

TRIBUTE TO DR. HAZO WILLIAM
CARTER, JR.

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 17, 2007

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor West Virginia State University President, Dr. Hazo William Carter, Jr., who will celebrate twenty years as president of the institution.

Prior to being president, Dr. Carter began his career as an Executive Assistant to the President of Norfolk State University and was the former President of Philander Smith College in Little Rock, Arkansas. He is originally a native of Nashville, Tennessee where he received his Doctorate degree from George Peabody College for Teachers of Vanderbilt University.

Dr. Carter set lofty goals for himself and for the institution when he was named president of West Virginia State College in 1987. His first goal was for West Virginia State College to regain its status as an 1890 Land Grant Institution; this was no easy task. Dr. Carter met with the West Virginia Congressional Delegation, the United States Department of Agriculture, state administrators, and the state legislature to request to regain the school's original status. After overcoming many obstacles in an eleven-year quest, West Virginia State College finally obtained its original status as an 1890 Land Grant Institution which secured the school of receiving annual federal funding.

His second goal for the institution was achieved just recently when West Virginia State College attained university status and is now named West Virginia State University. The university stands as a testament to the goals set forth for the designation of land-grant institutions and as a historically black college that successfully serves a diverse student population.

Since settling in West Virginia, Dr. Carter has become an important figure in his community and the surrounding Charleston area. His civic duties, volunteer causes, and boards he serves are too countless to mention. He has been honored as a Distinguished West Virginian by former governors and was named "President of the Century" by West Virginia State College (University) National Alumni Association. He currently serves as a member of President Bush's Board of Advisers for Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor, my friend and former colleague, Dr. Hazo William Carter, Jr. for all his achievements in the field of higher education and for his service to the people of West Virginia.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MARY V.
KASER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Mary V. Kaser, who served the residents of West Park for thirty-eight years as a school crossing guard. Over the years, Mary developed many wonderful re-

lationships with the families of her community. The people of West Park will always have a place in their hearts for this quick-witted woman, who was always willing to lend a helping hand.

Mary embodied what community is all about. In addition to protecting hundreds of children, she took on the role of Democratic Ward Club president and helped found the Bellaire-Puritas Development Corporation. Community members recount that Mary was a spirited woman with a heart of gold. Always in the thick of the action, this vibrant woman left a mark on Ohio that will never fade away.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in remembering the life of Mary V. Kaser, whose memory will be cherished by all who had the fortune of knowing her.

THOMAS DAVID ADAMS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Thomas David Adams, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 261, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Thomas has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Thomas has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Thomas David Adams for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNITION OF STAFF
SERGEANT ERIC D. COTTRELL

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, SSG Eric D. Cottrell, a native of Pittsview, Alabama, was killed during an IED attack on August 13th in Qayyarah, Iraq. Staff Sergeant Cottrell was assigned to the 5th Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division stationed in Fort Bliss, Texas.

Words cannot express the sense of sadness we have for his family, and the gratitude our country feels for his service. Eric, like other brave men and women who have served in uniform, died serving not just the United States, but the entire cause of liberty. Indeed, like those who have served before him, he was a true American.

We will forever hold him closely in our hearts, and remember his sacrifice and that of his family as a remembrance of his bravery and willingness to serve our nation. Thank you, Madam Speaker, for the House's remembrance at this mournful occasion.

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH AT
JOHNSTOWN 80TH ANNIVERSARY
AND PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 17, 2007

Mr. MURTHA. Madam Speaker, I rise before the House to congratulate the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown (UPJ) as it celebrates its 80th anniversary and inaugurates its fifth president, Dr. Jem Spectar. In announcing Dr. Spectar's appointment, Pitt Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg offered, "Dr. Spectar is a visionary leader and a celebrated teacher with the skills and experience necessary to build effectively upon the strengths of our Johnstown campus and to enrich the lives of students, faculty, staff and administration."

Officially founded in 1927, UPJ was first established in a wing of Johnstown Senior High School. A growing number of G.I. Bill students made it necessary for the college to relocate in 1946 to the Cyprus Avenue Elementary School. In the 1960s, the college and community led a drive to relocate UPJ from downtown Johnstown to its current location in Richland Township, a 635-acre wooded area with, initially, six academic buildings, a library, a student union-physical education complex and five residence halls.

The current campus was dedicated by former President Dwight D. Eisenhower in September 1967, almost 40 years to the day after UPJ first set up operations in Johnstown Senior High School. The campus has come a long way in 80 years. UPJ now boasts some 2,700 full-time and 450 part-time students, 70 student organizations, 143 faculty, 210 staff, nearly 40 campus buildings and more than 15,000 alumni.

Again, I offer my congratulations to UPJ for reaching the milestone of its 80th anniversary. I am confident that this excellent educational institution will continue to be a vital asset to the region for another 80 years to come.

CONGRATULATING THE BUILDING
INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION OF
NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 17, 2007

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to the Building Industry Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania, the members of which are celebrating their 50th anniversary.

From humble beginnings a half century ago, this group, the first of its kind in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the ninth largest among 39 similar groups across the State, has committed itself to professionalism and consumer advocacy.

At 450 members, the BIA today continues a tradition established by its founders to represent the interests of those associated with the building industry and to provide a source

of information and protection for those seeking quality, affordable housing.

