

next generations. By doing this, he has created irreplaceable opportunities which would not have existed for these children without him. By remaining personally involved in their experiences and progress, he has empowered them to believe in the importance of their own efforts and to commit themselves to carrying others up behind him, as he has done for so many years. Dr. Smith has shown our community that we can live our lives with eloquence, devotion, and with a deep respect for all of God's children.

In Pastor Smith's retirement years, it is certain that he and his brilliant and beautiful wife, the Reverend Bernestine Farley-Smith, will continue to contribute to our society immensely and spread the benefits of their many collective years of experience by serving their community, enjoying their family, and most importantly walking and talking with God.

Today, the residents of California's 9th and 13th Congressional Districts join with the members of Allen Temple Baptist Church, its community allies, fellow congregations, and Pastor Smith's loving family to celebrate his years of service and wish him a most happy and fruitful retirement. Our sincere gratitude goes out to Dr. Smith's three sons, two daughters, fourteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren for sharing this visionary leader and wonderful human being with us. We are all better people for having had the blessing of this man's friendship and guidance. May he and his wife rejoice and enjoy their time together for many happy years to come.

#### HONORING THE SERVICE AND RETIREMENT OF JIM TURNER

#### HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 19, 2008*

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of a valued staff member—James H. Turner, Jr.—who will retire at the end of this year from the staff of the Committee on Science and Technology. As the Chief Counsel for the Full Committee, Jim's expertise in law and science policy is unmatched.

Jim first came to Capitol Hill as Legislative Counsel for Congressman Gary Myers in 1975. During his 29 years of working on the Hill, Jim has served many roles for the Committee, including Technology Team Leader and Subcommittee Staff Director. He has worked across the board on the Committee's legislative agenda, especially in the areas of technology and energy policy. In addition, Jim's dedication and hard work were crucial to the creation and passage of the Stevenson-Wydler Act and the Bayh-Dole Act which reshaped technology transfer policy. Also, Jim played a key role in the development and maintenance of the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program.

Jim holds degrees from Georgetown and Yale Universities and from Westminster College and attended the Senior Managers in Government Program at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. Before his time on the Committee, Jim worked for Wheelabrator-Frye, Congressman Myers, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). In addition,

he served on the Clinton Presidential transition team and as a social worker for the state of Connecticut.

Outside of work, Jim is involved in his church as a Chairperson for the St. Columba's Episcopal Church Outreach Steering Committee. Jim also dedicates his time to advising young people as a mentor for the Georgetown University Law School and as the Washington Coordinator for the MIT/UVA summer internship program. Over the years, Jim has been known for his efforts in helping young professionals obtain jobs and providing ongoing career advice.

Madame Speaker, Jim's dedication and work ethic have made him a valued member of the Committee staff. I know that all of the Science and Technology Committee's Members and staff wish him and his wife Betty well in their journey ahead. In closing, I just want to say thank you, Jim, for your many years of dedicated public service. You will be missed.

#### TRIBUTE TO JOE BOLGER

#### HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 19, 2008*

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor one of Jackson County's finest political leaders, Joe Bolger, Jr. who died on November 18, 2008. He grew up proud of his Eastern Jackson County roots. He attended the University of Missouri and graduated with a bachelor of science in 1955. By the age of 36 he was happily married to Joanne Kobe Bolger and had three children, Kathleen, Brian and Craig. By this time in his life, he had garnered the respect of his community as he served as president of the Jackson County Chamber and had been appointed to the State Water Pollution Board by Missouri Governor Warren E. Hearnes. With the support of friends and family he entered the political arena running for the Democratic nomination for Jackson County Eastern District Judge, a seat that had been held by President Harry S. Truman. He filed his papers at the Jackson County Clerk's office in the Independence Courthouse, which he insisted was the real county seat, a debate that continues today.

In 1970 Joe Bolger, Jr. was elected Eastern Judge of Jackson County, joining Presiding Judge George W. Lehr and Western Judge Harry Wiggins. All three judges were in their 30's with Joe Bolger, Jr. being the youngest of the judges. They were a dynamic combination and set Jackson County on a path of prosperity and growth. He was a strong advocate and defender for Eastern Jackson County. He believed in listening and learning from his constituents. While fighting for the rights of Eastern Jackson County, Joe Bolger, Jr. stated in The Kansas City Star article, "We would like to look upon you as our big brother. . . . not be seen as stepchildren. The eastern and western districts are two different worlds, and I'm not pleased with your attitude toward the balance of the county." He spoke of the future and warned that the population would soon shift outside Kansas City. He fought for the sports complex, infrastructure improvements, economic opportunities, and better schools.

