

burned buildings, hosting an out of school bash, and starting a mural youth project.

A multitude of organizations and residents, through BB70, continue to work towards developing the Cleveland community and improving civic engagement. Local merchants, banks, companies, schools, law enforcement officers, and other organizations have welcomed and aided the BB70 cause as their success is dependent on BB70's mission.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing the great accomplishments of the Bring Back the 70's Street Club in its mission to improve their communities for current and future Cleveland residents.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BARBARA ROSSMANN

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. LEVIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Barbara Rossmann as she receives the 2007 "Alexander Macomb Citizen of the Year" award from the March of Dimes.

This award goes to the heart of what Barbara Rossmann means to health care in southeast Michigan. She is a leader and visionary in the field of health care. Her commitment to building relationships and partnerships, as well as her determination to create a superior environment for patients and families, has led to numerous advancements in our local health care system.

Barbara Rossmann joined St. Joseph's Healthcare in 1999 as executive vice president and chief operating officer. She was appointed president and chief executive officer in 2004. Since assuming this role, Barbara Rossmann has led the implementation of a \$30 million expansion project at Henry Ford Macomb Hospital in Clinton Township, as well as a multi-million dollar investment in integrated computer systems. With these systems and the implementation of evidence-based processes, Henry Ford Macomb Hospital is providing patients and physicians with the nation's most advanced care and safety environment through an electronic medical record.

In July 2007, Ms. Rossmann helped lead the St. Joseph's Healthcare transition from joint ownership by Trinity Health and Henry Ford Health System to full ownership by Henry Ford Health System. With this change, Ms. Rossmann was named president and CEO of Henry Ford Macomb Hospitals, which encompasses the former St. Joseph's Healthcare as well as the former Henry Ford Bi-County Hospital, now Henry Ford Macomb Hospital—Warren Campus.

Her commitment to the southeast Michigan region extends beyond her work through Henry Ford Macomb Hospitals. She is a board member of the Sterling Heights Chamber and Macomb Community Bank. She serves on Macomb County's County Health Plan Board and as committee co-chair of Focus, Macomb's Education & Workforce Development Committee. A long-time supporter of the American Heart Association, she serves on the leadership committees for the American Heart Walk and the Go Red for Women initiative.

Madam Speaker, it has been my pleasure to work alongside Barbara on issues relating to

health care and as varied as higher education and local transportation. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Barbara Rossmann for her commitment to excellence, as well as her professional and personal devotion to her community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. ELLISON. Madam Speaker, on September 26, 2007, I inadvertently failed to vote on H. Res. 678 (rollcall No. 909), had I voted, I would have voted "aye."

A PROCLAMATION HONORING HELEN FLORENCE BAYLEY ON HER 105TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Mrs. Bayley has been a devoted mother and wife, mentor, confidant and friend to many; and

Whereas, Mrs. Bayley has demonstrated values of hard work and dedication throughout her life, always maintaining a positive outlook; and

Whereas, she has an unwavering passion for baseball; and

Whereas, Mrs. Bayley's character and faith has been appreciated for enhancing all of those she has come into contact with; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I wish Florence Bayley a happy and healthy 105th birthday. We recognize the tremendous impact she has had in her community and in the lives of all those people she has touched.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 55TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF HOLY TRINITY UKRAINIAN AUTOCEPHALOUS ORTHODOX CHURCH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 55th year of Holy Trinity Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church in North Royalton, Ohio. In the time Holy Trinity has been in existence, it has served the Ukrainian community of greater Cleveland well. It has brought a community together in a spirit of caring and love for others.

Holy Trinity has served as the site for hundreds of christenings, marriages, funerals and holidays in its 55 years. In addition, it has hosted many concerts, festivals, picnics, fundraisers, and other Ukrainian-oriented functions. As people have immigrated to the United States from Ukraine, Holy Trinity has served

as a vital link between the Ukraine and the United States for the Ukrainian community in Cleveland.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing Holy Trinity Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church for its 55 years as a cornerstone of Cleveland's Ukrainian community and a shining example of spiritual guidance.

HONORING NAILAH OLIANI FRANKLIN

HON. JESSE L. JACKSON, JR.