Peter Restaino, the president of the BIA, is committed to honoring the group's origins and to connect current members with that proud tradition. He has directed Matthew Hodorowski, a former BIA president, to compile a history of the organization that will be shared with those participating in the anniversary celebration to be held at the historic Wilkes-Barre Westmoreland Club.

Mr. Restaino has stated that the BIA's focus has been to consistently represent the interests of the building community and to assure an adequate supply of quality housing at fair prices across northeastern Pennsylvania.

Services provided by the BIA include education, a group insurance program and sharing information about the interests of members with all levels of government.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Building Industry Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania for 50 years of service to the people of northeastern Pennsylvania. Their commitment to the principles of professionalism, tradesmanship and honorable business practices has earned them an enviable reputation throughout the northeastern Pennsylvania region.

IN CELEBRATION OF RAMADAN
AND THE IFTAR CEREMONY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 17, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the Muslim holiday of Ramadan, and to celebrate the Community Iftar held by the Council on American-Islamic Relations of Ohio.

In the Muslim tradition, the month of Ramadan is one of contemplation and spirituality. Muslims throughout Northeast Ohio and the world endeavor to deepen their individual faith and grow as a community. Muslims do this through conscious efforts to refrain from thoughts and actions that would stunt their spiritual growth. They also read the entire Qur'an.

Muslims also bring themselves closer to this spiritual ideal through their observance of the Sawm, or fast. The Sawm is a cleansing and invigorating practice that renews the spirit. To break the fast and make a renewed commitment to their family and community, Muslims gather for the Iftar dinner. Keeping with the intention of the holiday, the Iftar is an opportunity for spiritual growth in the continued pursuit of peace and understanding.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in celebrating Ramadan. As Muslims throughout Northeast Ohio gather for CAIR's Community Iftar, I wish them all peace and happiness on their spiritual journey.

IN SUPPORT OF TAIWAN'S APPLI-
CATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN
THE UNITED NATIONS

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, in his 2004 State of the Union Address, President Bush said, "I believe that God has planted in every human heart the desire to live in freedom. And even when that desire is crushed by tyranny for decades, it will rise again."

For decades, the people of Taiwan have been living under the tyranny of Chinese repression of their rights to join world bodies and engage in peaceful relations with the international community. Taiwan and the government of President Chen Shui-bian are continuing their pursuit for more than a decade to achieve a seat at the table of the United Nations. However, they have run into obstacles from the UN Secretary General.

For several years, tensions in the Taiwan straits have been escalating due to China's refusal to give up using military force against Taiwan. China has deployed tactical missiles along its coast aimed at Taiwan. In addition the Anti-Secession Act passed by China in 2005 has increased tensions in the straits. These actions have left the people of Taiwan searching for a means of peacefully resolving their differences. One of the world's foremost bodies for resolving differences and promoting peace in the world is of course, the United Nations. Given China's acts of aggression towards Taiwan, it should come as little surprise that the government in Taipei is now turning towards the peacekeeping body for membership.

Madam Speaker, I hope the Secretary General will reconsider his position on Taiwan's membership to this international body dedicated to maintaining a peaceful world. Taiwan must be allowed to join this body to protect its political and economic development, as well as, its peace and security. Acceptance of Taiwan into the United Nations will allow the two governments to work with the international community on equal and neutral terms to resolve the tensions in the Taiwan Strait. The United States has much to gain from a demilitarized Taiwan Strait. UN membership for Taiwan can help U.S. and Taiwanese interests. I wholeheartedly support this application for United Nations membership.

CONOR FREDERICK KILLEN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 17, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Conor Frederick Killen, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 261, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Conor has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Conor has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous

merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Conor Frederick Killen for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BERLIN
FIFE AND DRUM CORPS ON 225
YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 17, 2007

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Berlin Fife and Drum Corps on reaching its 225th year of service. The Berlin Fife and Drum Corps is the oldest continuous Fife and Drum Corps in the nation.

Better known to veterans as "The Frosty Suns of Thunder," the Corps is a band from Berlin, Pennsylvania that performs for military support groups and participates in various parades. They play traditional martial music dating back to the Revolutionary War, and more recently have added military medleys to their performances.

The Berlin Fife and Drum Corps was founded by George Johnson, who joined the Revolutionary Army in 1777 and served as a fifer for 3 years, and later returned to Berlin, afterwards forming the Corps. The Berlin Fife and Drum Corps were expert musicians who invigorated their audiences and were often greeted with enthusiastic cries of "Here comes Berlin!"

In addition to performing in parades, the Corps decorated American flags and placed them on the graves of war veterans in the Allegheny region. In 1887 they began the tradition of playing at memorial services at the Mount Lebanon Cemetery and the Berlin I.O.O.F. Cemetery. This tradition is carried on today.

Membership in the Berlin Fife and Drum Corps is a long and celebrated tradition in Berlin. Several members have proudly served for over 40 years. The Berlin Fife and Drum Corps is a striking example of patriotism and is a source of pride for the Allegheny region. I, along with members of the Berlin community, would like to thank the Corps for their service and enthusiasm, and congratulate them on continuing this tradition for 225 years.

TRIBUTE TO RICK DIEGEL

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 17, 2007

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Rick Diegel. Rick is the Political and Legislative Director for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and is retiring at the end of this month.

Rick Diegel exemplifies the best in an American worker and advocate for the American worker. He has been an electrician and member of his union for 37 years. After rising to the position of Business Agent for IBEW Local Union 278 in Corpus Christi, Texas, Rick Diegel left his Texas home in 1983 to accept