

An accomplished musician, theologian and author, Wright has written four books, numerous articles and countless sermons and was named one of Ebony's top 15 preachers. Dr. Wright has lectured at seminars and universities across the United States and has represented Trinity and The United Church of Christ around the world.

Dr. Wright became Pastor of Trinity UCC on March 1, 1972. Under his leadership, the membership grew from 87 members to nearly 10,000 today with over 70 ministries offered to enhance the Christian journey. Dr. Wright shares his life and ministry with his wife, Rev. Ramah Reed Wright, and is the father of five children and grandfather of three.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize the life achievements of Reverend Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr., Senior Pastor of the Trinity United Church of Christ and I want to encourage Dr. Wright to continue to be "Unashamedly Black and Unapologetically Christian". I am truly honored to pay tribute to this outstanding Servant of God and I am privileged to enter these words into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of the United States House of Representatives.

IN HONOR OF PHILLIP MORRIS

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 14, 2008

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Phillip Morris, a good friend and a great constituent of the Eleventh Congressional District of Ohio.

Phillip Morris is characterized by many as an "affable and altruistic man." Phillip Morris joined the staff of the Case Western Reserve University law school on October 4, 1971, as building superintendent when the law school was located on Adelbert Road in Cleveland, Ohio. Since then he has worked tirelessly providing support for over one hundred faculty and staff, over six hundred students, and to keep the facilities of the building running smoothly.

Phillip's calm demeanor and great sense of humor have become an invaluable presence at the law school as well as his ability to prepare the building for classes and special events. Phillip has also been described by some as, "The ultimate handyman". When Phillip is not working in the law school, he can be found working on carpentry and construction projects at his home.

In 2004, Phillip Morris was chosen as one of three recipients of the President's Award for Distinguished Service at Case Western Reserve University. This is the highest award that the University confers on its staff personnel. The award recognizes an individual's dedication to provide outstanding service to the Case Western Reserve University community.

Phillip Morris retired from his work on February 1, 2008. Phillip and his wife will enjoy retirement in their newly purchased home in the suburbs of Nashville, Tennessee.

On behalf of the Eleventh Congressional District of Ohio it gives me great pleasure to congratulate my friend, Phillip Morris, for his service to Case Western Reserve University, and the Eleventh Congressional district of Ohio.

EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCES
OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
ON THE DEATH OF THE
HONORABLE TOM LANTOS, A
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

SPEECH OF

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of a great friend and statesman, Congressman TOM LANTOS. My prayers are with his family and friends during this time of mourning.

Upon my arrival to Congress, Representative LANTOS personally invited me to his office to welcome me to this body. I appreciated his kind words and encouragement as I started my work here. Since that time Congressman LANTOS has been a wonderful friend of mine and will forever be a source of great inspiration in my professional and personal life.

Congressman LANTOS' early life experiences as a Holocaust survivor and as part of the resistance movement against the Nazis shaped his future work as a husband, father, academic, and public servant. At the young age of 16, Mr. LANTOS and his family were forced into fascist forced labor camps. After escaping twice, Mr. LANTOS sought refuge in a Jewish safe house in Budapest run by humanitarian Raoul Wallenberg. After the war ended, he returned to the capital of Budapest in search of his family, only to discover that they had all perished at Auschwitz and other death camps. He reconnected with a childhood friend, Annette, to whom he was married for almost 58 years.

Congressman LANTOS has been a champion for human rights, social justice, and civil liberties during his 28 years in Congress. Congressman LANTOS' dedication to serving his constituents and this Nation will not be forgotten. His life will be remembered as one of courage, selflessness, and tireless dedication to his principles.

My thoughts and prayers go out Congressman LANTOS' wife Annette, his two children, eighteen grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. I ask my colleagues to join me in solemn remembrance of this great public servant.

PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA
COAST GUARD AUXILIARY TEAM
WINS INTERNATIONAL SEARCH
AND RESCUE COMPETITION

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 14, 2008

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, For the first time ever, an American team has won the International Search and Rescue Competition in Toronto, Canada and I am proud to say that the four members of the team are from Pinellas County, Florida, which I have the privilege to represent.

