

hit by a rocket propelled grenade. He was killed, and another soldier stationed nearby was injured in the blast. During his time in the military, Cody had been awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Army Service Ribbon and the Combat Action Badge.

Growing up in Hernando County, Cody had attended Springstead High School, where he had many friends and enjoyed working with cars and all things mechanical. An avid military buff as a child, Cody read military themed books and played with toys that dealt with the military. Prior to his enlistment in the Army, Cody was an active part of the Spring Hill Community, working with local elected officials to gain support for the construction of a skateboard park for area youth.

Joining the Army in April, 2006, Cody was assigned to the 407th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team. He then completed Motor Transport Operator Advanced Individual Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and was re-assigned as a vehicle driver with the 82nd Airborne Division.

Halfway through his fourteen month tour in Iraq, Cody had planned to re-enlist so that he could work with Blackhawk helicopters. His stepfather said that Cody loved the military and that "it was his goal to make the Army his career, which he loved. He was proud of serving his country." A firm believer in the mission he was fighting in Iraq, Cody was disappointed that people back home in the United States did not see the positive results of the military's efforts there.

Madam Speaker, it is soldiers like Pfc. Cody Grater who have volunteered to protect the freedoms that all Americans hold dear. While brave men and women like Cody have perished in the name of freedom and liberty, his family, friends and loved ones should know that this Congress will never forget his sacrifice and commitment.

TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF DR.
JEANNETTE A. ALLEN WILLIAMS

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2007

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, it is with heartfelt sympathy that I ask my colleagues here in the House of Representatives to join me as I rise to offer a tribute to the memory of Dr. Jeannette A. Allen Williams. Dr. Williams was a remarkable educator and an outstanding role model. With her passing on Wednesday, August 22, 2007, our greater community has lost one of its more valiant leaders. Fortunately, she leaves a legacy that her family, friends and colleagues can recall with a great deal of pride.

Truly, the cities of Newark, Jersey City and Plainfield were blessed to have Dr. Williams in their midst as an educator extraordinaire and as an administrator who always had the best interest of children at the heart of all her initiatives. She was thoughtful, gracious and a consummate professional. As a young teacher at West Side High School in Newark, Dr. Williams would serve as an inspiration to many of her young charges. When she became principal at West Side, she would be the first

black person to be a high school principal in the City of Newark and as a result she raised the bar for all students to realize that they could be anything they set their minds to becoming.

Personally, I knew Dr. Allen for over forty years and was glad to have her as a resident in the 10th Congressional District. Not only did she believe education was important for herself, having achieved advanced degrees but she encouraged her students, nieces, nephews and other relatives to strive for academic excellence. From what I know of many students touched by her, she was successful in her efforts.

Madam Speaker, it is my sincere hope that all those who knew and loved Dr. Jeannette A. Allen Williams will be able to draw comfort from the memories they have of her. I know she will continue to live in their hearts. As a Christian woman, I feel confident in saying that "it is well with her soul."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2007

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, on rollcall vote No. 821, the vote on final passage of H.R. 3356, I had intended to vote "nay," but mistakenly voted "yea."

HONORING HIS EMINENCE
WILLIAM CARDINAL KEELER

HON. C. A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2007

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Cardinal William Henry Keeler, Fourteenth Archbishop of Baltimore.

William Henry Keeler was born March 4, 1931 in San Antonio, Texas, the son of Thomas L. Keeler and Margaret T. (Conway) Keeler. He was raised in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, where he attended St. Mary School and Lebanon Catholic High School. He received a RA. from St. Charles Seminary, Overbrook, Philadelphia, in 1952 and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome in 1956.

Ordained a priest on July 17, 1955 in the Church of the Holy Apostles in Rome, Italy by Archbishop Luigi Traglia, the young cleric became assistant pastor at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Marysville, Pennsylvania and secretary of the Diocesan Tribunal. In 1965, he was appointed to serve as Vice Chancellor of the Harrisburg Diocese and Chancellor in 1969. He held the position of Vicar General when he was named Auxiliary Bishop of Harrisburg and Titular Bishop of Uclinium by Pope John Paul II on July 24, 1979.

