

Since 1957, the Middle Country Public Library has been a dynamic center for continuous learning that provides information, resources and programs to meet the needs of our diverse Long Island population. Visionary leadership, outstanding facilities, a skilled staff and collaborative partnerships enable the Library to deliver model services including free and spacious meeting rooms for use by community groups.

The Middle Country Public Library has received numerous awards including the "Pioneer Vision Award", "The Godfrey Award for Excellence in Public Library Services for Children and Families", and the "Groundbreaker Award" for promoting diversity and cultural awareness. On Saturday, April 21, the Library will be celebrating its 50th anniversary. The celebration will include performances, puppet shows, and stories to commemorate five full decades of stellar service and commitment to the community.

Madam Speaker, I strongly agree with John Quincy Adams, this great country's 6th President, when he said, "To furnish the means of acquiring knowledge is the greatest benefit that can be conferred upon mankind." Indeed, the Middle Country Public Library is a welcoming place for knowledge, dedicated to excellence and to enhancing the quality of life in Suffolk County, New York. I am proud to honor its 50th anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. NAOMI A.
ADAMS

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor one of Miami's great ladies, Mrs. Naomi A. Adams, who on April 19, 2007, will celebrate her 90th birthday. I know I speak for all of my colleagues in extending to her our congratulations and best wishes on this important occasion.

In so many ways, Mrs. Adams exemplifies determination, strength and service. She grew up in a segregated Southern city and was educated in a segregated school system. However, she overcame adversity, and thrived in every facet of her life.

Determined to develop her talents and make the most of her abilities, Mrs. Adams was admitted into the prestigious Tuskegee Institute, which was and still is one of the premier institutions of higher learning in the nation. She worked in campus jobs in the dining hall and in the registrar's office to help make ends meet.

It was at Tuskegee that two very important events occurred: Mrs. Adams studied under the instruction of Dr. George Washington Carver, a distinguished American of genius, and she met Mr. Nelson L. Adams, Jr., the man who would later become her husband.

Mrs. Adams graduated in 1940 with a degree in Home Economics, and when the couple moved to Miami, she put her knowledge to good use by teaching others. She taught home economics and science for more than twenty years at Miami's George Washington Carver High School. When the Dade County Public Schools were desegregated in 1966, she was transferred to Robert E. Lee, Jr. High

School, where she worked until her retirement in 1977. Mr. Adams, also an educator, was principal of Dunbar Elementary School for nearly 25 years.

Mrs. Adams and her late husband had an overwhelming commitment of faith to St. John Baptist Church in Overtown. She has served as a Girl Scout troop leader; as a volunteer with the American Red Cross; as a member of the board of directors of the Dade County Teachers Credit Union and on the board of directors of the Dade County Retired Teachers Association. Even today, she is an active member of the Optimist Club, AARP, the Tuskegee Alumni Association and the Tuskegee University's Presidential Associates Club.

Mrs. Adams is the mother of two children, Sceiva and Nelson, III, the grandmother of five and the great-grandmother of two. Mrs. Adams is the embodiment of the ultimate matriarchal figure, and I wish her continued happiness as she celebrates her 90th birthday.

IN RECOGNITION OF PEACE
ACTION'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Peace Action's 50th anniversary. Peace Action has been a seminal part of the peace movement. On the evening of April 12, 2007 at Madison's Lake Merritt Hotel in Oakland, California, Peace Action West, a regional organization of Peace Action, will celebrate their work during the last 50 years as well as their recent victories.

The evening celebration will include reminiscences by Peace Activist Norman Cousins' daughters, Candis Cousins and Shigeko Sasmori. Norman Cousins was an eminent activist and founder of SANE. As a child, Shigeko survived the Hiroshima atomic blast, and soon after was unofficially adopted by the Cousins family. From her experience at the very center and origin of the nonproliferation movement, her lifetime of peace activism is an inspiration to us all. Together they will speak to the memory of their father's work and ideals, which I find new expression in this generation of peace organizers.

In 1957, motivated by the realization that nuclear weapons could put an end to human life on the planet, the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy was born. SANE, as the organization came to be known, later merged with the Nuclear Freeze movement and became Peace Action. For 50 years Peace Action has galvanized a voice for a world where the threat of nuclear weapons is eliminated and where foreign policy is based on international cooperation and respect for human rights. Peace Action has grown into a regional organization nearly 50,000 members strong.

I join the community in celebrating Peace Action's 50-year milestone of waging peace. I thank the members of Peace Action West for their exemplary efforts and deep commitment to peace and human rights and I applaud their five decades of accomplishments.

