

RECOGNIZING EAST MT. ZION
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ON
ITS 180TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today in recognition of East Mt. Zion United Methodist Church on its 180th Anniversary.

For the past 180 years, East Mt. Zion has continued to inspire people throughout the Northwest Florida area. The church has withstood the societal, geographical, and archeological changes that have occurred over its long history, thus authorizing its member's constant faith and enduring dedication.

Opening amidst humble beginnings, East Mt. Zion was initially a rudimentary structure built out of logs. After fire destroyed the building, its members rebuilt the church with whatever materials were available. Logs from a nearby forest were used for the walls and slabs from a local sawmill were made into the pews. In the early twentieth century a more modern church was constructed. Services were held in that location until 1956, when the present church began construction. Since then, the congregation has continued to grow exponentially as worshippers throughout the Northwest Florida area travel to East Mt. Zion.

Over the years, East Mt. Zion has served as a great source of inspiration for its members, who have always helped participate in the betterment of the church. Bake sales, quilt sales, and various other fundraisers were held by the members to raise costs for the various construction projects that the church has held over the years. Their enduring dedication serves as testimony to the excellence of East Mt. Zion and this milestone anniversary is evidence of the greatness the church has achieved.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize East Mt. Zion on this outstanding achievement.

TRIBUTE TO MELVIN MCCREE

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Melvin Phillip McCree. Melvin passed away on November 12th following a long illness and a tribute will be held tomorrow in remembrance of his life and work.

After graduating from Flint Northern High School, where he was the Student Council President, Melvin went on to graduate from Mott Community College. He continued his studies at Western Michigan University and the University of Michigan-Flint. In 1981 he was elected to the Flint City Council for the Fifth Ward. During his service on the Council, he was elected to a record-setting 5 consecutive terms as Council President.

Appointed to the position of Register of Deeds in 1990, Melvin was re-elected for 4 more terms. During the 18 years he served as

Register of Deeds, Melvin sought to bring the office into the 21st century. He was diligent in implementing new technologies to provide better service to the public. Melvin developed an office website, a system to scan and store all documents digitally, and the ability to provide documents to the public in a variety of media. Through his foresight, the Genesee County Register of Deeds office is a model for other county offices to image and store records.

Melvin McCree was an enthusiastic, conscientious public servant, an insightful innovator, and a thoughtful humanitarian. I knew Melvin since he was a child and I watched him grow and develop into a good man, and a kind friend. I valued his counsel, his sense of humor, and his community spirit.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me and honor Melvin Phillip McCree. The people of Genesee County have lost a dedicated public official and I mourn his passing.

IN CELEBRATION OF DENIS O'SULLIVAN'S 75TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 75th birthday of Mr. Denis O'Sullivan, a wonderful brother-in-law, husband, and father. He is married to Elizabeth O'Sullivan, and has made his home in Mountain Lakes, New Jersey for the past 35 years.

Denis was born December 2, 1933 in New York City at Lennox Hill Hospital. He was educated in New York State Schools and was founder-owner of O'Sullivan Menu Publishing. His company started small, with a staff of less than 10, and grew to employ over 200 people in the United States and England.

O'Sullivan Menu Publishing had a groundbreaking impact on the airline industry by providing the first comprehensive service for the creation and production of printed menus. These international menus were translated into 84 different languages.

Since retirement in early 2008, Denis has been intently working for charitable and philanthropic causes. He currently serves on three individual boards in various capacities, including President. For many years he supported the fundraising activities of St. Clare's hospital in Denville, New Jersey. He is currently Vice-Chairman of the Board of the Visiting Nurse Association of Northern New Jersey, and maintains special interest in their Alzheimer's disease support facility.

Denis is a loving and generous father of three as well as a step-father of three. His unstinting support of education for all of these children has produced six college educations and three post-graduate degrees. Denis' six grandchildren are an enduring source of love, pride, and pleasure in his life.

I thank Denis for the countless lives that he has touched through his many accomplishments. It is for these reasons that I join Denis O'Sullivan's family and friends in wishing him a blessed 75th birthday and continued health and happiness in the years to come.

ROBERT CRIBBS

HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Madam Speaker, on October 30, 2008, Robert Cribbs passed away in the presence of his loving family. Bob was a true innovator who successfully developed five high technology companies. He was also deeply committed to his personal interests, most notably in the area of Egyptian culture. Bob was recognized throughout his life for his great work, and his presence as an entrepreneur, professor, scientist, father, husband and friend will be sorely missed.