Pope John Paul II appointed him Bishop of Harrisburg on November 10, 1983, and he was installed as Bishop on January 4, 1984, by His Eminence John Cardinal Krol, Archbishop of Philadelphia. He was appointed Archbishop of Baltimore by Pope John Paul II

and was formally installed as 14th Ordinary of the nation's oldest See on May 23, 1989 in ceremonies at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen. An influential participant in a wide range of national and international issues, Keeler was elected President of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) and the United States Catholic, Conference in November, 1992.

Cardinal Keeler was appointed to the College of Cardinals by Pope John Paul II on November 28, 1994. The Consistory Ceremony took place in the Pope Paul VI Audience Hall in the Vatican City State. As part of his work with the NCCB, Cardinal Keeler developed a reputation for effectively building interfaith bonds. He is particularly noted for his work in fostering an effective Catholic-Jewish dialogue and is the Episcopal Moderator, Catholic-Jewish Relations of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor William Cardinal Keeler, Fourteenth Archbishop of Baltimore. His lifetime devotion to his faith, the Catholic Church and its mission are unsurpassed. It is with great pride that I congratulate Cardinal Keeler on his stellar and exemplary career in the Roman Catholic Church.

RECOGNIZING THE 138TH SESSION
OF THE FLORIDA ANNUAL
CONFERENCE FOR THE AFRICAN
METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION
CHURCH

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2007

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize the 138th Session of the Florida Annual Conference for the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

Every year, leaders of the AME Zion Churches throughout the State convene to discuss the Church's past and present, as well as establish a direction for its future. This year's conference will take place at Talbot Chapel AME Zion Church in my district in Northwest Florida, and I welcome the members of the conference to this beautiful area of the Gulf Coast.

As these leaders gather to set a course for the AME Zion Churches in their respective communities throughout the State of Florida, I wish them God's grace in their decision making. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I send my sincere blessings for the success of the 138th Session of the Florida Annual Conference for the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

IN HONOR OF JILL MARINO

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2007

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jill Marino as she retires following twenty-eight years of dedicated service as an educator.

Ms. Marino began her teaching career in Wyoming. After teaching for a year in Wyoming, she moved to Garfield Elementary School in Loveland, Colorado. Over the course of her twenty-seven years at Garfield Elementary Ms. Marino taught kindergarten as well as third and fourth grade.

As I reflect on the impact that educators have on the lives of their students, I think not only of scholastic standards but of their ability to instill the invaluable desire to learn—to reach for something greater than ourselves. I still remember fondly those special teachers who motivated and encouraged me on my childhood journey. I have no doubt Ms. Marino has made a similarly significant impact on the countless students she has taught over the years.

Madam Speaker, as Ms. Marino begins a new chapter in her life, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing her twenty-eight years of public service and the substantial contributions she has made to the lives of countless children.

TRIBUTE TO ANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL AND “AHS 2007: THE ULTIMATE CELEBRATION”

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2007

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor one of the great high schools in the Sixth District of Indiana: Anderson High School. During the 2007–2008 academic year, Anderson High School will offer its students a nearly completed new instructional facility for the first time in approximately 3 or more years.

On May 17, 2007, Phase II of the new building was completed and a dedication ceremony was held with Principal Phil Nikirk cutting the ribbons, in symbolic red and green school colors, held by 2 Student Council members. This spectacular facility replaces a beloved landmark of over 100 years, the old Anderson High School building which burned in 1999. It ushers in a new era of history for this proud school.

With this thought in mind, the Anderson High School yearbook staff, which will be celebrating 100 years of student publishing in 2007–2008, will host on Friday, September 7, 2007, “The Ultimate Celebration.” During this event, every member of the student body will participate in an all-school student celebration of both the new school building and the oldest student publication in the City of Anderson.

Further, at present, the Anderson High School yearbook, the Indian, will receive written commendation from the Indiana High School Press Association, Indiana University’s Department of Journalism, and the Madison County Historical Society.

In addition, students will observe (and no doubt cheer) during the presentation of a new address for the school’s famed Indian mascot. This presentation will be made by a descendant of Chief Anderson for whom the City of Anderson is named.

The celebration also will include a presentation by the Marching Indians of their State Fair trophy to the school, and the football team will be recognized.

