

arms and equipments sales to Sudan, and suspend economic ties to Sudan until the Government of Sudan stops attacking civilians, complies with UN Security Council resolutions, and enters into peace negotiations with rebel groups.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Res. 422, a resolution calling on the government of the People's Republic of China to use its unique influence and economic leverage to stop genocide and violence in Darfur, Sudan.

A TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DR.
CLARENCE KEATON

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Brooklyn resident Reverend Dr. Clarence Keaton. Reverend Dr. Keaton was born to parents Clarence Keaton Sr. and Mary F. Keaton. Dr. Keaton is the fourth of seven children.

Reverend Dr. Keaton, affectionately known as Pastor of Pastors (POP) by his congregants and "Pastor Teacher" by his peers, has marked himself as a leader of change both in the clergy and throughout his community. The Reverend Dr. Keaton's path to the church was nearly derailed when during his youth, he became a gang leader. It was during that time Reverend Dr. Keaton received his divine calling going from leading gangs in the street to leading gangs to the church.

Reverend Dr. Keaton joined the ministry of Free Mission Apostolic Church under the tutelage of Pester Walter L. Dunlap. It was here Reverend Dr. Keaton taught for nearly a decade as a biblical instructor. In 1983, Reverend Dr. Keaton was ordained and blessed to establish the True Worship Church, and in 1985, Reverend Dr. Keaton's ministry grew at such a rapid pace that by September 21, 2001 he managed to build a new Cathedral on the property.

Reverend Dr. Keaton brings his divine wisdom to the community in a way which fosters growth and brotherhood. He is a leader who recognizes the plight of troubled youth and offers mentoring, guidance, and an outlet in prayer. His ministry truly meets the need of the people offering Computer Literacy classes, Deaf Ministry, Day Care Services, a Church news letter entitled, "The Voice of worship", and a Web site which keeps both the members and the community abroad informed of upcoming events and services.

Reverend Dr. Keaton has been recognized for his great contributions to the community, in an honorary doctorate of Divinity degree from Jesus Saves Bible Institute; citations for outstanding community service from former Councilwoman Pricilla Woolen, former Brooklyn borough president Howard Golden and current Borough president Marty Markowitz. Among his greatest honors are his wife Eartha Keaton, his four loving children; Tersha, Shawn, Tiffany, and Clarence III and amazing grandson, Kamari.

Reverend Dr. Clarence Keaton continues to serve as pastor and overseer of True Worship Church as the Presiding Bishop and founder of the True Worship Church Worldwide Ministries.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Reverend Dr. Keaton's tremendous contribution to his congregants and the community.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to this wonderful man and his tireless contribution which is a testament to the American spirit.

IN HONOR OF DR. KWAME
NKURUMAH AND THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF GHANA

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the life and contributions of the late Dr. Kwame Nkrumah and to acknowledge the 50th anniversary of the independence of Ghana, which is being recognized and celebrated this year. Kwame Nkrumah is the father of his nation, Ghana, and its anniversary of independence is an appropriate time for us to recognize his contribution. I introduce into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD an article from CaribNews by Michael D. Roberts.

Dr. Nkrumah was born on September 21, 1909 in Ghana, the same country he led to liberation from Great Britain and was elected as Prime Minister in 1960. He attended college in the United States, studied philosophy, and developed an interest in the ideas of Marcus Garvey. Realizing the need for self government, he served as General Secretary of the United Coast Gold Convention, a political party interested in Ghana's independence. Involvement in this movement was unconventional and by all means unpopular. Despite the lack of popularity, Dr. Nkrumah, had a vision not only for Ghana, but for all African countries. His leadership inspired 23 other African nations to gain independence in just 3 years after his election.

In addition to inspiring African countries to gain independence, Dr. Nkrumah envisioned unity. His vision to unite African countries was embodied with his influence in founding the Organization of African unity, established on May 25, 1963. The organization focused on ways to unify African nations and to speak with one continental voice. The organization changed over the years and was replaced with the African Union in 2001.

On March 6, 2007, Ghana celebrated the 50th anniversary of its independence. Celebrations were held all over the country and attended by world leaders. I pay honor and homage to Kwame Nkrumah for dedicating his life to Ghana democracy and working towards unifying African nations. His legacy and work still lives on with the celebration of Ghana's independence 50 years ago.

[From CaribNews]

KWAME NKURUMAH: THE MAN AND HIS TIMES—GHANAIAN POLITICAL VISIONARY, PAN-AFRICANIST AND ADVOCATE OF AFRICAN UNITY

(By Michael D. Roberts)

The African Antecedent: Setting the Stage for Africa's Independence

"Our independence is meaningless unless it is linked up with the total liberation of the African continent." Kwame Nkrumah, Accra 1957.

