

U.S.-Philippines Friendship Caucus, H. Res. 1523. This resolution recognizes Filipino American Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage and culture of Filipino Americans and their immense contributions to our Nation.

The Filipino American National Historical Society established Filipino American History Month in 1988 but I was surprised to learn that the House of Representatives has never recognized this month, which is long overdue! We are pleased to honor the Filipino American community and pay tribute to the extraordinary contributions that Filipinos make to this Nation. Filipino Americans have been part of the American experience, confronting many difficult challenges while being resolute and steadfast in their cultural heritage.

We honor the Filipino Americans, from the farm workers to nurses and doctors and to the brave and courageous soldiers who fought shoulder to shoulder with American servicemen. This country is indebted to the Filipino veterans of World War II for their extraordinary sacrifices. We promise that we will not give up. Equity and recognition for World War II Veterans is a moral imperative!

I invite my colleagues to join with me in honoring the history, culture, and contribution of Filipino Americans in the United States, by supporting this important resolution, H. Res. 1523.

HONORING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM
"SON" EDWIN HUDSON, SR.

HON. TRAVIS W. CHILDERS

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday October 2, 2008

Mr. CHILDERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of the late William "Son" Edwin Hudson, Sr. who was tragically taken from us Friday, September 26, 2008. Mr. Hudson was a native Mississippian, and member of Sardis Lake Baptist Church. He was known in the community as a public servant, and served as the Panola County Emergency 911 Civil Defense Coordinator.

Mr. Hudson lost his life in a tragic automobile accident, at the age of 65. He was very active in his community; he was a director of the Panola County Homeland Security, the Panola County E-911 Coordinator and Panola County Fire Coordinator. His life of service and friendship to the Panola County region will not be forgotten.

William "Son" Edwin Hudson, Sr. is survived by his brother, James Rodney Hudson of Sardis, his two daughters, his two sons, and his seven grandchildren. The great State of Mississippi thanks him for his contributions. I ask my colleagues to join me today in remembering William "Son" Edwin Hudson, Sr. in their thoughts and prayers.

UNITED STATES-INDIA NUCLEAR
COOPERATION APPROVAL AND
NONPROLIFERATION ENHANCE-
MENT ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my reluctant support for the United States-India Nuclear Cooperation Approval and Nonproliferation Enhancement Act.

I support this legislation because, on balance, I think it advances U.S. national security and other national interests. I do so reluctantly because of the risk that it weakens our efforts to prevent the proliferation of nuclear material and nuclear technology.

I ultimately support this measure for three major reasons:

First, this agreement will create more international supervision of India's nuclear fuel cycle than there would be without it. India and the International Atomic Energy Agency have agreed to new safeguards for Indian civilian nuclear plants. In addition, over the last 30 years India has voluntarily imposed safeguards on its nuclear program and has established an excellent record on non-proliferation. While India is not a party to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), it has maintained strict controls on its nuclear technology and has demonstrated that it is committed to being a responsible nuclear steward. That is one the reasons that the 45 nation Nuclear Suppliers Group granted India a waiver to permit it to purchase fuel and technology.

Second, India is a country with a large, well-established, multicultural and multireligious democracy. Building a strategic relationship with India will further our interests in the region and send a strong signal that responsible conduct is recognized. India's conduct stands in stark contrast to that of North Korea, which is a signatory of the NPT but has violated its responsibilities under that agreement by building and testing nuclear weapons.

Third, this bill is important for how it may impact India's growing contribution to global warming. India's economy is growing rapidly, swelling at more than 7 percent per year. That economic growth is fed by a voracious appetite for electricity. More than half of India's new power supplies come from coal. Displacing coal use in India with nuclear power could prevent the release of millions of tons of carbon dioxide each year into the atmosphere.

Last, in recent weeks, secret correspondence between the White House and Congress has further clarified the U.S. position on many important questions about this deal. Assistant Secretary Bergner wrote Representative TOM LANTOS in January of this year and stated in no uncertain terms that the United States will not sell sensitive nuclear technologies to India and would immediately terminate the agreement if India conducted a nuclear test.

For these reasons, I will support this agreement. But I support it with the caveat that, in the event that India tests a nuclear weapon, I will actively and strongly work to terminate the agreement.