Speakers are scheduled to include Mr. Carl Erskine, an Anderson High School graduate who has achieved national prominence as a former member of the Dodgers baseball team; Mr. Mike Pace, a descendant of Chief Anderson; and the Honorable Kevin Smith, Mayor of the City of Anderson.

Also speaking is Mr. Johnny Wilson, an Anderson High School graduate and Harlem Globetrotter team member, and Mr. Ray Tolbert, a graduate of Madison Heights High School and former professional basketball player for the Los Angeles Lakers, NBA champions.

To make this experience more meaningful to the students of Anderson High School, the yearbook staff and the school will present every student present on the day of the celebration a book written by Mr. Erskine. The book is entitled, *Tales from the Dodger Dugout*. In it, Mr. Erskine specifically mentions the City of Anderson, the Anderson High School Indians, and his personal humble beginnings. With this gift, the yearbook staff and school hope to encourage reading, teach today’s students about their school’s “family tree,” and offer hope and encouragement to students who might otherwise feel that success only can be obtained by the wealthy.

Seeing Mr. Erskine in person and reading his book will enhance the education of today’s Anderson High School students and build pride among the student body for an accomplished graduate. September 7th should be a day and a celebration that will be long remembered in school history, for it will be captured in living color for presentation in the 100th anniversary issue of the Indian yearbook.

Madam Speaker, I again commend Anderson High School for its long history, its newly completed facilities and its distinguished yearbook, the Indian.

HONORING DON BROWNE, A GIANT IN THE TELEVISION INDUSTRY

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2007

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize a man who has been a leader in the media and a strong visionary for the future.

With four decades of experience as a journalist and executive, Don Browne is currently the president of the Telemundo Network. He oversees all functions of the Telemundo television network and its 16 owned-and-operated stations.

In a very short time, Mr. Browne led Telemundo from zero original programming to more than 1,000 hours of original prime-time productions a year produced out of Telemundo Studios’ production center based in South Florida. During his tenure, Mr. Browne has set in motion numerous initiatives that have further solidified and defined the network’s position within the Spanish-language television landscape, and has helped make it the world’s second largest producer of Spanish-language content. Thanks to Mr. Browne’s commitment to original programming, Telemundo has carved a unique competitive position in the market, syndicating its program-

ming properties to over 60 countries in more than 20 different languages and distributing its content in a variety of emerging digital media platforms.

Furthermore, Mr. Browne has earned for himself a national reputation for being particularly active in the recruitment and career development of women and minorities. For example, Mr. Browne is the visionary behind the creation and expansion of the bicoastal “Taller Telemundo,” an innovative educational program designed to discover, recruit and train the next generation of “telenovela” writers and actors. He is also cofounder and board member of the “Women of Tomorrow Mentor and Scholarship Program” for at risk high school girls. He was a charter member of the NBC News Taskforce on Women and Minorities and currently serves as a member of NBC’s Taskforce on Diversity.

For these efforts, he has been correctly recognized with numerous awards for community service such as the prestigious Ida B. Wells Award for his commitment to promote diversity in the workplace and Governor of Florida’s Points of Light Award for exemplary service to his community.

I am proud to call Don Browne, his beautiful and brilliant Cuban-born wife, Maria, and their sons Chris and Ryan, my friends, and I am honored to celebrate his 40 years in broadcasting. On behalf of a grateful community, I rise to thank this giant of the television industry for his service, his vision and his leadership.

IN RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM J. NORRIS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize William J. Norris for 29 years of civil service with the Social Security Administration. Bill has been an invaluable asset to my office for many years, and he retires from the SSA with my gratitude and the heartfelt thanks of thousands of Northeast Ohioans who have been helped by him.

Bill began his career with the SSA as a claims representative in Mansfield, OH. Bill’s enthusiasm, work ethic and commitment to his clients carried him through the ranks quickly, and before long he reached the role of supervisor. In 2002, Bill was named the District Manager of the Cleveland Southwest office, a position he has held for 5 years.

Bill also volunteered with the Indian Guides when his children, William and Elizabeth were younger. He remains involved with the Knights of Columbus, and still finds time to devote to his favorite hobby, fishing.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring William J. Norris for his distinguished career of civil service. As he leaves for his well-deserved retirement to spend more time with his wife Mary, I thank him on behalf of the thousands of social security beneficiaries who have been touched by his compassion and dedication.