Those words were uttered 6 years before the formation of the Organization of African

Unity (OAU) on the 25th May 1963. It was an organization formed with the express purpose of uniting all of Africa but from the onset those leaders who signed this historic document in Ethiopia, were divided by insularity and a profound lack of vision. That is all of them except one.

Today his vision has been realized and modified, perhaps for better or worse—no one knows—in the development of the African Union (AU) that came into being in 2001. This new organization replaced the OAU that many felt had done its time and served its purpose but was unrealistic and lacked any new mechanism for dealing with the vagaries of modern, emerging Africa and the rest of the world.

But his vision and steadfast belief in African Glory has made him a legend in his lifetime and clearly one of the great sons of Africa. Today, he stands tall for his contribution to African political consciousness and African unity. He was a man whose ideas were far advanced for the era in which he served. In 2007 Africa needs to revisit his life and times. His name was Kwame Nkrumah. As Ghana's leader he had developed a reputation of total commitment to the improvement of not only the people of Ghana, but all of Africa. In a very real way the building blocks for today's modern Africa is the sacrifice and vision of leaders like Nkrumah. Observe that on the eve of the signing of the document that would formally ratify the OAU this was the warning that Nkrumah gave to African leaders about the powerful forces lined up against the continent:

"Our essential bulwark against the sinister threats and other multifarious designs of the neocolonialists is in our political union. If we are to remain free, if we are to enjoy the full benefits of Africa's rich resources, we must unite to plan for total defense and the full exploitation of our material and human means, in the full interests of all our peoples. To go it alone will limit our horizons, curtail our expectations, and threaten our liberty . . . Unless we meet the obvious and very powerful neocolonialists' threats with a unified African front, based upon a common economic and defense policy, the strategy will be to pick us off and destroy us one by one."

Nkrumah's prophetic and visionary words were based on his profound study of how Europe colonized Africa and his experiences abroad. His study of Garveyism, the ideology of Marcus Mosiah Garvey, lent his thoughts and actions a sense of African pride and independence. But more than that Nkrumah demonstrated selfless leadership and completely dedicated himself to the emancipation of his people.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
STEPHEN TOWNLEY

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor one of Florida's finest, Mr. Stephen Townley, upon his retirement from the public service system. May 9, 2007 marked Townley's 30th year of duty under the United States Judicial Branch.

After graduation from the University of South Carolina in 1973, Townley began his career as a probation officer in Milton, Florida. Advancing rapidly, Townley was appointed a United States Probation Officer in 1977 then was promoted 8 years later to United States

Probation Officer in the Northern District of Florida.

At the request of District Judge William Wilkins, the first Chairman of the U.S. Sentencing Commission, Townley aided the development of the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines. In this position, Townley worked to guide fair criminal sentencing, ensuring just punishment and the safety of his community. Later, Townley served on the Probation Officers Advisory Group to the U.S. Sentencing Commission.

In 1990, Townley was named Supervising U.S. Probation Officer and was promoted 2 years later becoming the Northern District's first Deputy Chief Probation Officer. During his last 8 years of service, Townley held the position of Chief Probation Officer of the Northern District of Florida. To his community, he embodies the epitome of loyalty, as he strove daily to keep danger away from the public.

Madam Speaker, I would like to offer my sincere and heartfelt congratulations to Mr. Stephen Townley on his 30th anniversary in serving the public. For the past 30 years, he has dedicated himself towards helping the residents of Northwest Florida and for that we will be forever grateful. I wish him the best in his retirement.

HONORING COAST GUARD CAPTAIN
PETER J. BOYNTON

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and recognize a committed and respected serviceman, retiring Coast Guard Captain Peter J. Boynton, for his distinguished career.

Captain Boynton has much to be proud of in his 28 year long career with the U.S. Coast Guard. Serving 10 years at sea aboard six different cutters, his experience and commitment is not easily matched; and in June 2004, Boynton accepted the Commander position of the Long Island Sound sector.

As commander, he led 490 active duty military and civilians, 180 uniformed reservists, and 1,800 volunteers with the Coast Guard Auxiliary at 16 operational units. From his command, Captain Boynton oversaw a number of issues and missions involving coastal Connecticut, the Long Island Sound, Long Island, and offshore up to 200 miles. These included life-saving rescues, pollution responses, security enhancements, ice breaking missions, and counter narcotics enforcement operations.

Captain Boynton also served as White House Director of Global Affairs on the National Security Council and at the Department of State as coordinator of international Coast Guard operations. In addition, he has served as Chief of Intelligence for a multi-agency drug task force.