HONORING ROD GRUSY

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Rod Grusy, a remarkable public servant and friend from my home state of Kentucky. Dr. Grusy recently announced his intention to retire from his position as Extension Service Agent at the Hardin County Agricultural Extension Office at the end of this month.

Dr. Grusy has distinguished himself as an ardent educator and trusted advisor to the communities of Hardin County, Kentucky throughout his 16 year tenure. He has been consistently praised for his unique hands on approach, routinely visiting local farms in person to offer his advice.

Dr. Grusy is the only Extension agent in Kentucky at the county level specializing in crop production and farm management. His extensive education and keen intuition developed over many years spent in the fields have made him a valuable resource to countless farmers and students throughout the Commonwealth.

One of Dr. Grusy's most important contributions to Kentucky agriculture is his work to organize the annual Central Kentucky Farm Expo. Each year, the popular event teaches farmers about new technology and innovations in their rapidly changing industry. The Expo also teaches schoolchildren about farming, inspiring future careers and building a deeper understanding between rural and non-rural residents.

On behalf of the countless men and women who have benefited from his skill and generosity, I would like to express my profound appreciation to Dr. Grusy for his years of service and wish him a very happy and healthy retirement.

It is my great privilege to recognize Dr. Rod Grusy today, before the entire U.S. House of Representatives, for his exemplary citizenship and community leadership. His unique contributions to farming and education make him an outstanding American, worthy of our collective honor and appreciation.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE TIME
TRAVELERS HISTORY CLUB AT
CHARLES R. DREW MIDDLE
SCHOOL IN LINCOLN, ALABAMA

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize today the students and adult leaders of the Time Travelers History Club at Charles R. Drew Middle School in Lincoln, Alabama.

Since 2005, the Time Travelers club has taken a significant role in enhancing learning opportunities for students, preserving local history, and serving the community. Their events, such as a Constitution Day celebration, have joined students with community figures and in turn allowed students to learn more about history through interacting with people who lived

through some of the most influential events of the twentieth century.

I applaud the students of Charles R. Drew Middle School who have participated in this program, as well as their advisor Mr. Keith George, for their commitment to learning and service. Thank you, Madam Speaker, for the House's attention to these accomplished individuals today.

TRIBUTE TO COACH FISHER
DEBERRY

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Fisher DeBerry, former head coach of the United States Air Force Academy football team. During his twenty three years as head coach at the Academy, Mr. DeBerry led seventeen teams to winning seasons and twelve to bowl games; his career record of 169–107–1 is the best in Academy history. Off the field, Mr. DeBerry has made tremendous contributions to his community through the Fisher DeBerry Foundation, an organization dedicated supporting single mothers and their children by providing mentoring and after school programs and funding academic scholarships.

A high school and college athlete, Mr. DeBerry began his coaching career in 1969 as an assistant coach at his alma mater, Wofford College in Spartanburg, South Carolina. In 1971 he joined the coaching staff at Appalachian State. As a result of his success at these two institutions, Mr. DeBerry was hired as offensive coordinator and quarterback coach by the Air Force Academy in 1980 and moved on to the head coach position four years later. Dominating the Commander in Chiefs Trophy Series since its inception in 1972, Mr. DeBerry holds, against the Naval and Military Academies, a combined record of 34–8 and is the winningest coach in the history of the service academies.

Mr. DeBerry, a member of the South Carolina and Colorado Springs Sports Halls of Fame, holds numerous other awards and distinctions including three-time WAC Coach of the Year, the 1985 Paul "Bear" Bryant award as NCAA College Football Coach of the Year and the 2001 State Farm Coach of Distinction.

A man of deep Christian faith and profound humility, Mr. DeBerry has participated in fundraising efforts for worthy causes including March of Dimes, the Salvation Army, and the American Heart Association. I wish to recognize Mr. DeBerry today not only for his impressive coaching career which has brought tremendous pride to the Air Force Academy and Colorado Springs, but also for his strength of character and community service.

A TRIBUTE TO ODELLE
WHITEHEAD BARNES

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute

to Mrs. Odelle Whitehead Barnes, a native and longtime resident of Wilson, North Carolina. This wonderful individual is a family friend and a former teacher at my alma mater, The Charles H. Darden High School. For many years, Mrs. Barnes dedicated her life to educating and serving the people of Wilson, North Carolina. She is being honored this week upon her designation as a Diamond Soror in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and for her years of service to the community.

