

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Reverend Leary E. Bonnett.

RECOGNIZING KERN RIVER OIL FIELD'S TWO BILLIONTH BARREL OF OIL PRODUCED

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an important milestone achieved in oil production in my district as the Kern River Oil Field recently produced its two billionth barrel of oil.

Over 100 years ago in 1899, "black gold" was discovered at Kern River when a father-son team hand-dug a 45 foot deep discovery well. This oil discovery set off a boom in Kern County leading to population growth and the discovery of more and more oil fields in the region. In 1903, Kern River, in addition to other oil fields discovered at the turn of the region, made California the top oil-producing state in the Union. In fact, in 1904, Kern River produced more than 17.2 million barrels of oil, which, at that time, was more oil produced than in the entire State of Texas.

In the early 1900's, oil production peaked at nearly 50,000 barrels per day, and then decreased to an average of about 10,000 barrels per day. However, due to human ingenuity, hard work, the advent of the steam injection (or "steamflooding") oil production process in the early 1960's, and cogeneration in the 1980's, today, Kern River produces approximately 82,000 barrels of oil per day.

With its production of the two billionth barrel of oil, Kern River joins only two other fields in a select, elite class of oil fields in California that have produced over two billion barrels of oil. Just to put this into perspective, two billion barrels of oil, once refined, on average, yields more than 43 billion gallons of gasoline. Subsequently, the Kern River Oil Field is the fourth largest field in the lower United States, the third largest field in California, and the second largest field in Kern County.

Today, Chevron North America Exploration and Production owns and produces nearly all of the oil at Kern River. A vital economic backbone of Kern County, Chevron at Kern River employs more than 345 individuals and has upwards of 800 contractors working at the field, and creates countless secondary and tertiary oil and non-oil related jobs in the community. In addition, Chevron at Kern River contributes more than \$24 million in property taxes to the County of Kern on an annual basis, and is a community leader in supporting various education and charitable causes.

Kern River is a heavy crude oil field, meaning the oil is a thick, viscous liquid that needs to be heated and pumped out of the ground. Generally, primary heavy oil recovery extracts between 5–10 percent of the oil from the ground, while hot waterflood recovery processes increase that recovery rate to between 15–25 percent. Yet, the steamflood recovery process can increase recovery rates to 50–80 percent. With the steamflood technological recovery advances of Chevron at Kern River, Chevron has been able to maximize production of the vast oil reserves of this field and has extended the life of this field for decades.

As a leader in heavy oil production, Chevron has established an International Heavy Oil Center at Kern River in order to collaboratively develop and deploy heavy oil production technologies worldwide, as well as to become a hub for heavy oil development. These technological advances developed at Kern River, as well as at other fields, will increase the ability of the industry to maximize the Earth's oil reserves' potential and help satisfy our energy demands.

What started out in 1899 as one hand-dug well, Kern River has developed into one of the largest oil fields in the United States with more than 9,000 producing oil wells. Again, I rise today to recognize the importance of Kern River producing its two billionth barrel of oil and to join with Chevron in celebrating this milestone. I look forward to continued production at this field for many years to come.

TRIBUTE TO FULTON-MIDDLETON HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

Mr. CAMP of Michigan. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate and pay tribute to the Fulton-Middleton High School football team for reaching the Michigan High School Athletic Association 2007 Division Eight State Championship Game. It was the team's first finals appearance since winning the 1998 State championship.

The Fulton-Middleton Pirates lost a hard-fought final game to Crystal Falls Forrest Park High School. In the defensive battle, they pulled within one score of the Crystal Falls Trojans late in the fourth quarter, but were unable to get back the ball to attempt a game-tying drive. It was the Pirates only loss of the season. On the road to the final game, the Pirates defeated Fowler, New Lothrop, Our Lady of the Lakes, and Climax-Scotts in the playoffs.

The Pirates accomplishments pay testament to the years of hard work and dedication of these student athletes. I commend them on a successful season.

On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Michigan, I congratulate the Fulton-Middleton High School football team on their achievements and wish them all the best of luck in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING FORT DODGE, IOWA CITY COUNCILWOMAN JANE BURLERSON

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Fort Dodge, Iowa City councilwoman, Jane Burler, for her 24 years of distinguished public service to the people of Fort Dodge.