He served for two years, 1971 and 1972. History will record that he was the last Eastern

Jackson County Judge. In his last year, 1972, the Truman Sports Complex opened in Eastern Jackson County. We were the talk of the sports nation as we cut the ribbon on the top designed major league facilities.

By 1973, Jackson County had adopted a charter form of government, consisting of a County Executive and 15 legislators. Joe Bolger Jr. was voted to continue his service as a member of the original 15 legislators, representing northeast Jackson County. He was a powerful voice as he served with three Jackson County Executives. After the second County Executive, Mike White, decided not to run for another term, many asked Joe Bolger, Jr. to run but he declined. He served on the Jackson County Legislature for ten years, leaving all of Jackson County a better place to live. He brought industry and commerce to Eastern Jackson County and watched as the population grew. He was instrumental in the Little Blue Valley Sewer District and the continued development of Eastern Jackson County. He believed in a Truman style of government of plain speaking and respect for his community. He will always be remembered as highly intelligent, a caring father, and advocate for his constituency.

Madam Speaker, please join me in expressing our appreciation to the life and accomplishments of Joe Bolger, Jr. His legacy lives on in Jackson County as his work and dedication lead to the betterment of our community. I urge my colleagues of the 110th Congress to join me in remembering a great man from Eastern Jackson County.

#### HONORING NANCY HICKS MAYNARD

#### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 19, 2008*

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and accomplishments of one of our nation's greatest trailblazers. The renowned journalist and activist for truth in media, Nancy Hicks Maynard, passed away on September 21, 2008 at the age of 61. Her vivacious and extraordinary presence will be greatly missed, however her life's work has ensured that future generations will continue to benefit from her courageous impact indefinitely.

A news pioneer and the first African-American woman to own a major daily newspaper in America, Nancy Hicks Maynard was an inspiration to all who knew her. Her incredible journalism career began in 1966 when, outraged by inaccurate and destructive reporting on her neighborhood, Nancy broke onto the scene as a reporter for the New York Post at the age of 20.

From there she went on to work at the New York Times. At that time she was the Times' youngest staff reporter. However, that did not prevent Nancy from covering the hottest issues. From the Apollo space missions to African-American student takeovers at Columbia and Cornell universities, and the mid-sixties urban rebellions, Nancy was on the ground working nonstop to ensure that these stories were reaching the public not only through an objective lens, but from the viewpoint of a young person of color—something shamefully nonexistent in the media at that time.

In 1975 she married Robert C. Maynard, who wrote for the Washington Post and was already a news giant in his own right. At that time in our nation's history, Nancy and Robert were among the best and most accomplished of the fewer than 50 black journalists who held significant roles in the newspaper, radio and television journalism industries. However, rising up within a damaged and biased system was not enough for the Maynards. Not content with their own personal accomplishments, they both believed that their greatest civic duty was to level the playing field and bring others up behind them.

Two years later, they both resigned from their lucrative posts to pursue their shared fundamental ideals. This included, demanding a higher standard of ethics and accountability in journalism and promoting equal opportunity for people of color in the media industry. They moved to the West Coast to pursue what was right and just and to establish a non-profit dedicated to training minority reporters and pressing newsrooms to "reflect the diversity of thought, lifestyle and heritage in our culture."

In Berkeley, California, Nancy and Robert joined with eight other co-founders and launched the year-round Institute for Journalism Education—the first of its kind in this field.

In 1983, the couple purchased the financially struggling Oakland Tribune from the Gannett Company. For nearly a decade, the Maynards co-published the daily paper. It was at the Oakland Tribune that their vision of diversity in staffing and coverage took physical form and set an example for the conservative, overwhelmingly white newsroom managers they had been trying to reach out to for so many years. The Maynards sold the Tribune in 1992 and Robert passed away a few months afterward. During the ten years of their proprietorship, the company contributed approximately \$300 million in payroll revenue alone to the city of Oakland and its residents.

Nancy was the child of an African-American jazz musician and a Caucasian mother. Through her personal and professional experiences, she understood the need for the most talented and committed minds in journalism to work together to break down racial barriers and report the truth back to the community. She carried this rich heritage and strong sense of purpose with her throughout her life. In 1998, the National Association of Black Journalists awarded her its annual Lifetime Achievement Award.

Today, California's 9th Congressional District salutes Nancy Hicks Maynard and honors her legacy. We thank her family for sharing this amazing spirit with us, especially her partner, Jay T. Harris, her mother, Eve Keller, her sister, Barbara Guest, her brother, Al Hall, her sons, David and Alex, and her daughter, Dori. May her soul rest in peace.