TRIBUTE TO MOUNT CALVARY
BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 2008

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to rise today on behalf of Mount Calvary Baptist Church. This beacon of hope in Harlem has provided faith and fellowship for its congregation for 91 years.

The rich history of this Harlem religious institution began 1917. At the time Black laborers were actively recruited to leave the South to work in New York's factories. Mount Calvary Baptist Church, among other churches, served as a pillar of spiritual sustenance and support for this young Black community. Throughout Harlem's tough times including devastating riots, poverty, crime, and unemployment, the church has continued its invaluable work, inspiring new generations of Harlemites to improve their communities and to develop their spiritual potential.

Mount Calvary Baptist Church, in 1991, began a series of new community projects, starting with the Building Trade Training School Program and later the church's participation in the "Angel Tree Prison Ministry" in 1995.

Mount Calvary Baptist Church has since built on its years of community work to found a highly successful men's ministry, women's ministry, and prison ministry, as well as sponsoring health workshops for men, a youth basketball team, and a Youth Ministry in 2001.

Mount Calvary Baptist Church, under the adroit leadership of Reverend Dr. Adolph Roberts, Senior Pastor, can take pride in its many accomplishments in the community. Over the course of its 91-year history, the church has served as the spiritual home of thousands of men, women, boys, girls, and teenagers, inspiring them with a message of hope, deliverance, and prosperity.

THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ALA-
BAMA CIVIL RIGHTS ATTORNEY
J.L. CHESTNUT

HON. ARTUR DAVIS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 2008

Mr. DAVIS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the legacy of an outstanding Alabamian who died this week, J.L. Chestnut. Thousands will gather next Wednesday in Selma to lay him to rest, and to recall the way his extraordinary life shaped my state.

J.L. Chestnut was born in 1930 in Selma. The Depression-era South suffocated the aspirations of most young black men, but J.L. managed to escape, first to Dillard University, then to Howard Law School. It would have been understandable if he had joined the ranks of educated blacks who never returned to the South, shunning the region that lynched Emmett Till and that spawned the most virulent resistance to integration. J.L., however, was the kind of intrepid soul who sought out the South as the likeliest frontline in the fledgling civil rights movement.

When he came home, he started his life's work of defending powerless people. I've

heard older lawyers in Selma describe even the youthful J.L. Chestnut's brilliance in the courtroom and the cool, relentless way he navigated through a segregated justice system in those early years. Not surprisingly, the organizers of the Selma marches in 1965 turned to him when they needed a legal strategy to spring demonstrators out of jail before they could be mauled or before they lost hope. It goes without saying that his visibility made him a marked man in a county where civil rights demonstrators occasionally wound up dead.

When the drama of the voting rights campaign ended, Chestnut's prestige as black Selma's attorney of record continued to rise. Chestnut litigated dozens of cases in federal court that reminded Alabama and Dallas County that the Constitution applied there—his work integrated juries, and the administrative ranks of the school system, as well as every sector of the workplace. Over the last decades of his life, he was the principal voting rights litigator in Alabama. The lawyer who was renowned for keeping innocent young men out of jail emerged as the lawyer to call if some municipality or county was scheming to dilute the black voter share, or to put some new encumbrance on black voter registration. The testament to his craftsmanship: I heard a federal judge say once that he looked more skeptically at voting rights cases in Alabama that didn't have Chestnut's names on the pleadings.

Chestnut, to my knowledge, never entertained the idea of running for office. He memorably told an audience once that you could lean on politicians more effectively if you weren't one of them. Thankfully, he leaned on more than a few and helped prop up a good number of others. He helped found the Alabama New South Coalition to support progressive candidates. One of the last ones he backed was Barack Obama, and J.L. went to his grave heartened that this miracle might be coming true.

Since I have entered office, I have seen Rosa Parks, Coretta King, John Hulett, Johnnie Carr, and now J.L. Chestnut called back home. Like them, Chestnut's contribution was moral authority at a time when both were in short supply. Chestnut and his class of heroes reminded us that we have obligations to each other—white and black people owe each other civility; talented people owe their community the service of their abilities; a decent society owes legal protections to every citizen; a privileged people owe the marginal among us security against the worst economic storms.