In 1982, the citizens of Fort Dodge elected Jane as the first woman and first African American to serve on the council. Jane overcame many barriers to serve and contributed

a fresh and different perspective. Her dedication and commitment to improving the city is a true measurement of her leadership and care for her community. Jane's guiding presence on the council will certainly be missed, but the legacy she leaves will inspire many to dream big reach high and achieve great accomplishments.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in commending Jane Burler for her leadership and service to Fort Dodge, Iowa. I consider it an honor to represent Jane in Congress and I wish her the very best in her future endeavors.

HONORING LT. THOMAS CHRISTENSEN AND FIREFIGHTER JEREMY BROWN OF THE WAUKEGAN FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lieutenant Thomas Christensen and Firefighter Jeremy Brown of the Waukegan Fire Department.

As Hazardous Device Technicians, Lt. Christensen and Firefighter Brown were the driving force behind the City of Waukegan's effort to secure a grant from the Illinois Terrorism Task Force for an Andros F6A Robot and transport vehicle to better respond to hazardous device incidents.

Currently there are only 12 bomb squads in Illinois. The Waukegan squad services Lake and McHenry counties in northeastern Illinois. Last year, the squad responded to more than 40 bomb calls. The most notable was a bank robbery where the suspect claimed to have an explosive device which he left on the teller counter after fleeing the crime scene.

With the F6A Robot and transport vehicle, the Waukegan Fire Department is better equipped to respond to bomb related calls. This equipment would not be possible without the diligence of Lt. Christensen and Firefighter Brown. The two men conceived the idea, developed the justifications and specifications and oversaw the construction.

Lt. Christensen and Firefighter Brown represent an outstanding division that was first formed in 1971. The team consists of several certified bomb squad members who put their lives on the line on a daily basis for northeastern Illinois.

I am proud of the achievements of these fine first responders.

TRIBUTE TO BERNIE FECHTEL

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me take this moment to recognize the work of

Bernie Fechtel of Jefferson City, Missouri. A successful businessman in central Missouri, Mr. Fechtel served as the Chairman of the Board for the Jefferson City Chamber of Commerce in 2007.

During his time as Chairman, the local Chamber was awarded the Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry's "Chamber of the Year" award in recognition of the Chamber's effectiveness and efficiency in implementing its economic goals. Jefferson City is the fifth city in history to receive this distinguished award.

Mr. Fechtel will continue to serve the Jefferson City Chamber of Commerce in 2008 as its Chairman-Emeritus. I trust that Members of the House will join me in thanking Bernie Fechtel for his outstanding leadership and vision.

A TRIBUTE TO MRS. MARGARET
BEULAH COLVERT ALLEN

HON. G. K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of America's most deserving citizens, Mrs. Margaret Beulah Colvert Allen, who will be celebrating her 100th Birthday on August 2, 2008. Although Mrs. Allen was born in Statesville, NC, she presently resides in Congressman Bobby Scott's Congressional District, so we are both equally pleased and proud to share her as our friend and constituent.

Over the years, Mrs. Allen has assumed many different roles. She was a dedicated homemaker and was also employed for several years as a substitute teacher, seamstress, supervisor of arts and crafts at her area community recreation center, and a food service worker at the Veterans Administration Hospital.

Madam Speaker, Mrs. Allen has dedicated 75-faithful years of her life as a member of the Saint Paul A.M.E. Church. She has served as steward and stewardess and on several different committees including the Committee of Concern, which she chaired for many years. Mrs. Allen was also very involved in her community's Y.W.C.A. and the elementary and high school Parent Teacher Association.

By all accounts, Mrs. Allen is a "wonderful mother." Due to her husband's early death, Mrs. Allen was forced to rear five children as a single parent. Marion A. Christian, John C. Allen, III, Charles C. Allen, Beverly A. Henderson and Lynne C. Allen are the Allen children. All of the Allen children completed college and have reared successful children of their own.

Madam Speaker, over her lifetime, Mrs. Allen has lived through some of the most significant historical periods of our time. Like so many of the great historical monuments she has stood the test of time and has survived Reconstruction; lynching; World War I; the Great Depression; World War II; the period of segregation; the Civil Rights Movement; Voting Rights Movement; School Desegregation and other momentous times. She is indeed a walking history reference and we take great pride in recognizing her for being blessed with such longevity.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

Mrs. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on December 17, I was unavoidably detained and was not able to record my votes for rollcall Nos. 1163–1173.

