

HONORING REVEREND THOMAS LOGAN ON THE OCCASION OF HIS NINETY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 14, 2007

Mr. FATTAH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call the attention of the House to a great Philadelphian on the occasion of his 95th birthday, March 19, 2007. The Reverend Canon Thomas Wilson Stearly Logan, Sr., a 1935 Lincoln University graduate, is Rector Emeritus of the Calvary Church in North Philadelphia. In 1938, Father Logan began his now 60-year tenure of service to the diocese of Pennsylvania with his ordination as a deacon. One year later, he was ordained a priest at St. Peter's Church in Philadelphia. During his long and distinguished career, Father Logan served in numerous parishes including: St. Philips Church in New York City, St. Augustine's Chapel in Yonkers, St. Michael and All Angels and the Calvary Church both located in Philadelphia.

Father Logan's service to the children of God has extended beyond the church walls. He has been a member of numerous religious, fraternal, social and civic organizations including the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, the Restitution Fund Commission, the homeless fund, the Philadelphia Police Department, the National Conference of Black Episcopalians and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. As a delegate to the Anglican Conference in Cape Town, Father Logan brought his spirit, energy and steadfast commitment to social justice across the Atlantic ocean.

Father Logan is committed not only to his church but also to his lovely wife, Mrs. Hermione Hill Logan who on March 16 will achieve the modest age of 96. Father and Mrs. Logan have been happily married since 1938. It is my great pleasure to offer congratulations to Father Logan on his birthday. I wish him years of health and happiness and appreciate his decades of service.

RECOGNIZING THE NEW YORK BLOOD CENTER AND THE IMPORTANCE OF GIVING BLOOD

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the work done by the New York Blood Center (NYBC) and its efforts to recruit volunteer blood donors to help assure a safe and ample blood supply in the New York Metropolitan area. As one of the nation's largest non-profit, community based blood centers, The New York Blood Center has provided critical blood, transfusion products and services to patients in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut hospitals for over 40 years.

Established in 1964 in order to better serve the transfusion needs of the New York City community, New York Blood Center was founded in order to carry out a critical mission to provide community members with the highest quality transfusion products and services,

as well as leading-edge research and technological and medical care innovation.

The New York metropolitan area is currently experiencing a blood shortage that has reached an emergency level. The New York Blood Center reports a shortage of all types of blood, but most pressingly a need for "O" type blood, the universal donor to patients of all blood types. Hospitals in New York need an average of 2,000 volunteer donors every day to meet critical patient needs. NYBC collects an average of 1500–1700 units/day to help meet these needs in combination with other providers.

When the number of donations falls below the necessary number, NYBC must import the balance of necessary units from other areas of the United States. Without these vital donations, blood must be rationed to local area hospitals and elective surgeries postponed until blood supply levels improve. While the current shortage has not yet caused rationing to occur, it has become an area-wide crisis that endangers the lives and well-being of New Yorkers and demands the community's immediate attention.

To date, NYBC has avoided this critical problem through continuous partnership with local and national government officials to perform constituent outreach. NYBC also collaborates with businesses and organizations that sponsor blood drives, as well as with individuals who donate on a consistent basis. In recent years, while the number of donations in the New York metropolitan area have remained steady, there has been a downward trend in the number of donations in Manhattan, contributing to the causes of the current shortage.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 80TH BIRTHDAY OF LILLIAN VERNON

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 14, 2007

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the 80th birthday of Lillian Vernon. Born Lilly Menasche in Leipzig, her family fled the perils of World War II and Hitler's Nazi regime in 1933, fleeing to Amsterdam, Holland then finally to the United States, settling in New York City in 1937. There she attended New York University for 2 years before getting married.

In 1951, while 4 months pregnant, Lillian began her mail order business with a \$495.00 sixth-of-a-page ad for a personalized handbag and belt in Seventeen magazine. What started as a simple business run out of her kitchen in Mount Vernon, New York, turned into a leading catalog and online retailer, with its corporate headquarters in Rye, New York. In 1987, Lillian's business became the first woman founded and owned business to go public on the American Stock Exchange.

In addition to Lillian's accomplishments in business, she believes strongly in giving back to her community. Her company has donated funds and merchandise to more than 5,000 charities, religious, and civic organizations. She serves on the boards of several non-profit organizations, including the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, the Virginia Opera and The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

She has spoken at many universities and has received several honors, including induction in the Direct Marketing Hall of Fame, the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, the Big Brother/Big Sisters National Hero Award and the Gannett Newspapers Business Leadership Award.

