

TRIBUTE TO BISHOP EUSTACE S. CLARKE AND MIAMI RIDGEWAY CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

**HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 18, 2009*

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Bishop Eustace S. Clarke and the members of Miami Ridgeway Church of God of Prophecy on their new sanctuary. Bishop Clarke led his congregation in celebrating the achievement of this beloved church, which has become a citadel of faith in the Miami-Dade County community.

In 1922, Miami Ridgeway Church of God of Prophecy began in a small community called Nazarene in the Northeast area of Miami, Florida. Their first pastor was the late Evangelist Andrew Bullard. He was then succeeded by the late Bishop J.R. Smith who served as pastor until 1930. During the mid-1930s, Brother Ed Rolle served as pastor until the late Bishop J.R. Smith returned and served again until 1939. Other pastors throughout the history of Miami Ridgeway Church of God of Prophecy include: the late Brother Hermis Ferguson, late Bishop Henry Curtis, late Bishop Theophilus Hunter, late Bishop J.D. Williams, Bishop R.B. Davis, and Bishop George H. Knowles.

In 1983, Bishop Eustace S. Clarke, the present pastor, joined the Church's family. A Jamaican native, Bishop Clarke came to the United States as a migrant worker for the Belle Glade, Florida Sugar Cane Corporation. Bishop Clarke married his wife, Mrs. Emily Clarke on March 25, 1962. After nearly 47 years of marital bliss, Bishop Clarke and his wife are blessed with 14 children. Bishop Clarke has remained the pastor for the past 26 years.

While serving at Miami Ridgeway Church of God of Prophecy, in 1999 Bishop Clarke began to follow through with his vision for a larger sanctuary. Groundbreaking for this endeavor began in 2000. Though there were many obstacles and unforeseen delays, the Church will now dedicate their completed "House for God" on June 28, 2009.

Madam Speaker, please join me in applauding and congratulating Bishop Eustace S. Clarke and the members of Miami Ridgeway Church of God of Prophecy on their new sanctuary. Miami Ridgeway Church of God of Prophecy has been dedicated to providing spirituality, service and guidance to the Church and greater community of South Florida. It is my hope that Miami Ridgeway Church of God of Prophecy continues to stand as a beacon of resolve, inspiration and worship for many years to come.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2009

SPEECH OF

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 16, 2009*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2847) making ap-

propriations for the Department of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of H.R. 2847, and in appreciation of the work done by the Chairman and Ranking Member on this appropriations bill. I want to take a moment to speak to a provision included in the bill's accompanying report regarding methamphetamines.

I have heard from members of the law enforcement community in my district about the range of difficulties that they have encountered with the efficiency and effectiveness of the logbook requirement of the Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act (CMEA). As you know Mr. Chairman, pharmacies are required to keep a record of the sale of various over-the-counter pharmaceuticals, due to their use in the production of illicit drugs such as meth. This record is meant to ensure that individuals do not purchase excessive amounts of specific pharmaceuticals in a set period of time.

Unfortunately, there is a wide assortment of methods used to meet this requirement. Some pharmacies utilize an electronic record system while others have a paper logbook to record purchase information. Further, there is no way for pharmacies in a geographic area to share information from their logbooks, which allows individuals purchasing meth ingredients, known as "smurfers," to easily go from one pharmacy to another, purchasing the maximum amount of product from each store.

The inconsistencies of the logbook requirement make it very difficult for law enforcement agents to investigate drug-related activities in a timely and effective manner.

This legislation contains a reporting requirement for the Department of Justice to explain its strategy for dealing with illicit methamphetamine production and to make recommendations on how the CMEA can be strengthened or expanded to improve the Department's ability to identify and apprehend those engaged in the illegal production and distribution of meth, and other illicit drugs, in our communities. I am grateful that Committee has agreed to include this report provision and look forward to working with the Chairman to ensure this report specifically takes into consideration the logbook requirement and ways on which that requirement can be improved to assist the law enforcement community with their difficult task.

Again, I thank the Chairman and Ranking Member for their work on this bill and look forward to supporting its passage.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF FRANK EIKENBURG, FORMER LEGISLATOR

**HON. RALPH M. HALL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 18, 2009*

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Frank Eikenburg of Dallas, TX, devoted member of the Republican Party and my good friend, who passed away June 4th at the age of 64.

