

A TRIBUTE IN REMEMBRANCE OF
THEORA KING

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Theora King, a community leader and educator who has contributed enormously to the lives of many children in need.

Theora King has worked in the field of education for over forty years. She has a bachelor of science degree in education from Mercy College where she graduated magna cum laude. In 1990, Ms. King received the Educator of the Year Award from a parent organization in District 17. Ms. King has worked in several programs including Big Apple, Head Start, Learning Through Science, Title I, Latch Key, Summer Early Childhood Program, and Platform For Learning and Special Education.

Theora King often goes above and beyond what is required of her in order to keep children who are in need from being deprived of opportunities that are afforded to other children who have supportive families. Her love for children is demonstrated by using personal monies to pay for trips, breakfast, lunch, clothing and other essentials needed when a child's parents are unable to provide for them. Ms. King has volunteered her personal time to tutor children in reading to help them gain self-confidence, a love for reading, and reading proficiency to pass State Reading Examinations.

During her career, children have demonstrated love and respect toward Ms. King and children often come to her for advice and assistance to handle difficulties they encounter at home and in school. Ms. King is never too busy to take time from her personal life to help a child and his or her family who may be in need of assistance. Ms. King is also a member of the Open Door Church of God and Christ and she has served on the Usher Board. In the past, Ms. King served as Acting Parent Teacher's Association president and secretary when her children were students at P.S. 316. Ms. King has also chaired the Social Committee at P.S. 316 from 1968 to 2005.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Theora King.

IN HONOR OF THE NAVAL
POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Mr. FARR. Madam President, today the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California will celebrate its 100th anniversary.

Founded a century ago as the School of Marine Engineering at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, the Naval Postgraduate School has grown in response to a changing world. The school moved to Monterey, California in 1951, taking over the landmark Hotel Del Monte resort. Today, NPS is a global leader in national security and defense-related education and research.

The Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) is a unique graduate school—an institution dedi-

cated to providing education and research with a focus on relevance to the defense and security arenas and on recognizing and innovatively solving problems in support of our military forces, our country's global partners and our national security.

NPS provides high-quality, relevant and unique advanced education and research programs that increase the combat effectiveness of the Naval Services, other Armed Forces of the U.S. and our partners, to enhance our national security.

NPS is one of the oldest and most prestigious institutions belonging to the United States Department of Defense. Since its inception almost a century ago, NPS has been found to be worthy of the investment that both the Navy and the nation has made in it. The school has educated some of the most brilliant and effective leaders of our nation and of the world. Countless numbers of NPS graduates have made significant contributions to global stability and national security, and some remarkable breakthroughs in research at NPS have saved the lives of the men and women who so bravely defend their nations daily.

Madam President, I want to wish a happy 100th birthday to the Naval Postgraduate School.

NATHANIEL MARTINEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Nathaniel Martinez who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Nathaniel Martinez is a senior at Jefferson High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Nathaniel Martinez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Nathaniel Martinez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication he has shown in his academic career to his future accomplishments.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO COMPANY
B, 202D ENGINEER COMBAT
BATTALLION

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is with a great deal of pride that I rise to pay a very special tribute to a brave group of men in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. Company B of the 202d Engineer Combat Battalion is celebrating their sixty-sixth anniversary.

Madam Speaker, there is no question the military is one of the key building blocks of our

country. From the earliest days of our Nation's history, courageous men and women have fought for the freedom and safety of the American people. Our soldiers have opened doors for America's citizens and allowed our children to live in a nation that is peaceful and free.

During World War II, Company B served in campaigns in Normandy, Central Europe, Northern France, Ardennes and the Rhineland. They were the only group to serve in all five campaigns and receive five battle stars in World War II.

The servicemen of Company B also fought alongside the 1st, 2d, 3d, 9th, and the 15th U.S. Army, the British 2d Army and the U.S. Navy throughout the war in 10 countries. One of their most significant contributions to the War effort was the construction of the longest Treadway Pontoon Bridge in the world at 1152 feet, which was built in less than six hours while facing enemy fire.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Company B of the 202d Engineer Combat Battalion. Our communities are well served by having dedicated servicemen who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to protect our beloved Nation. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize this great group of men on their sixty-sixth anniversary.

INTRODUCTION OF MOLALLA WILD
AND SCENIC RIVER BILL

HON. KURT SCHRADER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Mr. SCHRADER. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to introduce The Molalla Wild and Scenic River Bill. This legislation would designate 21.3 miles of the Molalla River as "wild and scenic" and would provide federal designation in preserving the character of this section of the Molalla River.

This legislation is supported by numerous elected officials, civic leaders, and recreational and environmental groups in Clackamas and Marion counties including American Rivers, the City of Molalla, the Oregon State Police, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Wild Salmon Center, and the Willamette Riverkeepers. All of these groups recognize the social, cultural and economic benefits of this bill.

In Oregon, the Molalla River is known for its many recreational purposes which include hiking, diving, fishing, kayaking, whitewater rafting, picnicking, mountain biking, and horseback riding. It still serves as a water source for many citizens in Canby and Molalla, Oregon, and is nationally recognized for its beautiful and scenic wildlife. It provides spawning beds for threatened Steelhead Trout and Chinook salmon and is also an essential wildlife area for the pileated woodpecker, red tree vole, red-legged frog, northern spotted owl, Pacific giant salamander, and both golden and bald eagles.

Designating this section of the Molalla River as "wild and scenic" would permanently ensure its protection and preservation as one of Oregon's many natural state treasures. It would guarantee that future generations can experience the river's rich historical, cultural,

and recreational purposes. I am excited to introduce this legislation and urge my colleagues to support it.