Bob came to California after graduating from the Carnegie Institute of Technology with a degree in physics. He arrived with his wife, Donna, and two infant boys, Mark and Bob, to work at Aerojet General Corporation. Soon after, Bob and Donna's daughter, Sherry, was born. In 1967, Bob left Aerojet to form Electra-Physics Laboratories (EPL), located in Folsom. After General Electric became interested in EPL and purchased the rights to work with part of the company, the remaining division was named Folsom Research Inc. (FRI) and moved to Rancho Cordova. FRI was bought by Barco, and soon after Bob formed SoniPulse, Inc., in El Dorado Hills. Bob also co-founded a medical company, LipoSonix, Inc.

Bob was an expert in ultrasound technology. He used this knowledge not only to further important medical research, but also for discovery as he explored the pyramids in the Valley of the Kings in search of the burial chamber of pharaoh Seti using ultrasound and RF equipment to locate the tomb. Bob's keen interest in Egyptian music also led him to prove that Pythagoras actually stole the musical scale from the Egyptians.

Bob's life was full of accomplishments, and those of us who were fortunate enough to know him will miss him dearly. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife of 51 years, Donna; his children Bob, Mark and Sherry; his grandchildren Tensor Chen, Weijing Chen, Jason, Sommer, Royce, Anneleise and Gretchen; and his great-grandchild Adam.

HONORING MANCINI'S CHAR HOUSE ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 60TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to rise to pay tribute to the Mancini family and all employees of Mancini's Char House and Lounge in Saint Paul in honor of their 60th anniversary year. Mancini's restaurant has earned a legendary reputation for hospitality, serving a gathering place for generations of Saint Paul families, friends, as well as quite a few local and national sports stars and celebrities. Anybody who comes to Mancini's looks forward to having a great meal and a special occasion.

It all began with Nick Mancini, who opened his first small tavern on Saint Paul's West 7th

Street in 1948, with strong support from his family—especially his mother's famous spaghetti. It was not long until Nick met his wife Maryann, who was with him every step of the way, until he passed away in 2007.

Throughout his entire life, Nick's generous and friendly presence personified Saint Paul hospitality. Nick's greatest pleasure was greeting his customers and making them feel at home. Nick also delighted in serenading diners with his beautiful accordian music. Nick's sons Pat and John now own the restaurant, continuing the tradition of hospitality with the help of the whole family, including their mother, children and Nick's sister Bertha. Their many loyal employees feel like they are part of the family.

Hospitality was the cornerstone of Nick's business success, growing through the years from a tiny bar to a 600-seat steakhouse. Mancini's has been a crossroads of who's who in sports, Hollywood and politics. Nick's son John estimates that 300 photographs of notable patrons line the walls of the lounge. Mancini's 1986 major expansion even attracted the attention of singer Tony Bennett, who lent his voice and star power to the celebration.

Despite Mancini's great success, the family restaurant has remained focused on its neighborhood roots. Among their most loyal customers are the families who grew up with Nick and his family. Mancini's Sports Hall of Fame pays tribute to nearly 150 Saint Paul athletes who are leaders in teaching, coaching or supporting amateur or professional athletics in Saint Paul.

Hospitality continues to be the biggest draw at Mancini's—but their fantastic steaks don't hurt either. In recent years, their famous 12-ounce Mancini's sirloins have been enjoyed worldwide. Through an ambitious effort called "Serving Our Troops," Mancini's has partnered with several other family-owned Saint Paul restaurants, other local businesses and hundreds of volunteers to stage several major picnics for Minnesota National Guard troops and their families. Since 2004, they have donated their time and thousands of steaks to bring Saint Paul hospitality to troops and their families in Mississippi, Oklahoma, Kosovo and Iraq. "Serving Our Troops" truly speaks to the community spirit and hospitality epitomized by the Mancini family. Many people talk about supporting our military families, but the Mancini family has gone above and beyond the call of duty in sharing Saint Paul hospitality.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the Mancini family and all employees of Mancini's Char House and Lounge on the first 60 years of a remarkable Saint Paul institution. We look forward to many more.

CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION FOR MEMBERS OF THE VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL

HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute today to the men and women of Southeastern Arizona who for the past two years have served as members of my Veterans Advisory Council.

These former members of our Armed Forces live throughout my 8th Congressional District, they come from all walks of life and they represent every branch of military service and every military conflict from World War II to the present time.

They are a very diverse and multi-talented group and yet they all have one important thing in common. They all willingly contributed their time, experience and knowledge as advisors to me on issues concerning veterans.

Their wise counsel and insights have been invaluable to me. By serving on my Veterans Advisory Council, they have continued to serve their country and the men in women who have put on the uniform. We owe them a tremendous debt of gratitude.

The Members of my Veterans Advisory Council are: Stan Abrams, Sergio Arellano, Bob Berry, John Cronin, Jim Ellars, Johnny Fajardo, Mary Figura, Terrie Gent, Dale Halstead, Frank Hartline, Amy Hartline, Thomas Heaney, Mike Klier, Mel Kloor, Col. Joey Strickland, Pepe Mendoza, Tommy Mendoza, Able Moreno, Pam Murphy, Norma Navarre, Chuck Larry Ohara, Bob Parson, Dan Ross, DuWayne Smith, John Soltero Sr., Mary Pat Sullivan, Christian Vasquez, Bob Walton, Barbara Williams, Don Williams, and Bob Winchester.

I am grateful to them for their advice and their advocacy on behalf of our veterans and I look forward to their continued assistance in the next two years.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, pursuant to Republican earmark guidance, I am submitting the following project that was included in H.R. 2638, the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act of 2009:

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS.

Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

Project Name: Lafayette Escadrille Memorial.

Account: American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC).

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Air Force.

Address of Requesting Entity: HQ USAF/CC, 1670 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, DC 20330.

Description of Request: Provide \$500,000.00 to conduct an updated engineering study of the Lafayette Escadrille Memorial to determine the long term recurring costs to preserve and maintain the memorial at ABMC standards.

HONORING CESILIA LOMELI-PEREZ, FNP, MPH

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Cesilia "CeCe" Lomeli-

Perez upon being awarded with the "Community Health Champions Award" at the 2008 West Fresno Health Care Coalition's 4th annual "This is Your Life of Service" dinner and award ceremony. This year the ceremony will be held at the Radisson Hotel Conference Center in Fresno, California on Friday, October 24th.

CeCe Lomeli-Perez grew up in Patterson, California. She attended Patterson High School and Modesto Junior College where she received her Associate's of Science and Registered Nurse degrees. She moved to Fresno, California to further her education and earned her Bachelors of Science degree in nursing (BSN) from California State University, Fresno. After completing her Bachelors degree she started working at Valley Children's Hospital in the neo-natal intensive care unit. She worked there for five years and decided to continue her education. She returned to California State University, Fresno to earn her Masters in nursing with a specialty in family practice, a Masters in public health and is currently working on her Ph.D. in public health.

Mrs. Lomeli-Perez is a nurse practitioner for the Holy Cross Clinic in Fresno, a community outreach clinic of Saint Agnes Medical Center located within the Poverello House. The clinic provides free medical and dental services to the poor and homeless; the only eligibility requirement is that patients cannot have medical insurance. Throughout her career she has run health fairs, health screenings for schools, eyeglass programs and taught classes on diabetes and prenatal care. She has also served as Chair of the Adult Task Force to help secure funding for mental health services for Fresno County. She is very involved in her church, the Poverello House, the Rescue Mission, the Salvation Army and the Youth Orchestra of Fresno. She has organized the "Mujeres de Valor," a group of women of color who walk annually in the Komen Foundation's Walk for the Cure. In 2005 she received a "Top 10 Business and Professional Women of the Year" award from the Marjaree Mason Center, and the University of California, San Francisco Fresno Latino Center Award for medical education and research. She has also received the annual Leadership Award in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. In 2008 she was a presenter at the annual Veritas Forum at California State University, Fresno. Mrs. Lomeli-Perez has been a champion in reaching out to those who are poor, homeless and uninsured. She has served the community for over fifteen years.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Cesilia "CeCe" Lomeli-Perez upon being awarded with "Community Health Champions Award". I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mrs. Lomeli-Perez many years of continued success.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL MICHAEL PAULK FOR 25 YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE U.S. MARINE CORPS

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. GINGREY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a fellow Georgian, LTC Michael