Mr. Eikenburg was a respected member of the Texas House of Representatives from 1980 until he chose not to seek re-election in 1984. He was a respected leader in the Re-

publican Party, and his contributions to the State were generous. He was known as a kind and honest man, unafraid to stand up for his beliefs. He was always able to find the humor in life.

Along with his service to the State of Texas in the Texas House of Representatives, Mr. Eikenburg was appointed by Governor Bill Clements to serve on the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles from 1989 until 1991. He spent the later years of his life as a political consultant, striving to uphold the conservative values he believed would make the country a better place.

Born July 7, 1944 in Wellington, TX, the son of Frank and Margaret Eikenburg, Mr. Eikenburg was a true Texan born and bred. He grew up in Dallas where he graduated in 1962 from Woodrow Wilson High School and obtained his Bachelor's degree from what is now Texas Tech University in 1966. His passion to serve his country, along with his leadership ability, was shown in his early years through his service in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged as a staff sergeant in 1967.

He is survived by his daughter Constance Emily Eikenburg of Dallas, two sisters Madelyn Brooks of Dallas and Livonia Gay Glaves of Houston, sisters-in-law Elizabeth Eikenburg and Beth Eikenburg, and many nieces and nephews.

He leaves behind a legacy of service and commitment to conservative principles, and I ask those here today to join me in remembering this outstanding American, Mr. Frank Eikenburg.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. HOWARD COBLE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 18, 2009*

Mr. COBLE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I am requesting as part of H.R. 2847, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD COBLE

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Department of Justice Byrne Discretionary Grants account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: New Man Community Development Corporation

Address of Requesting Entity: New Man Development Community Corporation, P.O. Box 98, Rehrersburg, PA 19550. Funds will then be distributed to each partner center, including Sandhills Teen Challenge, P.O. Box 1701, Southern Pines, NC 28388

Description of Request: \$25,000 is provided for the New Man Community Development Corporation, a community-based, private, non-profit corporation, partnered with Teen Challenge Training Center to provide vocational training to individuals seeking addiction treatment at one of 10 residential addiction treatment programs, one located in my district in Carthage, North Carolina. The Employment Preparation Project will provide year-round, pre-employment preparation training five days per week for four weeks to individuals in the

last month of a four-month addiction recovery program.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD COBLE

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Kannapolis, North Carolina

Address of Requesting Entity: 932 Floyd Street, Kannapolis, NC 28083

Description of Request: \$575,000 is provided for this project, called the Kannapolis Regional Radio Upgrade, to maintain emergency service interoperability with the surrounding region through the conversion of the emergency communication system from analog to digital. Moreover, funds would be used to upgrade the regional radio system with a fully digital network which operates in a frequency range compatible with other state and federal law enforcement agencies.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD COBLE

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Department of Commerce International Trade Administration account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Textile/Clothing Technology Corporation [TC]<sup>2</sup>

Address of Requesting Entity: 5651 Dillard Drive, Cary, NC 27518

Description of Request: \$965,000 is provided for [TC]<sup>2</sup>, a consortium of fiber, fabric and apparel producers, organized labor groups, retailers, academic institutions and government agencies focused mainly on improving textile and apparel production techniques. This is an on-going project of research, discovery and dissemination of appropriate technologies for use in the apparel, sewn products, and soft goods industry. [TC]<sup>2</sup> provides seminars, short courses, consulting, and demonstrations to industry leaders. It also provides leadership and visions for an industry that has sustained serious job losses in the past decade.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD COBLE

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Department of Commerce International Trade Administration account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: National Textile Center

Address of Requesting Entity: Campus Box 7214, Administrative Services III, Raleigh, NC 27695-7214

Description of Request: \$1,800,000 is provided for the National Textile Center (NTC), a research consortium that serves the USA Fiber/Textile/Fiber Products/Retail Complex. NTC was established to achieve three primary goals: (1) Research: To discover, design and develop new materials, innovative and improved manufacturing, and integrated systems essential to the success of a modern U.S. textile enterprise; (2) Education: To train personnel, establish industrial partnerships and create transfer mechanisms to ensure the utilization of technologies developed; (3) Partnership: To strengthen the nation's textile research and educational efforts by uniting diverse experts and resources in unique collaborative projects.

THE WOMEN'S OBSTETRICIAN AND GYNECOLOGIST MEDICAL ACCESS NOW ACT (THE WOMAN ACT)

### HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, today, I am reintroducing the Women's Obstetrician and Gynecologist Medical Access Now Act, the WOMAN Act. This bill will ensure that every woman has direct access to her ob-gyn.