Had I been present I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 1163—"yes"—Expresses heartfelt sympathy for the victims and families of the shootings in Omaha, Nebraska, on Wednesday, December 5 and 6, 2007.

Rollcall No. 1164—"yes"—Honoring local and State first responders, and the citizens of the Pacific Northwest in facing the severe winter storm of December 2 and 3, 2007.

Rollcall No. 1165—"yes"—Same Day Rule.

Rollcall No. 1166—"yes"—Same Day Rule.

Rollcall No. 1167—"yes"—Sine Die Adjournment resolution of the 1st Session of the 110th Congress.

Rollcall No. 1168—"yes"—Providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 2764, State, foreign operations appropriations, FY 2008.

Rollcall No. 1169—"yes"—Providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 2764, State, foreign operations appropriations, FY 2008.

Rollcall No. 1170—"yes"—To award a congressional gold medal to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in recognition of her courageous and unwavering commitment to peace, nonviolence, human rights, and democracy in Burma.

Rollcall No. 1171—"yes"—Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations for FY 2008—Amendment No. 1.

Rollcall No. 1172—"no"—Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations for FY 2008—Amendment No. 2.

Rollcall No. 1173—"yes"—Recognizing and celebrating the centennial of Oklahoma statehood.

IN TRIBUTE TO ANGIE MARKHAM

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Angie Markham, a great American who serves as the Executive Director of the Federation of Italian-American Organizations of Queens, Inc. Angie Markham is devoted to her family and her community. In recognition of her selfless dedication to the well-being of others, she was honored by the Taminent Regular Democratic Club of the Borough of Queens in New York City at its 76th Annual Dinner Dance.

Next year will mark two full decades of distinguished service by Angie Markham as Executive Director of the Federation of Italian-American Organizations of Queens, Inc. As the leader of the Federation, Angie Markham has developed and managed countless worthwhile initiatives that have provided essential services to the community. These include an annual Columbus Day Parade in Queens; a

surplus food distribution program; an annual 5-Kilometer Run to Help Fight Drug Abuse; Italian Heritage Cultural Month festivities coordinated with the office of the Queens Borough President, St. John's University, and several other community-based organizations; soccer camps, clinics, and tournaments for area youth; weekly cultural and entertainment events every summer in Athens Square Park in Astoria; classes in Italian language and culture, English as a second language, and civics. While devoting her time and attention to this incredible range of activities, Angie Markham has also remained devoted to her family as a beloved wife and mother.

In recognition of her many outstanding contributions to the community, Angie Markham has been honored by numerous organizations and leaders. She has been honored by the Queens Borough President's office, by State Senator George Onorato, by State Assemblyman Michael Gianaris, and by New York City Councilman Peter Vallone, Jr., as well by numerous government agencies and civic associations.

In being honored by the Taminent Regular Democratic Club, Angie Markham's achievements were recognized by one of the largest and most vibrant political and civic organizations in our nation's greatest city. The Taminent Club represents voters in the neighborhoods of Astoria and Long Island City in the New York State Assembly's 36th District and is led by its able District Leaders, the Honorable Gloria DeMarco Aloise and the Honorable George Onorato. The Taminent Club proudly carries the banner of the world's oldest political party in one of the most diverse counties in the United States of America. Borough of Queens.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing the outstanding contributions to our cultural and civic life made by Angie Markham.

HONORING THE BISHOP LUDDEN
HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

Mr. WALSH of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to the Bishop Ludden High School Football Team, 2007 Mass C New York State Football Champions. The Bishop Ludden Gaelic Knights defeated the Dobbs Ferry Eagles by a score of 21–16, earning Bishop Ludden's first state football championship title.

On behalf of the people of New York's 25th Congressional District, I congratulate these young men on their outstanding athletic achievement and praise head coach John Cosgrove, and Assistant Coaches Mike Rogers and Bill Cloonan on their team's success. I look forward to another exciting year when the Gaelic Knights take the field to defend their title in 2008.

Steven Barrett, Eric Beauford, James Braithwaite, Connor Brown, Casey Christo, Conor Cosgrove, Christopher Davis, Mark Deangelis, Yaroslav Fentsor, Nicholas Ferrante, Daquan Grobsmith, Christopher Harding, Michael Hogan, Eugene Law, Jiyhouh Ly, William McGrath, Julio Ortiz, Omar