

the Fantasticks. He and Randy Randall have sung "Never say No" for many audiences since then. It occurred to me that "Never Say No" became the mantra of Tom's life. Never say no to what God calls you to do. To my knowledge, he never said no to PC.

Tom and Chuck Gaines lead the singing at men's prayer breakfast belting out the old favorites in a manner that upstages Gilbert and Sullivan.

Tom sang in an infamous singing group called "The Faculty Four and the Big One" with George Ramsey, Ron Burnside, Ted Hunter, and Ken Orr (the big one). One of their most forgettable songs was Grandma got Run over by a Reindeer, with Dean Thompson playing the banjo. One person said that the group was really good . . . and no one has ever said otherwise . . .

Just doing his Job! It is here at PC as a minister of Word and Sacrament that Tom served God's people most fully. The entire PC network was his congregation.

Tom and Major General Jimmy Allen started the ROTC Alumni Association. But Tom always liked to remind Jimmy that even though Jimmy was a two star general, Tom was his Battalion Commander at PC. And together they set out to save ROTC when it was in danger of being closed by the Army.

Anyone who ever traveled with Tom knows that he did not like to travel on the Interstates or any four lane highway. He knew the back roads and always took them even if it took longer . . . although he always thought his way was quicker. One morning he intervened in my travel up Interstate 26 from Edisto. Due to a traffic jam, I had to take the Dixiana exit and enjoy the scenery along route 176. It was shorter!

"The two years I spent as Dean of Students were the ten longest years of my life," Tom told me once. "I didn't get closer to students; I got closer to meetings and paperwork. I had to go back into the classroom to get back with the students."

"I never considered myself an ivory tower scholar," he reflected on his 31 years as a professor. "My method was to mix it up with students. I could give them their money's worth in the classroom, but I think my main ability was communicating the information to them in a manner that sunk in, and I enjoyed the give-and-take inside the classroom as well as out."

Tom has conducted the marriage ceremonies of more PC people than anyone in the history of the College. He knew more PC people and their relatives than anyone I know . . . in every city and every little town across the South.

And through all of this, Mary was his partner. "One of my most memorable times at PC," wrote a 1990s graduate, "was the Easter weekend I spent writing a term paper at their kitchen table. That was one of the best weekends of my life because of the comfort I felt from Mary and Tom."

Every Homecoming cars are parked outside their house . . . people stopping by to visit and reconnect. "I think the PC Spirit is an infection I have," said Tom, "whether it is contagious or not I don't know. I'm 150 percent for PC and have tried to answer the call of whatever the College has wanted me to do."

The Class of 1963 dedicated their yearbook to Tom. Bob Piephoff, the editor, summed up the class's feelings about this good man: "We come to Presbyterian College and we leave . . . We leave taking a part of Tommy Stallworth with us."

Anne told me this morning that Tom took Andy and her aside several years ago to talk about this day and his wishes. Tom will be cremated and has asked on some weekday evening at 10:00 p.m. that they, his children,

sprinkle his ashes along the walk he took every evening of his college career from the old library, now the administration building, diagonally across the West Plaza to Smythe where he lived.

And so it shall be . . . Mary, Anne, Andy, Becky Mary Frances, Cooper, Max and Katie Brice . . . that Thomas Aurelius Stallworth leaves a part of himself with all those he touched.

Man of God's people, Man for God's people, Man for PC. T.A. Stallworth: PC's Man for All Seasons. Thank God for the life and works of this saint, who walked, played, laughed, sang, preached, and stood next to us each day. Amen!

HONORING SPEAKER NANCY
PELOSI ON SERVING 20 YEARS IN
THE HOUSE

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2007

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, on June 9, 1987, NANCY PELOSI was sworn in to represent the people of California's 8th District. This week we recognize and commend her for 20 years of distinguished service in the House of Representatives, where she has served both her constituents and this Nation proudly.

During her 20 years in the House, NANCY has been a true leader on important issues, including promoting human rights, protecting the environment, and expanding health care. She has remained focused on the needs of her district, including preserving the Presidio of San Francisco as the Nation's largest urban national park, fighting for increased funding for HIV/AIDS research, and improving the lives of children.

In the 110th Congress, NANCY has ushered in a new era as the first woman Speaker of the House, setting an agenda that promotes the priorities of the American people and addresses the key challenges present in today's world. Her drive and determination make her a strong leader and legislator, and she has worked tirelessly to represent her constituents and to move our Nation in a new, positive direction.

NANCY has been a devoted public servant, both in California and in the House. She is a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. It is an honor to serve with her in the House, and I am proud to call her my friend.

