

Assistance and Cooperation Enhancement (PEACE) Act; and providing for consideration of H.R. 2410, the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, FYs 2010 and 2011.

INTRODUCTION OF THE
BREASTFEEDING PROMOTION ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, today I am reintroducing an important piece of legislation, the Breastfeeding Promotion Act with my colleagues Mrs. CAPPs, Mr. OLVER, Mr. FRANK, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. SNYDER, Ms. SCHWARTZ, and Mr. MORAN.

Statistical surveys of families show that over 50 percent of mothers with children less than one year of age are in the labor force. Whereas women with infants and toddlers are a rapidly growing segment of the labor force today, arrangements must be made to allow a mother's expressing of milk if mother and child must separate.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that mothers breastfeed exclusively for six months but continuing for at least the first year of a child's life. Research studies show that children who are not breastfed have higher rates of mortality, meningitis, some types of cancers, asthma and other respiratory illnesses, bacterial and viral infections, diarrhoeal diseases, ear infections, allergies, and obesity. There have also been numerous benefits to mothers shown, including improved bone mineralization, an earlier return to pre-pregnancy weight, and decreased risk of certain cancers.

Our bill will encourage and promote breastfeeding by removing common obstacles to breastfeeding and expressing milk in the workplace that many women face by: (1) amending the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to protect breastfeeding in the workplace, (2) providing tax incentives for businesses that establish private lactation areas in the workplace, (3) providing for a performance standard for breast pumps, (4) allowing breastfeeding equipment to be tax deductible for families, and (5) protecting the privacy of breastfeeding mothers.

We urge all of our colleagues to support this important legislation.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WATKINS BROTHERS MEMORIAL CHAPEL

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today in recognition of the 100th anniversary of Watkins Brothers Memorial Chapel, the oldest African-American owned business of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District, which I am honored to represent. The Watkins Brothers Memorial Chapel will celebrate its centennial milestone beginning this weekend on Saturday, June 13th, when they will have the first

series of events dedicated to the great service this business has bestowed upon Missouri's Fifth Congressional District. I am privileged to have been asked to partake in these celebrations.

The Watkins Brothers Memorial Chapel has been an influential and unwavering force since founders John "J.T." and Theron "T.B." Watkins first opened the chapel's doors in spring of 1909. After John's premature death, Theron remained determined to carry on the business and the vision that he and his brother had worked so hard to make a reality. The Watkins Brothers Memorial Chapel has now seen five generations of Watkins run the family business. The chapel is known throughout the greater Kansas City metropolitan area for its excellent service and the high level of care and concern it affords both the families and the individuals involved.

The Watkins family has been highly influential in the arena of Kansas City politics. Since the beginning, Theron was very involved in neighborhood development; so much so that there is now an important housing project in Kansas City named in his honor. From 1941 to 1948, Theron sat on the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. The story of Theron filling up one of his funeral cars with coal and delivering the coal to families in desperate need during the peak of the Great Depression signifies his deep commitment to those around him. His heightened awareness of the needs of others led him to encourage his son, Bruce Watkins, Sr., to pursue a career in service and politics.

Bruce Watkins, Sr. spent most of his adult life relentlessly pursuing the greater good through political service. He was one of the co-founders of Freedom Incorporated, an African-American political organization that worked to increase their community's influence by generating votes for candidates they felt would best empower African-Americans. Bruce Watkins, Sr. was also one of the first two African-Americans elected in 1963 to serve on Kansas City's City Council. In 1979, he became the first African-American councilperson to run for mayor of Kansas City. Though he lost, his progressive views of African-American leadership and political influence endured. His legacy lives on in the form of Bruce Watkins Drive, a 10.2 mile long stretch of highway that connects the southern, suburban part of Kansas City to its northern, urban counterpart.

Throughout the years, the Watkins family has remained active in the Kansas City community. Working alongside the CODA Jazz Fund, the Watkins family provides financial assistance for dignified funeral services to jazz musicians who have passed. Individual members of the family are involved in organizations ranging from the Mutual Musicians Fund to the Boys and Girls Club.

The Watkins family has remained true to their philosophy and goal "to serve humanity, persons of all faiths, under all circumstances, with dignity, respect, and understanding, with attention to he needs and desires of each family."