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Ms. Nailah Oliani Franklin, an extraordinary young woman who was raised in the 2nd Congressional District of Illinois.

On September 19, 2007, hundreds of people began the search for Nailah Franklin after she did not show up for a meeting at work. Unfortunately, the search concluded 9 days later on September 27, 2007, when police discovered her body in a wooded area in Calumet City, Illinois. Her disappearance captured the heart of many in the Chicagoland region and others across the country.

During the week she was missing, a grassroots campaign led her story into the national media. More than 2,000 people filled the sanctuary and vestibules of Trinity United Church of Christ on Chicago's South Side to help celebrate her life. "Even today Nailah is bringing people together," stated family member Marina Franklin.

Nailah Franklin was a gift from God, whose life was cut too short. We will all relish in the impact she left on her family, friends and all that came in contact with her spirit, elegance, courage and strength.

Nailah was born on April 12, 1979, to Maria and Lee Franklin, in Highland Park, Illinois. Her name which means "one who succeeds" is a testament to the life she lived. Her confidence and intelligence earned good grades at Homewood—Floosmor High School, where she ran track and was on the Voyager newspaper staff. In 1997, Nailah graduated from Homewood—Floosmor High School and enrolled at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, my law school alma mater.

She remained active in many activities during college. She wrote for the Daily Illini student newspaper, co-hosted a jazz and neo-soul music show on the student run WBML FM, tutored local high school students and assisted with football recruiting. She received her bachelor's degree in advertising in 2001. She then returned to Chicago and began working for advertising giant Leo Burnett. Later, she joined Eli Lily & Co. in 2006 as a pharmaceutical sales representative.

Her family described her as a force to be reckoned with. A presence. Someone who wasn't afraid to speak her mind, try new things and set the bar high for herself and those around her. "She was strong, resilient, vivacious, opinionated and above all, fashionable. A 'girly-girl,' she loved her family and friends, fashion, spa visits, music and anything and everything related to Oprah. She was exceptional without being ruthless," her family noted.

She was a music lover with tastes running the gamut from jazz to house to neo-soul to old school R&B. She loved to watch Grey's Anatomy and she had to find out what songs had been used during each episode so she could put them on her iPod.

Nailah will most be remembered as a successful professional, doting aunt, loving daughter, sister, niece and friend—a woman of extraordinary grace and resilience whose spirit blessed all who knew her.

Her family has established the Nailah O. Franklin Memorial Fund at the Chicago Community Trust. The fund will make grants to prevent violence and guide young people's educational and social development.

I pay tribute to this beautiful life lost.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, due to a family emergency, I unfortunately missed recorded votes on the House floor on Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

Had I been present on October 3, 2007, I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 932 (on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 701), "no" on rollcall vote No. 933 (on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 702), "no" on rollcall vote No. 934 (on passage of H. Res. 702), "no" on rollcall vote No. 935 (on agreeing to the Conyers amendment to H.R. 928), "yes" on rollcall vote No. 936 (on the motion to recommit H.R. 928 with instructions), "yes" on rollcall vote No. 937 (on passage of H.R. 928), "no" on rollcall vote No. 938 (on motion to postpone consideration of the veto message of H.R. 976).

Also, had I been present on October 4, 2007, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 939 (on the motion to recommit H.R. 2470 with instructions), "no" on rollcall vote No. 940 (on passage of H.R. 2470)—While I support holding Federal contractors and employees accountable for criminal actions that they may commit while serving our Nation overseas, I have concerns with the drafting of H.R. 2740. I am hopeful that the Senate can address these concerns and return to the House a bill that accomplishes the above goal in a workable fashion. "No" on rollcall vote No. 941 (on ordering of the previous question of H. Res. 704), "no" on rollcall vote No. 942 (on passage of H. Res. 704), "no" on rollcall vote No. 943 (on ordering of the previous question of H. Res. 703), "no" on rollcall vote No. 944 (on passage of H. Res. 703), "yes" on rollcall vote No. 945 (on the motion to recommit H.R. 3246 with instructions), "no" on rollcall vote No. 946 (on passage of H.R. 3246), "yes" on rollcall vote No. 947 (on the motion to recommit H.R. 3648 with instructions), "yes" on rollcall vote No. 948 (on passage of H.R. 3648).