At 80 years of age, Lillian continues to strive to be on the cutting edge of fashion accessories, exploring new and even more creative ideas. She is the proud mother of two sons, Dean Fred P. Hochberg, of the New School and David Hochberg, a private consultant. Especially committed to encouraging the careers of women, she has been a constant supporter and friend. Therefore, it is my pleasure to wish her many blessings on her birthday.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JULIA CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 14, 2007

Ms. CARSON. Madam Speaker, I was unable to record rollcall vote No. 139. Had I been present I would have voted "yes" on H. Res. 64.

HONORING DR. ELSON FLOYD

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 14, 2007

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Elson Floyd, President of the four-campus University of Missouri System. He was selected to run the system November 11, 2002. He is leaving to become the tenth President of Washington State University on June 1, 2007.

During his tenure as President of the System, he has brought about many innovative strategies which have benefited the Universities. He developed a System-wide Strategic Plan with measurable performance objectives. He established a system-wide fundraising goal of one billion dollars, of which 900 million dollars in documented gifts have been received to date toward this goal. Total enrollment increased 7,000 since his hiring to a record high of more than 63,000 students. Minority student enrollment has increased on all four campuses. He has leveraged private support to generate 266 need-based scholarships to enhance student access.

Although there have been lean budget years in the University system, Dr. Floyd has effectively managed them by implementing a plan to reduce System-wide administrative expenditures by 20 million dollars, far exceeding the 10 percent goal of 12.4 million dollars, reinvesting resources of this initiative into scholarships and financial aid, student services and faculty recruitment. He also developed a tuition guideline that holds tuition increases to the rate of inflation, provided that state support also keeps pace with inflation. This allows students and families a certain degree of predictability of college costs.

Dr. Floyd is the 2004 recipient of the James C. Kirkpatrick Award for public service given by the Northwest Missouri Press Association. He is also the 2004 recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of

North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In 2006, students at the University of Missouri-St. Louis established a scholarship in his name, the "President Elson S. Floyd Endowed Scholarship."

Madam Speaker, please join me in expressing our heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Elson Floyd for his leadership as President of the University of Missouri System. I urge my colleagues to please join me in conveying our gratitude to Dr. Floyd for his contributions to Missouri, and to wish him well in his new endeavor.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SAVINGS
FOR WORKING FAMILIES ACT OF
2007

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 14, 2007

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce H.R. 1514, the Savings for Working Families Act of 2007. I have worked with my colleague Congressman JOE PITTS of Pennsylvania and other Members from both sides of the aisle in both the House and Senate to introduce savings legislation that will help America's working families by ex-

panding the successful Individual Development Account program (IDA).

H.R. 1514 provides a tax credit to financial institutions that match the savings of low-income families through Individual Development Accounts. Individual savings in IDAs are matched on a one-to-one basis, up to \$500 per person per year, although personal contributions into an IDA are not limited.

Thousands of working families across the country currently take advantage of IDA matched savings and asset accumulation. IDA programs are run by community-based organizations in partnership with a qualified financial institution that holds the deposits. IDA funds can be used for college and post-secondary education, purchasing a home, or starting a small business. Those who save in IDAs also receive financial planning education. Nationally, 50,000 Americans are presently enrolled in 500 IDA programs. In the State of Ohio, nearly 5,000 savers benefit from fifteen IDA programs.

I want to praise the 16 financial institutions that run the fifteen IDA programs in Ohio and assist low-income families build assets: Citizen's Federal Savings & Loan, Faith Community United Credit Union, Farmers National Bank, First Federal Bank, First Federal Savings of Newark, Perpetual Bank, First National Community Bank, Home Savings and Loan, Huntington National Bank, Key Bank, Midwest

Family Credit Union, Park National Bank, Fiberglas Federal Credit Union, Peoples Bank, Ohio Savings Bank, Sky Bank, and the World Financial Network National Bank.

Too many families in too many cities across this country live under constant threat of financial ruin due to a lack of savings. Individual Development Accounts allow working families to develop their own assets and establish sound financial footing, creating a fund that would make possible a down payment on a home or seed capital to start a business. We should not delay in expanding the existing IDA program. We have in our power the ability to help working families achieve the American Dream.

Madam Speaker, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Erika Lunder, a Legislative Attorney at the Congressional Research Service, for providing my staff and me with valuable information and advice on this legislation. Throughout the years, particularly during my service on the Ways and Means Committee, she has consistently provided me with excellent research and counsel in a timely, impartial manner on several pieces of tax and pension legislation. Erika's service is not only greatly appreciated by me, but also my constituents in the Eleventh Congressional District of Ohio and the entire State of Ohio.