Finally, J.L. Chestnut reminded me that this new generation of leaders must challenge ourselves even more to forge lasting change—if J.L. could do it in a more hateful, more oppressive time, how dare we settle for a lesser standard of courage, and wit, and perseverance.

Madam Speaker, may God bless the family of J.L. Chestnut.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT JOE ROSS

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 2008

Mr. SARBANES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Lieutenant Joe Ross of the Howard County Department of Fire & Rescue Services, who has recently received two distinct honors. Lieutenant Ross has been named Howard County's 2008 Employee of the Year as well as Career Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Provider of the Year by the American Legion—Department of Maryland. It is right to take time in the Congress to thank someone for a job well done. Today we pause to recognize a man who goes above and beyond the call of duty.

Lieutenant Ross has worked as a medical professional with Howard County Fire and Rescue for almost 10 years. Before that time he worked for the Anne Arundel County Fire Department and served in the United States Navy. Ross currently serves as an instructor of advanced cardiac life support and pediatric advanced life support at the James N. Robey Public Safety Training Center, training not only his peers, but also nurses and doctors from area hospitals. His fellow citizens have recognized the value of his work to Howard County and the quality, skill and dedication that he brings to his work every day. Madam Speaker, Lieutenant Ross's contributions to our community deserve our recognition and we in Maryland thank him for his service.

EMERGENCY ECONOMIC STABILIZATION ACT OF 2008

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 2008

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join thousands of families in my district who are struggling in this economy and frustrated at how this Congress is handling this rescue package.

A few days ago I stood shoulder to shoulder with Democrats and Republicans in this chamber and the families and businesses in my community to try and prevent an economic disaster.

While the bill we considered on Monday and the one we are voting on again is neither perfect nor popular, we have to do something on behalf of our Nation and its citizens. We have to fight for the families now at risk of losing their homes, the seniors who could lose their pensions and the students who are losing their shot at a college education.

Madam Speaker, I hope that our chamber can change the Senate's bill so that it does not include extraneous provisions that are unrelated to rescuing our economy.

We worked through the weekend last week and I am willing to do it again. We have the opportunity to do this right.

I believe this bill will ultimately protect middle class families, seniors on fixed incomes and students who want to go to college. I believe it also provides property tax relief, incentives for alternative energy and help for small businesses to create jobs.

These are provisions that will help families back at home and put our economy back on track.

On Monday we were derailed by too much bitter partisanship and the Senate's decision to tack on tax cuts for things like wood arrows, rum and race tracks will only make it harder to achieve the unity we need to help this great country.

I am for tax cuts—and have cosponsored more than two dozen in the last 22 months, but as I have said before, unrelated spending has no place in emergency legislation.

Madam Speaker, I urge the leadership of this House to strip the unnecessary provisions, pass this bill and send it back to the Senate with a message: we cannot afford to wait to do what's right.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF U.S. CONGRESSMAN DAVE WELDON, M.D.

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 2008

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to U.S. Congressman DAVE WELDON, M.D. who I have had the privilege to serve with over the last 14 years in the House of Representatives.

Congressman WELDON, Florida's doctor, will be retiring at the end of the 110th Congress after being first elected to the House in 1994. He has been a great example of a citizen legislator—giving up successful professional careers in the U.S. Army and in medicine and in sacrificing time with family to serve our nation.

Not only is Rep. WELDON a brilliant physician, but throughout his tenure in Congress, he has been a provider of leadership in representing Florida's Space Coast. When DAVE spoke on the floor, he spoke with knowledge, insight and understanding. Not only did he contribute to the legislative process, but he also improved the legislative product.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to salute Rep. WELDON and his wife Nancy for their public service. Madam Speaker, I ask all Members of the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Congressman WELDON's service to our nation through all aspects of his life. To DAVE and his family, we extend our sincere thanks and well wishes for the future.

A TRIBUTE TO ARCHBISHOP WILBERT S. MCKINLEY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 2008

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and honor to the work and achievements of Archbishop Wilbert S. McKinley, founding patriarch of the Elim International Fellowship.

Archbishop McKinley established Elim International Fellowship on July 26, 1964 at 9 Chauncey Street in Brooklyn. He began with a bold new vision: to create a dynamic spiritual center in the heart of Brooklyn that generates