Madam Speaker, Mrs. Barnes committed 39 years of her life as both a teacher and speech therapist, and many more as a beacon of positive light to the community. She should be lauded even greater for her success in overcoming the racial and gender prejudices of her time. Mrs. Odelle Barnes was born in Wilson, North Carolina, as one of 12 children to Henry and Victoria Whitehead. She faced numerous challenges growing up in the Jim Crow South during the Depression, but excelled nonetheless, graduating from high school at age 16. Mrs. Barnes attended North Carolina College at Durham, today North Carolina Central University, and graduated with high honors in both English and French. Although the college environment during the Depression was unfriendly, nevertheless she persevered with the help of her family, the determination of her own character and her faith in Almighty God.

Mrs. Barnes taught for many years at both Elm City Elementary and Darden High School, before earning her Masters in Speech Therapy with the University of Michigan. In a time when integration still ruled North Carolina, Mrs. Barnes provided an invaluable service to the African-American community of Wilson County with her work as a Speech Therapist in the school system. In 1977, Darden High School named her "Alumna of the Year," and in 1981 she was honored by the Wilson Human Relations Commission with its "Citizen Award."

Madam Speaker, Odelle Whitehead Barnes is very proud of her distinction of being "Charter Member" of two chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the Alpha Chi Chapter in 1932 and of the Gamma Beta Omega Chapter in 1940. She is now a Diamond Soror and has spent 75 years as an AKA member. Mrs. Barnes is a lifelong member of the Jackson Chapel First Missionary Baptist Church, where she has served as the president of the Missionary Circle and co-founder of the Fellowship Club, and has twice been named church "Woman of the Year." Additionally, she served as board member for the Department of Social Services, the Wilson Historic Properties Commission, and Wilson County Mental Health Board. She volunteered at the Wilson Crisis Center, the Hospital Visitation Program and the Wilson County Board of Elections.

Mrs. Barnes, who was married to Edward Morrison Barnes for 65 years, presently resides in Detroit, Michigan, with her daughter, Carolyn, her two grandsons and five great-grandchildren. Madame Speaker, in honor and recognition of Mrs. Odelle Whitehead Barnes' diligent service as an educator, therapist, and leader, I ask my Colleagues to join me in paying tribute to this great woman.

IN HONOR OF JIM JONTZ

HON. BRAD ELLSWORTH

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Mr. ELLSWORTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of former Congressman James Prather "Jim" Jontz, who passed away on April 14, 2007 after a long battle with colon cancer. Jim dedicated his life to public service and environmental protection.

In 1974, at the age of 22, he was one of the youngest people ever to be elected to the Indiana General Assembly. After 10 years in the General Assembly and 2 in the Indiana Senate, Jontz ran for the U.S. House of Representatives from Indiana's 5th District. He went on to serve three terms in the House where he fought for government accountability and preservation of the environment. After leaving Congress, Jontz moved to Oregon where he continued his advocacy for environmental causes.

Jim Jontz was the kind of man that got into politics for the right reason: he saw a problem in his community and decided he could make a difference. He will be remembered for his strong conviction, his populist spirit, and his unwavering commitment to protecting the environment. I want to send my condolences to his family. He was a great public servant to the State of Indiana and our Nation.

REVEREND DOCTOR WILLIE RAY
DAVIS FOR HIS INSTALLATION
AS PASTOR OF PROGRESSIVE
BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Rev. Dr. Willie Ray Davis on his installation as Pastor of Progressive Baptist Church. On behalf of the constituents of the Eighteenth Congressional District of Texas, I would like to extend to him my warmest congratulations on the commemoration of his Official Installation as Pastor of Progressive Baptist Church. As former pastor of Greater St. Paul's Missionary Baptist Church, his presence in Houston, the fourth largest city in the United States, and before the enthusiastic new members of the Progressive Baptist Church assembled today, serves as a testimony of his renowned commitment to excellence and eminence as one of Houston's foremost religious and community figures.

How do you describe a man who is known as a pastor, spiritual leader, and extraordinary community leader? You can do so by simply calling him Pastor Willie Ray Davis. Pastor Davis's commitment to serving his community is exemplified by the many committees that he is involved in and his ability to put the needs of others before his own. Consequently, I would like to join his family, friends and church members in congratulating him on your Installation as Pastor of the Progressive Baptist Church in Chicago, Illinois.

Houston and Greater St. Paul's Baptist Church has lost one of its beloved treasures, but I am confident that Pastor Willie Ray Davis