

years with the "Hour of Power" Radio Program. We will be honoring a great man and appreciating his works at 6:30 pm on;

Friday, September 18, 2009 Services at: Bethlehem Temple Church of the Apostolic Faith, 3401 M. L. King, Jr., Avenue, Flint, MI 48505.

Saturday, September 19, 2009 Services at New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church, 1035 E. Carpenter Road, Flint, MI 43505.

Bishop Dunlap, known as "a man with a Vision" was born January 19, 1929 in Pratt City, Alabama. Pastor Dunlap graduated from Buffalo High School in West Virginia. He attended West Virginia Institute in Charleston, West Virginia and later became a student at the world famous Aeon Bible College in Columbus, Ohio. He served two years in the U. S. Armed Services, receiving an honorable discharge in 1952. Celebrated 80 years of life in January.

Bishop Dunlap married the love of his life Ms. Lillian Thomas on June 1, 1953 and to this blessed union was born six (6) children.

Bishop Dunlap accepted the call of God to preach the Gospel in 1954 under the tutelage of his father Bishop Sandy Dunlap in Columbus, Ohio. By 1960 he was elevated to Assistant Pastor—through the years he served in many other positions in the local church and also held state offices.

In 1966 he relocated his family to Flint, Michigan, sought employment and shortly thereafter established The Eliezer Church of our Lord Jesus Christ. In 1977 he was elevated to District Elder, three years later he was elevated to the office of Junior Bishop. His steadfast character and leadership earned him the honor of being ordained as a Bishop in August 1983 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He presently presides as the Diocesan of the Northern Diocese of Michigan and the former Diocesan of Minnesota. He is the establishmentarian of Berea Bible College (formally Christ Bible College, Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ) since 1998.

Under his spiritual leadership there has been the establishment of 13 churches of the Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ in Michigan and 3 in Minnesota. Bishop Dunlap has reared more than 46 ministerial. In 2001 Eliezer established and operates "The Hope Academy School."

Since 1988, Bishop Dunlap is heard daily at 12:30 pm on the "Hour of Power" radio broadcast on WFLT 1420 AM. The spiritual effects of Bishop's ministry is known in the city of Flint and the many places he has ministered; giving proof of God's call on his life, and the vision he has been given by God.

Bishop Dunlap is a dedicated family man; loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He is an avid fisherman, a pianist, song writer, composer of poems. His godly lifestyle, winning smile, gentle manner and love for people has earned him great respect among his peers, community leaders, business associates and citizens through this community.

CONGRATULATING THE DORA B. LANTRIP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON THEIR 2009 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL AWARD

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Dora B. Lantrip Elementary School in the Houston Independent School District and our district for their dedication to academic excellence that

has earned them the honored distinction of being a Blue Ribbon School in 2009.

Since 1982, the U. S. Department of Education's Blue Ribbon Schools Program has honored many of America's most successful schools, and I am proud of Lantrip Elementary for establishing itself as an elite academic institution by achieving this high honor. The Blue Ribbon Award honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools that are academically superior or have made dramatic gains in student achievement and helped close achievement gaps among minority and disadvantaged students. This year 314 schools earned this coveted award.

Dora B. Lantrip Elementary is a school that believes higher expectations lead to higher achievement. Lantrip strives to stimulate young minds and encourage them to strive for excellence, while instilling in them a love of learning. Under the supervision of Principal Ms. Matilda Orozco, Lantrip Elementary also works to develop students into decision-makers who have mutual respect for others. Lantrip Elementary is an example of consistent excellence that is an inspiration for all schools in the Houston area.

I congratulate the administration, teachers, parents, and students at Lantrip for their dedication to excellence and hard work.

REMEMBERING PAT FLECK,
SPRING HILL, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, last Thursday evening a spark went out in Hernando County. "The Mother of Spring Hill," Pat Fleck, lost her battle with cancer. Known for her genuine love of, and devotion to, her community, she was a pioneer for women in business, a leader in public service, a mentor, devoted mother, wife and friend.

A long time resident of Spring Hill, in an interview with a local paper, she recalled a time when U.S. 19 was only two lanes wide and so empty that on trips to a New Port Richey supermarket, she sometimes drove on the wrong side of the road because, as she put it, "for some reason it was smoother."

She applied that same optimism in every facet of her life: I thought of Pat as the unofficial paparazzi of Spring Hill. She would attend community events with her camera in hand; snap pictures unbeknownst to those around her and a short time later a copy would appear in the mail: She was always sure to capture your most flattering side.

Pat knew when to get down to business as well. It is that business sense to which much of her professional successes can be attributed: She was the founder of Spring Hill's first independent real estate agency, Fleck Real Estate; she later parlayed her knowledge of the industry into a real estate school. She was also a founder of the West Hernando Chamber of Commerce where she served as its chairwoman.

She was a community organizer we all could appreciate! She was a long time board member of HPH Hospice and an avid supporter of many community organizations in-

cluding Stage West Community Playhouse. Pat worked tirelessly to insure that they had the resources they needed in order to be successful contributors to the community.