INTRODUCTION OF THE HeLP
AMERICA ACT

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2007

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Madam Speaker, adaptable lifestyle factors such as smoking, sedentary lifestyle, poor nutrition, unmanaged stress, and obesity account for approximately half of premature deaths in the United States. Spending on chronic diseases related to lifestyle and other preventable diseases accounts for an estimated 75 percent of total healthcare spending and it is estimated that by 2014 our country's total health care expenditures will be \$3.6 trillion.

Clearly we cannot continue down this path. We must shift the focus of our nation's health care system to prevention and wellness programs. In so doing, we can reduce health care costs, improve health, improve quality of life, and boost productivity. Unfortunately, a very small percentage of health care spending is devoted to health promotion. The national investment in prevention is currently estimated to be less than 5 percent of annual health care costs. Our nation needs a new approach to healthcare—one that puts prevention front and center.

That is why I rise today to introduce the Healthier Lifestyles and Prevention America Act, also known as the HeLP America Act. This important bill, which is companion legislation to a bill recently introduced by Senator HARKIN, is designed to reduce health care costs and improve health outcomes by reorienting our nation's health care system towards prevention, wellness, and self care.

The HeLP America Act is a comprehensive approach to prevention and health promotion. It provides tools and incentives for schools to improve their nutrition programs. It provides tax incentives for employers to implement wellness programs. It provides grants for communities to implement activities to prevent and reduce the incidence of obesity, and chronic diseases associated with this condition. It establishes a federal taskforce on childhood obesity to provide a coordinated leadership in Federal effort to prevent and reduce childhood obesity.

These are just a few of the many provisions included in the HeLP America Act, all aimed squarely at attacking the problem of skyrocketing health care costs associated with the increasing rates of obesity, diabetes, and other chronic illnesses.

With a greater focus on prevention, we will be able to greatly reduce the number of individuals who suffer from all types of ailments. It will improve health outcomes, improve people's lives, and help cut down on our exploding healthcare expenditures.

Madam Speaker, as is noted in the findings of this bill, per capita health spending in the United States is 56 percent greater than the median for countries in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. This is unacceptable. We need to get more bang for our healthcare buck and we need to look no further than focusing on prevention. As the saying goes, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

I urge my colleagues to join me in seeking a new and more effective approach to curing our nation's ills by cosponsoring the HeLP Act.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2007

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, on May 24, 2007, I inadvertently missed the vote on passage of H.R. 2317, the Lobbying Transparency Act, rollcall vote 420. It was my strong intention to vote "Aye" on passage.

A TRIBUTE TO THE REVEREND
EDMUND M. O'BRIEN

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2007

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Reverend Edmund M. O'Brien, a resident of Connecticut's Second Congressional District, who is celebrating his 50th year as an ordained priest.

Devoting his life to the service of others, Father O'Brien has faithfully tended to the people of Connecticut as a pastor, teacher, principal, and friend.

Father O'Brien was ordained on February 2, 1957, after completing his education at the St. John Seminary in Boston. Over the past 50 years, he has served as a dedicated pastor and educator to many Connecticut congregations. Currently, he is pastor of St. Adalbert parish in Enfield and director of the parish school.

He once said of his profession, "a teacher affects eternity." As a counselor and consummate supporter of his students, Father O'Brien embodies the compassionate, nurturing, and dedicated values characteristic of our Nation's greatest educators.

A die hard fan of the celebrated Boston Red Sox, Father O'Brien is well-known for delivering score updates to his parishioners when a game has been inconveniently scheduled during a mass celebration.

I am honored to pay tribute to the Reverend Edmund M. O'Brien. Father O'Brien's dedication to his faith, his community, and the children under his care has been, and continues to be, an inspiration to myself and the residents of eastern Connecticut.

A TRIBUTE TO TEMPLE BETH
DAVID

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2007

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Temple Beth David, which will be celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. In the past 60 years, the temple has grown into a vibrant community dedicated to the values of Judaism including spiritual discovery, educational richness, and the love and kindness of community and personal responsibility.

Founded by 10 families in 1947, Temple Beth David was the first reform synagogue in the San Gabriel Valley. The original founder, Flora Kahn, is still a member of the congregation. Since its inception, the temple has seen its membership grow to 195 families, spanning the generations. The community welcomes all Jews as well as interfaith couples and encourages non-Jewish spouses to participate in temple life.