Captain Boynton's successor for the Commander position had this to say: "Captain Boynton has been an outstanding Sector Commander who has selflessly served the people of Connecticut and Long Island for these past 3 years. I understand I have some big shoes to fill following his retirement and I will work my hardest to continue Sector Long Island Sound's track record of exemplary service to the maritime community".

Captain Boynton will retire to Connecticut with his wife Susan, and their three children. Madam Speaker, I thank and congratulate Captain Boynton for his outstanding service and a highly distinguished career. We wish him and his family continued success and a bright future in the years ahead.

IN RECOGNITION OF THOMAS J.
SCANLON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Thomas J. Scanlon as the 2007 recipient of the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Alumni of the Year Award. His ongoing support of the School, as well as commitment to the community, has made him a worthy recipient.

Since his graduation from Cleveland-Marshall in 1963, Tom has dedicated his efforts to making Cleveland-Marshall a premier institution for the study of jurisprudence. He has served as president of the Alumni Association, and currently serves as a member of the Dean's Committee. Tom has also devoted his time and energies to improving the health and vibrancy of the Northeast Ohio community. Tom has served, and still serves, as a trustee for numerous organizations, such as the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, West Side Ecumenical Ministry, and the Irish-American Association, just to name a few.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Thomas J. Scanlon for his tireless dedication to Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and Northeast Ohio. May his service and hard work serve as an example for us all.

HONORING THE LIFE OF
CONGRESSMAN PARREN MITCHELL

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I wish to honor the life of Congressman Parren J. Mitchell who died on May 28, 2007. Parren J. Mitchell, was a civil rights leader and a dynamic former U.S. congressman who helped to establish the Congressional Black Caucus. Congressman Mitchell was elected to the House of Representatives from Baltimore in 1970 and was Maryland's first black congressman. This great public leader from the state of Maryland served eight terms before stepping down in 1986.

Born in Baltimore, MD in 1922, Mr. Mitchell was a graduate of Morgan State College and earned a master's degree from the University of Maryland. Mitchell had to sue the then-segregated University of Maryland for admission to the graduate school, and won. Additionally, he served as an officer in the 92nd Infantry Division during World War II, during which time he was wounded and received the Purple Heart. Prior to his election to Congress, Mitchell worked in the administrations of Baltimore mayors Theodore R. McKeldin and Thomas J. D'Alesandro III and Governor J. Millard

Tawes. While active in state politics he was known as a passionate defender of minority and civil rights. Congressman Mitchell was also the brother of the late Clarence M. Mitchell, Jr., who was head of the NAACP's Washington office, and was one of Lyndon Johnson's chief advisors in the civil rights movement.

As a congressman, Mitchell fought for legislation requiring local governments to set aside 10 percent of federal grants to hire minority contractors. Congressman Mitchell was a crusader for minority economic rights and pushed forth to make economic empowerment a reality for minority-owned companies.

Congressman Mitchell dedicated his life to the ideal of public service. He served his country, his community, and his government with the determination and courage that is exemplary of a true public leader. He demonstrated his courage on the battlefield while fighting for democracy abroad and he would utilize that same courage and zeal to fight for equal rights and opportunities for all Americans here in the United States Congress.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Congressman Parren J. Mitchell.

RECOGNIZING SENATOR BOB
ROVNER

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Bob Rovner—the 2007 recipient of The Spirit of Life Award from City of Hope. Mr. Rovner is being recognized by this outstanding organization for achievements in his field and his exceptional service to our community.

To be honored by a group with such a noble cause is a great distinction, one for which Mr. Rovner is certainly worthy. For years, City of Hope has been committed to the kind of medical research that has brought hope to millions of people living with a lifethreatening disease. Madam Speaker, Bob Rovner represents the type of spirit and dedication that make organizations like City of Hope as successful as they are. He has spent years championing worthy causes, helping to publicly guide our community in a positive direction.

Mr. Rovner has spent his life performing an inspiring array of accomplishments in public service. Mr. Rovner began his career as an assistant district attorney under Sen. ARLEN SPECTER and alongside Gov. Ed Rendell. He was then elected as the youngest ever member of Pennsylvania's State Senate, where he sponsored the Lottery Bill to direct all of lottery's profits to benefit senior citizens. Mr. Rovner went on to a successful business career and became highly involved in the community, serving on the board of trustees for Temple University and hosting several popular radio shows.

Beyond his impressive resume and his reputation for public service, I can say from personal experience that Bob Rovner has affected many lives for the better. Madam Speaker, Mr. Rovner's influence on the community has been undeniable and his continued work will shape the future of our region.