I am grateful to have known Pat. She had a heart of gold and a boundless love for Hernando County. It is so fitting that Hernando County shared that same love for her in return.

RECOGNIZING PERU FOR ENGAGING IN PEACEFUL DIALOGUE WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES TO OVERCOME POLITICAL CONFLICT

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, on June 23, 2009, I introduced House Resolution 574, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Peru should engage in peaceful dialogue to address ongoing political conflict between state authorities and indigenous peoples in compliance with the U.N. declaration on the rights of Indigenous Peoples and ILO Convention 169.

Earlier this year conflict had developed in Peru over the enactment of Legislative Decrees 1090 and 1064, which had potentially significant adverse impacts on the rights and property of Peru's indigenous peoples. Protests erupted in June in Bagua, Peru ultimately leading to the deaths of police officers and protestors.

In subsequent months, the Government of Peru has taken a number of steps to reduce tensions, investigate the violence and engage in peaceful dialogue. On July 23, 2009, Dorothy Ngutter, Peru Desk Officer at the State Department, sent my office information on developments related to H. Res. 574, noting improvements on the ground, including an agreement with indigenous groups on the establishment of a "multi-sectoral commission consist[ing] of government, civil society, NGOs and indigenous leaders." I am including the full text of her message in my remarks for the record.

On July 24, 2009, I met with Peru's Ambassador to the United States, Luis M. Valdivieso, and he described the steps taken by Peru in the aftermath of the violence in more detail. On September 10, 2009, he sent me a letter along with a progress report on the work of the National Group of Coordination for the Development of Amazon Communities, which he noted, "was created in the aftermath of the unfortunate events that took place in Bagua, Amazon Region of Peru in early June."

According to that progress report, the National Group of Coordination for the Development of Amazon Communities (NGCDAC), created four subgroups focused on examining the events in Bagua, evaluating the contentious Legislative Decrees, gathering information on appropriate methods of consultation regarding International Labor Organization Convention 169 and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and creating a National Development Plan for the Amazon Region for submission to Peru's Congress by December 26, 2009.

The steps taken by the Government of Peru are positive, in line with H. Res. 574, and deserve recognition. I applaud the progress in Peru and want my friends there to know that

I will continue to follow events regarding the country's indigenous peoples closely. For the record, I include a copy of the progress report and the letter from the Ambassador with my remarks.

STATE DEPARTMENT VIEWS ON DEVELOPMENTS
IN PERU

Protests by Indigenous groups, led by an umbrella NGO (AIDESEP), began in April against several legislative decrees passed in 2008 they felt would infringe on their rights. While it was not completely clear what portions of the laws were at issue, the indigenous groups main stated concern was that there had been inadequate consultation prior to the passage of the decrees. In mid-May, the Government of Peru initiated a dialogue with AIDESEP's leaders to discuss indigenous concerns. These early talks were slow going and fell apart when AIDESEP walked out on the talks.

The government acted to remove roadblocks near the town of Bagua and restore supplies to affected neighboring communities on June 5. Clashes between police and protestors ensued when police attempted to remove the roadblocks; separately police officers—previously taken hostage at a pumping station—were murdered following news reports of the earlier clashes. Official reports, confirmed by the independent the independent Human Rights Ombudsman's office, put the death toll at 33 (including 10 civilians and 23 police).

The situation on the ground has changed since the violence in early June. The government has reached an agreement with indigenous groups June 15; repealed two laws June 18; and established a multi-sectoral dialogue process. The multi-sectoral commission consists of government, civil society, NGOs and indigenous leaders. With four subgroups looking at the June incidents; concerns on legislative decrees and proposals to replace the repealed decrees; definition of a mechanism for prior consultation in accordance with ILO requirements; and the development of a national proposal for Amazonian development. To date, the commission has met at least three times.

The recent government reshuffle should have no effect on the dialogue, as the incoming Prime Minister has publicly declared support for ongoing dialogue processes.

EMBASSY OF PERU,

Washington DC, September 10th, 2009.

Hon. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. FALEOMAVAEGA: Attached for your information please find a brief progress report on the work of the National Group of Coordination for the Development of Amazon Communities which was created in the aftermath of the unfortunate events that took place in Bagua, Amazon Region of Peru in early June.

Please feel free to contact me in case you need further clarification.

Sincerely yours,

LUIS M. VALDIVIESO,
Ambassador of Peru.

DIALOGUE PROCESS BETWEEN THE AMAZONIAN
COMMUNITIES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF PERU

By Supreme Resolution 0117-2009-PCM issued on June 10th 2009, the Government of Peru created the "National Group of Coordination for the Development of Amazon Communities" (NGCDAC) with the objective of rising a comprehensive sustainable development plan for indigenous peoples in areas such as education, health, titling and the formalization of land, among others. The Government of Peru aims at presenting to the Congress a proposal of National Development Plan for the Amazon by December 26th.