Representing the Coast Guard Atlantic Area, the Seventh Coast Guard District, Sector St. Petersburg, and Search and Rescue Station Sand Key, team captain Kevin

McConn of Tarpon Springs, and Don Hoge, Jim Ryder, and Max Garrison all of Dunedin beat 11 other U.S. and Canadian teams, scoring an impressive 88 out of 104 possible points. They finished 35 points ahead of the second place team.

Two volunteer Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotillas combined into one team that trained together for more than 5,000 hours during an 8-month period. To get to Toronto, they first had to win district and regional events.

The international competition emphasizes events that are designed to test teams' abilities to plan, communicate, and carry out a maritime search and rescue mission. These are skills that all Coast Guard sailors and auxiliary members must know and be able to execute on a moment's notice to save a life or lives at sea.

The team will be honored on Wednesday, February 27, 2008, during ceremonies at Coast Guard Search and Rescue Station Sand Key when they will officially receive the winning trophy for the 2007 International Search and Rescue competition. Rear Admiral David Kunkel, the commanding officer of Coast Guard District Seven, will preside at the ceremony.

Coast Guard Search and Rescue Station Sand Key is one of four major Coast Guard installations I have the privilege to represent in the 10th Congressional District of Florida and this winning team is symbolic of all the men and women of the United States Coast Guard who serve to defend our coastline and protect lives every day of the year, regardless of the threat and the weather.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating these volunteers from Pinellas County that through hard work, dedication, professionalism, and spirited teamwork have brought great honor to our Nation and the United States Coast Guard and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

AUXILIARY WINS INTERNATIONAL SEARCH AND
RESCUE COMPETITION

A quartet of U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliarists from Pinellas County Fla., beat five other U.S. teams and six Canadian teams at the 2007 International Search and Rescue Competition in Toronto Harbor, Canada Sept. 28-29.

For the first time in the eight year history of the competition, American lifesavers carried home the coveted trophy.

To get to ISAR, teams of lifesavers must compete in preliminary regional events. Teams are judged in skill areas in the field of Maritime Search and Rescue. ISAR 2007 featured events that are designed to test the volunteers' ability to plan, communicate and prosecute a maritime search and rescue mission.

A Person-In-the-Water Recovery Event evaluated each team's ability to safely approach and retrieve a person or other object in the water and rescue a person from a burning boat. Other events included: Search and Rescue Planning, Seamanship, Communications, Dewatering Line Toss and Marlinspike and two surprise events, one with the boat helmsman blindfolded and taking direction from a crewman and another where crews rowed out to retrieve and backboard a mannequin and bring this simulated victim to shore.

The winning American team consisted of team captain Kevin McConn, 48, of Tarpon Springs, Don Hoge, 59, Jim Ryder, 69, and Max Garrison, 65, all of Dunedin, Fla. In events that included skills involving strength and speed, these veteran American

mariners beat out teams that included much younger U.S. and Canadian competitors. Scoring an impressive 88 out of a possible 104 points, the Florida Auxiliaries bested the closest competitors, a Canadian team, by an impressive 35 points.

CONGRATULATING GREG
WEATHERFORD ON HIS COMMU-
NITY CONTRIBUTIONS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 14, 2008

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a student from my district who has been nationally recognized for commendable volunteer service in his community. Greg Weatherford of Little Elm, Texas has

been acknowledged as a distinguished finalist in Texas by the 2008 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, an annual honor conferred on the most impressive student volunteers in each State and the District of Columbia.

Greg, a senior at Little Elm High School, established the youth service organization "Young People Who Care" 4 years ago. This group gives students the opportunity to become active in their community. "Young People Who Care" has established, among other things, a district-wide peer tutoring program, a school and community beautification committee, and a school-wide recycling program. Greg will receive an engraved bronze medalion for his achievements.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards was created by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals in 1995 to empha-

size to all youth volunteers that their contributions are vitally important and highly valued, and to inspire other young people to follow in their footsteps. Since its founding, the program has become the Nation's largest youth recognition effort based solely on community service, and has honored more than 80,000 young volunteers at the local, State, and national level.

Greg should be extremely proud of his achievement. I heartily applaud him for the positive impact he has had on the community. Greg has demonstrated a level of commitment and accomplishment that is truly extraordinary in today's world, and deserves our sincere admiration and respect. It is an honor to represent such an extraordinary young person in the 26th district of Texas, and I earnestly look forward to the positive contributions he will undoubtedly bestow upon the north Texas community.