Rabbi Alan Lachtman has been with the temple in his current position since 1976. A retired Lieutenant Colonel from the Army Reserves, Rabbi Lachtman has a degree in Marriage Family Therapy and received the Doctorate of Divinity from Hebrew Union College in 1999. He currently teaches at the University of Judaism, and works closely with the Amer-

ican Jewish Committee and the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

A dynamic and active temple, Temple Beth David encourages congregant participation and offers a wide variety of programs from interfaith programs and social action projects to religious and Hebrew schools. Demonstrating a commitment to all members of the community, Temple Beth David offers not only youth scholarships but also an array of adult education programs for those who seek a greater understanding of Judaism.

Committed participants not only in temple life but in the larger world as well, the members of Temple Beth David have recently joined the interfaith chorus calling for U.S. Government intervention in Darfur. Along with Rabbi Lachtman, the 195 families of the temple, mindful of their own community's history, are activists for the civilians in Darfur.

It is my privilege to honor Temple Beth David on its anniversary of 60 years of active community and fulfillment in Judaism. I ask all members to join me in wishing the Temple Beth David and its congregants continued success.

IN HONOR OF THE CAREER AND
ACHIEVEMENTS OF DR. ALBERT
J. SIMONE

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2007

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the achievements of a distinguished academic who I am privileged to call my friend, Dr. Albert J. Simone. Dr. Simone has served as the President of Rochester Institute of Technology since September 1, 1992, and during that time I have had the pleasure of working with him as he advanced the university's reputation as a leading career-oriented institution. He is retiring his post this year, and his vision and leadership will be sorely missed.

Before taking the helm at RIT, Dr. Simone served as president of the University of Hawaii System and chancellor of the University of Hawaii at Manoa. He also taught at several well-respected institutions for higher education, including the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Tufts University, Northeastern University, Boston College, Boston University, University of Cincinnati, and the University of Hawaii. But his achievements go far beyond administration and instruction.

Dr. Simone has authored countless publications, including books and journal articles on the application of mathematics, statistics, and computers to economics and business. He is a founding editor of *Decision Sciences* and is a past president and fellow of the Institute of Decision Sciences. And, although he is retiring, he will continue to make contributions to academia as he is currently in the process of collecting data for a book he will be writing on higher education.

A true trailblazer, Dr. Simone was the first American university president to officially visit North Korea, Vietnam, and Vladivostok when these regions were closed to the United States except for cultural and educational exchange. He oversaw the launch of three Ph.D. programs at RIT in the areas of microsystems

engineering, computing and information sciences, and color science. And, under his stewardship, six bachelor's degree programs have been added to the university's offerings, including programs in information technology, software engineering, chemistry and polymer chemistry, biochemistry, advertising and public relations, and new media publishing. These new programs represent the university's understanding of the needs of the community outside of it, and help distinguish the City of Rochester as a center for innovation and entrepreneurship.

Dr. Simone led RIT's largest capital campaign, raising \$310 million which enabled the university to add over 210 new scholarships, name three colleges, add seven new endowed professorships, build nine new campus facilities, add \$90 million in new applied research initiatives, and add \$34 million to the RIT endowment. This capital campaign enhanced RIT's reputation, made college education more accessible for more students, and gave students and faculty better resources to pursue their academic endeavors.

Thanks to Dr. Simone and the programs he has cultivated at RIT, the university has become a strong partner in regional economic development efforts. His endeavors have consistently reflected his belief that the "R" in RIT means something." Aside from creating academic programs at the university to address the business needs of Rochester and the surrounding region, Dr. Simone served as chairman of the board of the Greater Rochester Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, and currently serves on the boards of the Rochester Business Alliance, the Center for Government Research, and the Finger Lakes Partnership for the WIRED initiative. His involvement in these and countless other community organizations has benefited not only the organizations themselves, but also the university and its students by establishing important networking opportunities and using the knowledge from those relationships to inform the direction of the university.

Dr. Simone has been recognized by several organizations throughout Western New York and the Nation for his outstanding leadership and community involvement. He was the recipient of the Entrepreneurial American Leadership Award from Partners or Livable Communities (2006), the YWCA of Rochester and Monroe County Racial Justice Award (2005), the Rochester International Council International Citizen Award (2004), the National Association of Student Affairs Professionals President's Award (2001), and the Rochester Business Alliance Civic Medal among many, many others.

RIT and the community surrounding it owe a debt of gratitude to Dr. Simone, and I am honored today to have the opportunity to pay tribute to his service. His legacy will live on at RIT, and I look forward to seeing the university continue to flourish. I wish Dr. Simone and his wife Carolie, their four children, and five grandchildren the best during his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES O. RICH

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2007

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate one of South Carolina's