Considering their tremendous contribution to Missouri's Fifth Congressional District and surrounding areas, it is an honor and a privilege to recognize the Watkins Brothers Memorial Chapel and the Watkins family for their one hundred years of excellent service to the Kansas City area. Madam Speaker, please join me in celebrating and expressing our gratitude

to this family and their incredible dedication to both their business and their community. The African-American community has long benefited from figures such as Theron Watkins, Bruce Watkins, Sr., and the many other members of the Watkins family. Due to their unyielding persistence, they helped change the reality of African-Americans' political power and influence. The Watkins family is one to revere and respect, and they truly are role models that the Missouri Fifth Congressional District is proud to call our own.

HONORING RICHARD E. MURRAY, FACHE, FOR HIS SERVICE AS THE PRESIDENT/CEO OF KENNEDY MEMORIAL HEALTH SYSTEM

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Richard E. Murray, FACHE. He has played an integral role in New Jersey's First District through his administration of multiple health care systems. Mr. Murray has demonstrated a history of compassion throughout the community and for this he deserves great praise.

Mr. Murray has served as the President/Chief Executive Officer of Kennedy Memorial Health System since 1980. Kennedy Memorial Health System consists of three acute-care hospitals, multiple outpatient clinics and various wellness programs.

Mr. Murray's leadership has led to many advances within the Kennedy Memorial Health System. Since 1998, Kennedy Memorial Hospital has opened a free-standing outpatient Dialysis Center, a Sleep Center, a 10-bed Ronald McDonald House Pediatric Unit, a Cancer Center and Outpatient Medical Imaging Center, an Emergency Department, a Center for Wound Healing, a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, a 40-bed Progressive Care Unit, a 12-bed Innovative Hospice Care Center, a Stroke Program, a Maternity Center, a PET/CT Center, a Family Health Services Center, a Maternal-Fetal Medicine Unit, a Surgical Unit, and an Intensive Care Unit.

Aside from the structural upgrades, Mr. Murray has overseen multiple projects that have improved the quality of care within the Kennedy Memorial Health System. These projects include the creation of an "Invensivist Program" to ensure the oversight of health care providers and patient safety, the purchase of the high-tech DaVinci Robot for use in minimally invasive surgical procedures, and the creation of programs for diabetes control and a smoke free environment at all facilities. Without the hard work and exceptional guidance provided by Mr. Murray, none of these things would have been possible.

Mr. Murray has received multiple awards commemorating his service to the South Jersey community. In 2005, he received the New Jersey Hospital Association's Distinguished Service Award, presented annually to an individual with more than 15 years of service in health care who "consistently demonstrates strength, integrity, professionalism and a relentless commitment to a hospital or health care system." In 2006, he was honored by

March of Dimes for his positive influence and contribution to the community. In 2007, he was honored with the New Jersey Institute for Nursing EPIC Award, which honors exceptional individuals for their contributions to New Jersey communities and the advancement of health care for the profession of nursing.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Murray's service to New Jersey's First Congressional District should not go unrecognized. I want to personally thank Dick Murray for the exceptional guidance he has provided his staff, the community service he has provided to members of the community, and the lives that he has changed throughout New Jersey. I congratulate Mr. Murray and wish him the best of luck in the future.

TRIBUTE TO WINSTON SPENCER
WATERS II

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Winston Spencer Waters II, a senior at Elmont Memorial High School. Winston was named a semifinalist in the Intel Science Talent Search Competition, becoming the first Elmont student to be named a semifinalist in the competition.

The Intel Science Talent Search is America's most prestigious science research competition for high school seniors. Each year 300 students are selected as semifinalists nationwide. Winston's project, "Separating the Roles of HIF-1 α and HIF-2 α in Tumorigenesis through Downregulation of HIF-2 α by RNA Interference." This project studied Von Hippel Lindau, or VHL, disease which is a form of kidney cancer. Winston was selected as a semifinalist from over 1,000 students who entered projects into the competition.

This is a remarkable achievement for Winston, for the Elmont Memorial High School and for the entire Elmont Community. Winston has not only excelled in science, but has worked hard to remain a well balanced student. As President of the senior class, member of the Future Business Leaders of America and the Math, Science and National Honor Societies, he has certainly been able to accomplish that goal.

As a Member of the Committee for Education and Labor, I commend Winston and congratulate him for his dedication to his education. I would like to wish him the best of luck as he prepares to attend Harvard University in the fall, where he plans to study biomedical sciences and engineering as well as economics or finance.

Madam Speaker, it is with pride and admiration I offer my congratulations and best wishes to Winston Spencer Waters II and his entire family.