IN HONOR OF THE PALESTINE  
CHILDREN'S RELIEF FUND

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 19, 2008*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in order to recognize the achievements of The Palestine Children's Relief Fund

(PCRF) on the occasion of their 2008 gala, entitled "Healing Hands." For the past 17 years, PCRF has played an instrumental role in providing some of the best medical treatment for children all over the Middle East.

The Palestine Children's Relief Fund is a U.S.-based non-profit that has now become the leading organization providing free medical treatment for children in the Middle East. PCRF works closely with doctors, hospitals, and organizations throughout North America and Europe in order to facilitate specialized medical care for children who are unable to be treated locally. Children have been treated in hospitals all over the United States, including in Cleveland and other cities across Ohio. Since its founding in 1991, PCRF has treated over 800 children outside of the Middle East and continues to send doctors from the United States to train medical personnel in the region.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of the Palestine Children's Relief Fund and in recognition of their outstanding achievements and important work in providing free medical treatment to children in need.

**BRUCE ASHWILL**

**HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 19, 2008*

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Madam Speaker, I would like to take a moment to pay tribute to Bruce Ashwill, a close friend from the Fourth Congressional District of California.

Bruce Ashwill is a legend in California real estate. As a founding partner of Ashwill Burke and the founder of Bishop Hawke and Aborn Powers, it is estimated that he has hired and trained more than 1,700 real estate professionals in his more than 38 years in the commercial real estate business. Bruce is a valued member of local chambers of commerce and many professional trade groups such as the California Association of Realtors and the Sacramento Trade Organization.

We first met in 1983 when I was running for the California State Senate, and our friendship has grown from there. I have been privileged to benefit from the wisdom and experiences Bruce has shared with me, providing great insight into business, politics and life.

Bruce graduated from University of California at Los Angeles, with a Bachelor of Science degree. He and his wife of 46 years, Barbara, live on a ranch in Shingle Springs, California. Bruce and Barbara have been blessed with three children and eight grandchildren.

I would like to wish Bruce and Barbara good luck in all their future endeavors and express to them how much they mean to Julie and me. We look forward to continuing our great friendship for many years to come.

**HONORING BOB FRALEY**

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 19, 2008*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with Congressman RADANOVICH, to con-

gratulate Bob Fraley upon his induction into the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame. Mr. Fraley will be honored at the 50th anniversary enshrinement dinner of the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame on Thursday, November 6, 2008.

Bob Fraley grew up in the tiny community of Hardwick, California, and admired the man considered the best pole-vaulter ever, "Dutch" Warmerdam. Coach Fraley was raised just an orchard away from the Warmerdam home. Before he was done with his storied career, Coach Fraley would nurture a track-and-field powerhouse at Lemoore High School, mentor more than 40 All-Americans at California State University, Fresno, and made the "Fraley" name synonymous with the pole vault all over the world.

According to Coach Fraley, his most significant accomplishment in his career was saving the California State University, Fresno, men's track-and-field team in 2003 after it was cut by the school as an intercollegiate sport. He saved the program by telling the university's administration, "take my salary; just don't take my sport." The school agreed and Coach Fraley coached for free and was hailed in Sports Illustrated for solving a problem instead of pointing fingers at others.

The honors are many for Coach Fraley, who was also a trailblazer for women's athletics and the implementation of Title IX. He was named 2003 USA Track and Field Nike Coach of the Year, U.S. Olympic Committee Developmental Coach of the Year in 2004, 2006 national Pole Vault Hall of Fame inductee and two-time Western Athletic Conference coach of the year. During his 28 years at California State University, Fresno, including 8 years as head coach, he developed many of the Nation's top performers; including 19 Academic All-Americans. Among his top athletes were pole-vaulter Jim Davis, who cleared 19 feet and won three NCAA titles; four-time All-American triple jumper Reggie Jackson; and Melissa (Price) Lewis, the first female inductee of the national Pole Vault Hall of Fame and the first female high school and NCAA pole vault champ.

Madam Speaker, we rise today to commend and congratulate Bob Fraley upon his achievements and induction into the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Coach Fraley congratulations on his many accomplishments.

**HONORING MATER DEI KNIGHTS  
VOLLEYBALL TEAM**

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 19, 2008*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Mater Dei Knights Volleyball Team. The Knights placed third at the IHSA State Volleyball match on Saturday November 15, 2008.

Continuing their tradition of success, this is the Knights' 12th trophy in school history. The Knights competed for their title against Chicago Payton. Winning in just two games, the Knights defeated Payton by scores of 25-17 and 25-22.

It is my pleasure to congratulate Coaches Fred Rakers and Chad Rakers along with the Knights Volleyball Team members—Courtney