I believe women should not need a permission slip to receive ob-gyn care. Unfortunately, that is the reality faced by many women when they need to see their doctor. Numerous managed care plans require women to visit their primary care physicians before seeking the health care services they need from the providers they want. Denying direct access or forcing women to jump through numerous bureaucratic hoops to see their ob-gyn is not acceptable treatment.

The WOMAN Act recognizes women have different medical needs than men and the significant role ob-gyns play in women's health. Women who see an ob-gyn on a regular basis are more likely to receive important screening services, such as pelvic exams, as well as counseling on critical reproductive health issues. My legislation removes the barriers complicating women's access to their doctors. Women will no longer have to contend with the gatekeeper system that can prevent or delay appropriate care.

It is easy to understand what a difference direct ob-gyn access makes in women's health care. Imagine, for a moment, a woman in San Diego who works 45 hours a week and has limited sick and vacation time. Now, imagine she has an urgent medical problem requiring an ob-gyn visit. On Monday, she calls from work to make an appointment with her primary care physician. If she is lucky, she gets an appointment for the following morning. She takes time off Tuesday to go see her doctor. Her primary care doctor agrees she should be seen by her ob-gyn and gives her a referral. Tuesday afternoon she returns to work and calls her ob-gyn for an appointment. The doctor is in surgery on Wednesday, but they offer her an appointment on Friday morning. On Friday she takes another morning off from work and finally, after almost a week, gets the care she needs. The unnecessary referral process resulted in her taking an extra morning off work and delayed her proper medical care by 5 days. The patient, employer, primary care physician, and health plan provider would have saved money and time if the patient had been able to go directly to her ob-gyn.

While serving in the California State Assembly, I heard from many women who experienced the same problems I have outlined. After meeting with women, obstetricians and gynecologists, health plan representatives, and providers in the State of California, I wrote the state law allowing women direct access to their ob-gyn. That law was a good first step; however, it still does not cover women enrolled in self-insured, federally regulated health plans. This means that even if a woman lives in a state with direct access protections, like California, she may not be able to see her ob-gyn without a referral if she is covered by a

federally regulated ERISA health plan. In addition, there are still states which still do not provide women with direct access to ob-gyns!

Women save time and money with better access to ob-gyn care. I believe the time has come to make direct access to an ob-gyn a national standard.

I urge you, Madam Speaker, and all of my colleagues to pass this critical legislation into law.

CONGRATULATING STEVE  
LEBLANC, CITY MANAGER OF  
GALVESTON, TEXAS

### HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate Mr. Steve LeBlanc, City Manager of Galveston Texas, on being named Administrator of the Year by the Texas City Management Association (TCMA). Steve received this award because of the leadership he provided to Galveston in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike. Since my congressional district includes Galveston, my office has had the opportunity to work closely with Steve. I have always been impressed with his dedication to the people of Galveston, a dedication best exemplified by his tireless efforts to help Galveston rebuild, following the devastation of Hurricane Ike.

A longtime resident of Galveston Island, Steve has a Bachelor of Science in Coastal Engineering from Texas A&M and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Houston. He has served as Galveston's city manager since March 1997. Before being named city manager, Steve held several positions with the city including Director of Utilities, Director of Public Works, and Assistant City Manager.

In conclusion, Madam Speaker, I once again extend my congratulations to Galveston City Manager Steve LeBlanc on being named Administrator of the Year. I also thank him for all he does for the people of Galveston. It is my sincere hope that Galveston benefits from Mr. LeBlanc's services for years to come.

IN HONOR OF MAJOR GENERAL  
THOMAS F. DEPPE VICE COM-  
MANDER, AIR FORCE SPACE  
COMMAND

### HON. DENNY REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. REHBERG. Madam Speaker, let me take this opportunity to pay tribute to retiring Major General Thomas F. Deppe. General Deppe became Vice Commander of Air Force Space Command in August, 2007. As Vice Commander, he provides leadership to the world's greatest space and missile force.

General Deppe began his Air Force career in 1967 when he graduated from Basic Military Training. His distinguished career is characterized by his Master Missileer Badge, Command Space Badge, Space Professional Level III certification, operational space experience in nuclear operations and spacelift, weapon systems expertise in the Minuteman II, Minuteman III and Peacekeeper ICBMs, Hound Dog