IN RECOGNITION OF REVEREND
DOUGLAS PAUL JONES OF WEL-
COME MISSIONARY BAPTIST
CHURCH

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Reverend Douglas Paul Jones, on the occasion of his twentieth anniversary as Senior Pastor of the Welcome Missionary Baptist Church in the City of Pontiac, Michigan. Since June 18, 1989, when Pastor Jones was first installed, he has been a tireless leader—both within the church, and in the greater Pontiac community.

Throughout Pastor Jones' tenure at Welcome Missionary Baptist Church, he has grown the membership of the church by more than three thousand members. As the Senior Pastor of the church, he has touched countless lives through developing well respected ministries and mentorship programs supporting men, women, and young adults, as well as those individuals struggling with drug addiction, domestic violence and HIV/AIDS.

Outside of the church, Pastor Jones is a member of various chambers of commerce, business associations and youth programs. Of note, he founded the Greater Pontiac Community Coalition with the mission to collectively exercise actions and advocacy to generate individual, social, and institutional change. His outreach sews the fabric of the religious, social, educational, business, and artistic communities together with the steadfastness of a person of faith and foresight of a true leader.

Pastor Jones, I congratulate you on this significant anniversary. I salute your untiring commitment to Welcome Missionary Baptist Church and the greater City of Pontiac community. I am proud to call you not only a partner in serving our community, but also a dear friend. I look forward to the next twenty years working with you and the congregation at Welcome Missionary Baptist Church.

IN HONOR OF J. NICHOLAS
COUNTER III UPON HIS RETIRE-
MENT AS PRESIDENT OF THE
ALLIANCE OF MOTION PICTURE
& TELEVISION PRODUCERS

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Mr. BERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to share some observations about the historic career of J. Nicholas ("Nick") Counter III upon his retirement from the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers, "AMPTP". AMPTP is the multi-employer bargaining agent for more than 350 production companies in their collective bargaining negotiations with more than 20 labor organizations. The production companies include the major motion picture studios and independent production companies. The labor organizations with whom AMPTP engages in collective bargaining include the Directors Guild of America, the Screen Actors Guild, the American Federation of Radio and Television Artists, the Writers

Guild of America, East and West, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, the American Federation of Musicians, and the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, which is the umbrella union for all unions which represent those workers behind the camera—from costumers and make-up artists to art directors and animators. AMPTP negotiates 80 industry-wide collective bargaining agreements, covering some 250,000 industry workers in the United States and Canada.

Nick joined the AMPTP when it was established in 1982 as its first president and has served in that capacity for the past 27 years. During his tenure, he has successfully concluded 312 collective bargaining agreements with the major entertainment industry guilds and unions. Throughout the vast majority of Nick's tenure, the motion picture and television industry enjoyed unprecedented labor peace and stability. In addition, the industry has thrived with growth in employment and wages and consistently improved working conditions under Nick's leadership. He has presided over dramatic changes in the motion picture industry, from the growth of home entertainment to new media, and he has led producers at the bargaining table through these momentous transformations. Many in Hollywood say Nick has had the hardest job in Hollywood—to maintain unity among the producers and face off with some of the most professional and creative workers in any business.

He has been well-suited to the job. He learned about labor relations up close while working summers at a Colorado steel mill where his father spent his career. An amateur boxer and high school star football player, he graduated from the University of Colorado with a degree in electrical engineering and a record of accomplishment as half-back on the football team. Then he detoured to law school, graduating from Stanford University and made his home in Los Angeles.

Nick's accomplishments go beyond his role at the bargaining table. It is well known that motion picture industry jobs come with good benefits—health insurance and pensions. Nick has played a critical role in ensuring those benefits are secure. He serves as a trustee on fourteen guild and union health and pension funds. He is also a trustee on the Motion Picture and Television Fund, a past president and current member of the Board of Directors of the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans, and a past chair of the Entertainment Industry Foundation. And he has provided his experience and wisdom to many national groups examining health care issues that face our nation. He has also engaged on safety and environmental issues that affect the industry.

After such a distinguished career, Nick has earned his opportunity to live the next chapter. He will give up the all night bargaining sessions for more time with his family—his wife, Jackie; his son Nick IV; his daughter, Samantha, and her husband, Alex Kurtzman, and their son, Jack. As he embarks on this well-deserved retirement, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our appreciation for the work he has done and wishing him and his family well.