HONORING BISHOP GUILFOYLE
HIGH SCHOOL

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of the Bishop Guilfoyle High School girls basketball team of Altoona, PA. As the 2009 Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association Class A girls basketball champions, the Lady Marauders have shown the discipline and teamwork required to achieve greatness.

The Lady Marauders have a rich history of achievement. Having won two PIAA Class A championships in three seasons, and five overall, the Lady Marauders are no strangers to success. Their season's record of 30–1 is tied for the second most in a single season in Lady Marauder program history.

This year's season came to a close on March 21st at University Park, PA, and resulted in a 49–27 defeat of Nativity BMV by Bishop Guilfoyle's Lady Marauders. The hard work and talent of the nineteen players, as well as their five coaches, most certainly led to this rewarding experience.

These young women are exemplary athletes and their pride in their performance is an inspiration to all of Blair County. I believe that this championship will be one of many successes in the lives of these talented players and coaches, and I congratulate them for all their efforts.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ISAIAH R. MCGEE

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding constituent and an award-winning educator, Dr. Isaiah R. McGee. Dr. McGee is a 2009 recipient of the South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities Inc. Excellence in Teaching Award. He is the director of choral studies and assistant professor of music at Claflin University. He also directs the Claflin University Concert Choir.

Dr. McGee is a native South Carolinian, having been born and raised in Anderson. He is a graduate of my alma mater, South Carolina State University, and earned his masters from the University of South Carolina. Dr. McGee earned his doctorate from Florida State University in Music Education—Choral Conducting, and served as a graduate assistant and director of the Gospel Choir at Florida State.

During his career, Dr. McGee has earned a reputation as an accomplished vocalist, conductor, adjudicator, and clinician. He has international experience, debuting as the Conte in Cimarosa's *Il Convito* at Teatro Signorelli in Cortona, Italy. He stays very active in professional organizations including the American Choral Directors Association and MENC.

Dr. McGee joined the Claflin University faculty in 1997, and has made an enviable mark on the Orangeburg campus. Dr. McGee is always looking for ways to enrich the experiences of his students to promote their performance and their commitment to their craft. Last year, he took Claflin's Concert Choir to China to participate in the pre-Olympic ceremonies. They performed in both Beijing and Shanghai.

Dr. McGee has developed a great deal of respect from his colleagues and students. Claflin University's president Dr. Henry Tisdale calls him "an exemplary member of our faculty and committed to teaching and service." Claflin's vice president for academic affairs Dr. George Miller says, "Dr. McGee's approach to teaching and scholarship with his student partners demonstrates the strength of the amalgam that results when theory and practice are combined."

Dr. McGee was selected for the Excellence in Teaching Award by his peers at Claflin University. The purpose of the award is to honor faculty members who demonstrate the highest standards of teaching that encourage students to strive for excellence in their studies and intellectual pursuits. In addition to the recognition, Dr. McGee receives a \$3,000 grant to be used for professional development opportunities.

Madam Speaker, I invite you and my colleagues to join me today in applauding the tremendous accomplishments of Dr. Isaiah McGee. He is an extraordinary example of an educator who inspires intellectual curiosity and demands outside enrichment to ensure his students reach their full potential. This award is well deserved and is recognition of a job well done.

SAMUEL MARKOFF

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Samuel Markoff who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Samuel Markoff is a senior at Arvada High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Samuel Markoff is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Samuel Markoff for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication he has shown in his academic career to his future accomplishments.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VILLAGE OF OTTAWA, OHIO

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, I would like to submit the following:

Whereas Congressman ROBERT E. LATTA extends his congratulations on the occasion of the One Hundred Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of the Village of Ottawa, Ohio; and

Whereas Ottawa, Ohio has been a proud member of the Northwest Ohio community since 1834; and

Whereas the citizens of Ottawa, Ohio provide friendship and tradition to all those in Northwest Ohio; and

Whereas Ottawa, Ohio has a long history of fostering business, education, and community relationships; therefore, be it

Resolved The people of Northwest Ohio are grateful for the service of the citizens and employers of Ottawa, Ohio. Ohio's Fifth Congressional District is well served by their dedication and support. We wish Ottawa, Ohio all the best during its celebration of the One Hundred Seventy-Fifth anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO GENERAL DAVID D.
MCKIERNAN

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments, dedication, public service and valor of General David D. McKiernan, U.S. Army, outgoing Commander of NATO's International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) and Commander U.S. Forces Afghanistan, who served our Nation with distinction during 37 years of faithful service. General McKiernan will retire from the Army on 1 August 2009, and we owe him our thanks and gratitude for his many efforts and years of service on behalf of our Nation.

A native of Ft. McPherson, Georgia, General McKiernan entered the U.S. Army in 1972, after graduating from the College of William and Mary and receiving a ROTC commission from the U.S. Army. During the course of his career he served at every level from platoon leader to four star commander. The units he commanded included the 1st Battalion, 35th Armor (Iron Knights), 1st Armored Division, 1st Brigade (Iron Horse) 1st Cavalry Division, 1st Cavalry Division, and 3rd U.S. Army/Combined Forces Land Component Command. He culminated his career serving as the theater commander—COMISAF/US Forces Afghanistan.

This superb officer performed key leadership roles during many of the crises and operations of the past 15 years. He served as the Deputy Chief of Staff G–2/G–3 with the Allied Command Europe Rapid Reaction Corp) while forward deployed in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina. From August 1998 until September 1999, he served as Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Headquarters, United States