payout of their pockets again and again for the attacks of 9/11 or suffer the loss of essential services. New Yorkers should not be forced to bear this burden alone. That is why I am introducing the Whatever It Takes to Rebuild Act and I implore the Congress and the President to support this legislation. I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

A TRIBUTE TO THE FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE OF PASADENA

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 21, 2005*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the First Church of the Nazarene of Pasadena, California. During the months of February and March, the First Church of the Nazarene of Pasadena will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary.

The church began in 1905 and was led by Founding Pastor Dr. John W. Goodwin with 54 members that met in each others' homes. As the congregation grew, the church moved to Mary Street in 1906, then Raymond Avenue, Mountain Street, and finally Sierra Madre Boulevard, where it resides today. Today the church has over 2,000 members, which includes a congregation with nine different cultural backgrounds.

First Church of the Nazarene of Pasadena had several Pastors, including Pastors J.W. Ellis, Earl G. Lee, H.B. London, Jr., Dr. Stephen Green, Dr. Jeff Crosno and the current Pastor, Jay Ahlemann. One of the church's notable members was James Dobson, Founder and Chairman of Focus on the Family, and his wife Shirley, who were members for over 30 years.

The church has many programs that serve the community. The Compassionate Ministries program consists of: Helping Hands—a food and clothing facility on the church campus, Church in the Park—service to the homeless on Sunday mornings, El Centro Trabajo—an