By Supreme Resolution 0211-2009-PCM issued on August 25th 2009, new members of the NGCDAC were added, which includes:

a. Eight (08) Representatives of the Executive Branch (Ministers or their representatives): Ministries of Environment, Energy and Mines; Women and Social Development; Health; Education; Transport and Communications; Housing, Construction and Sanitation. It is chaired by the Ministry of Agriculture that also will be the Technical Secretariat (originally there were only four ministries).

b. Eleven (11) Representatives of Regional Governments: Presidents of the Regional Government of Loreto, Ucayali, Amazonas, San Martín, Madre de Dios, Cuzco, Huánuco, Pasco, Junín, Ayacucho and Cajamarca (originally there were only four regional governments).

c. Representatives of Amazonian indigenous organizations (AIDESEP and CONAP).

This NGCDAC is the core of the dialogue process (known also as the Dialogue Roundtable) and it has four (04) Working Groups. So far, the progresses the four working groups are:

(1) Inquiry Commission on the events in Bagua

On September 2, 2009, seven (07) members of the Inquiry Commission on the events in Bagua (Amazonas) on June 5th 2009, were elected. The working group consists of:

a. Representatives of indigenous communities: Pilar Mazzetti Soler (former Minister of the Interior), Mary Carmen Gómez and Jesús Calleja Manacas Valverde.

b. Representatives of the Executive Branch: Ricardo Alvarez Lobo, Susana Pinilla Cisneros (former Minister for Women and Social Development) and Walter Gutierrez Camacho.

c. Regional governments delegate, Manuel Ernesto Bernalles Alvarado.

The members of this working group will have a meeting with the Ministry of Agriculture no later than September 5th 2009. The Ministry of Agriculture is the chairman of the NGCDAC. The chairman of the working group will be elected among its members. It is expected that this group provides the results of its investigation by December 26th 2009.

(2) Evaluation of Legislative Decrees

This evaluation is being developed under the coordination of the Ministry of Agriculture. The Law on Forestry and Wildlife, and its Bylaw are considered by the working group as reference documents. This group has organized exhibitions and workshops and evaluated many proposals on forestry regulations submitted by each of the parties involved in the dialogue—central government, regional governments and native communities. They will be discussed and then consulted with the indigenous communities.

To contribute to finding consensus on this issue with representatives of regional governments and indigenous communities, on September 2nd 2009, the Bureau for Forestry and Wildlife Affairs of the Ministry of Agriculture submitted to the NGCDAC a document with technical inputs to improve the forestry legislation.

(3) Consultation Mechanisms (in order to accomplish the ILO Convention 169)

This working group is gathering information on the methods of consultation: the Convention 169 itself and its handbook; the United Nations Declaration on Indigenous Peoples Rights; the draft proposal of law in Congress concerning the right of consultation; the report of the Ombudsman on the Bagua issue, and a case review related to the Saramaka population of Suriname.

Regarding this topic, it has been organized the International Seminar "Right of consultation of Indigenous people, policy frame-

work and implementation experiences", as well as decentralized meetings on this issue. Both the Ombudsman and the Sub Regional Office of the ILO have made presentations on the Convention 169. On September 17th this working group will assemble to set up proposals on the matter.

Since the group has started its works, it is taking into consideration the opinions and points of views expressed by Amazonian communities for the purpose of arriving to a draft bill to be submitted to the NGCDAC.

(4) National Development Plan of the Amazon Region

The agenda includes issues relating to indigenous peoples and the Amazon Region, such as:

Land, natural resources and biodiversity.
Identity, culture and human development.
Organization, autonomy and governance.
Economics, management and sustainable development.

So far, this working group has had several meetings and has organized exhibitions, workshops and proposals about this matter.

Since August 29th 2009, this working group is revising and updating of the "Action Plan for Priority Issues of the Special Multisector Commission for Indigenous Communities".

Until September 2nd 2009, this group has worked on these subjects: land property rights and legal stability; bilingual education; increasing of the coverage of public health, and conditions of peace and security for native communities.

Since the installation of NGCDAC, there have been a total of 37 meetings of the four working groups, which were undertaken in an atmosphere of respectful and transparent dialogue.

Within 120 days, the NGCDAC must submit to the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, the Comprehensive Plan for Sustainable Development of the Amazonian Peoples.

RAISING A QUESTION OF THE
PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

SPEECH OF

HON. DANIEL B. MAFFEI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Mr. MAFFEI. Mr. Speaker, It does not promote civility to have a party line vote and spend an afternoon debating whether Mr. WILSON's apology for what he said during the President's address last week is 'good enough.' Clearly, Mr. WILSON thoroughly embarrassed himself. And while I disagree with Mr. WILSON and I strongly support the President, I think we should be moving on and not piling on. As Voltaire wrote, 'I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it.' We all agree Mr. WILSON's behavior was inappropriate, now it is time to get back to work.

HONORING THE DEDICATED
SERVICE OF KIM HARRIS MULLINS

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Kim Harris Mullins for her dedicated service. For more than eighteen years, Kim has committed herself to helping me better serve the residents of Tennessee's Sixth Congressional District.