A PROCLAMATION HONORING HELEN BASS SMITH ON HER 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Mrs. Smith has shown an extraordinary commitment to her community by volunteering at the Salvation Army in Cadiz, Ohio and at the Harrison Community Hospital, where she has been president of the Hospital Auxiliary for four years; and

Whereas, Mrs. Smith has demonstrated values of hard work and service throughout her life, always maintaining a positive outlook; and

Whereas, Mrs. Smith has worked for the United States Department of Agriculture, the Scio Pottery Company, Lib Gray's Dressmaker Shop, and as a farmer for many years and still continues her active lifestyle by walking two miles every day; and

Whereas, Mrs. Smith's character has been praised by her hospital volunteer coordinator, who describes her as "nothing short of magnificent" and that her spirit is "not a day over 14"; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I wish Helen Bass-Smith a happy and healthy 90th birthday. We recognize the tremendous impact she has had in her community and in the lives of all those people she has touched.

RECOGNIZING REV. ARTHUR ST. CLAIR OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding individual who lived in the early days of Brooksville, Rev. Arthur St. Clair. Rev. St. Clair will be posthumously awarded the 2007 Great Brooksvillian of the Year at a ceremony next week. The award is presented annually to a current or former resident who has made a significant impact on the city of Brooksville.

Born in 1837, Arthur St. Clair was the former slave of Marina Sanderson May, a landowner and taxpayer in Brooksville. Upon gaining his freedom, Rev. St. Clair became a leader in the Reconstruction-era politics of Hernando County and a founder of the Bethlehem Progressive Baptist Church. He also went on to become a Baptist minister, presiding over services at the new church, originally located on South Lemon Street. He and his brother also helped to found the first African-American school in Hernando County.

Eventually rising to serve as the voter registrar, deputy sheriff, county commissioner, a captain in the state militia, and a four-time Republican nominee for the Florida State House of Representatives, Rev. St. Clair was a prominent leader in Brooksville and Hernando County. In an era when black men throughout the South were looked down upon and relegated to second class citizenship, it is a tes-

tament to the character and personality of Arthur St. Clair that he remained a valued member of the Hernando County community for so many years.

In his role as an African-American Baptist minister, Rev. St. Clair was not afraid to take on controversial issues, including that of mixed marriages; those marriages considered taboo in the mid to late 19th century. On a spring day in 1877, Rev. St. Clair presided over a wedding ceremony between a black man and a white woman. This did not sit well with several members of the community, and later that summer on a trip home from Fort Dade, a mob set upon Rev. St. Clair and shot him to death.

In efforts to cover up the crime, the perpetrators then set fire to the courthouse, burning all the records and voter files for the entire county. This led to a severe deterioration of race relations in Hernando County, an episode that some have called a "race war" and left a lasting impression on Hernando County for nearly a quarter of a century.

Madam Speaker, the city of Brooksville was lucky to have had a man like Arthur St. Clair take an active role in our community and have been such an advocate for civic involvement and religious freedoms. I am proud to recognize his accomplishments, and congratulate his descendants on Arthur St. Clair being named the 2007 Great Brooksvillian of the Year.

IN MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE JO ANN DAVIS, 1950–2007

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise with great sorrow today as the House of Representatives mourns the passing of The Honorable Jo Ann Davis, Congresswoman from the First District of Virginia. Congresswoman Davis succumbed to breast cancer on Saturday after a lengthy struggle with the disease. I was greatly saddened when I heard the news of her passing. I will be keeping her husband Chuck, their surviving family, and her congressional staff members in my thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.

I had the distinct pleasure of being able to know Jo Ann from her early days in Congress when she was first elected in 2000. She leaves behind a legacy of constant dedication to our men and women in uniform. Though she struggled with breast cancer the past 2 years, but she remained determined in her commitment to continue serving her district, and our service men and women. This same drive was evident at the beginning of her career in public service. Her first election to the Virginia House of Delegates in 1997 came as a result of her defeating a heavily favored 15-term incumbent. There was never a challenge too large for her to pursue, and her constituents were the benefactor of this unwavering commitment to public service. She will be greatly missed by me, our colleagues, and the people of Virginia. God Bless.