

Rollcall No. 720—"yes"; rollcall No. 721—"yes"; rollcall No. 722—"yes"; rollcall No. 723—"yes"; rollcall No. 724—"yes"; rollcall No. 725—"yes"; rollcall No. 726—"yes"; rollcall No. 727—"no"; rollcall No. 728—"yes"; rollcall No. 729—"yes"; rollcall No. 730—"no"; rollcall No. 731—"yes"; rollcall No. 732—"no"; rollcall No. 733—"yes"; rollcall No. 734—"no"; rollcall No. 738—"yes"; and rollcall No. 739—"yes".

A TRIBUTE TO ANDREA W. EVANS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Andrea Evans, Chairwoman of New York State Board of Parole and Chief Executive Officer New York State Division of Parole.

Ms. Evans has worked the majority of her professional career in the borough of Brooklyn. For the past 25 years, she has been a member and served in a leadership capacity as the business administrator at the Rehoboth Cathedral, which is pastored by Bishop Gerald Seabrooks. Ms. Evans was most recently Director of the Division of Parole for Region II, an area encompassing Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island. In this position, she was responsible for the operation of nine area offices, and the Queensboro Correctional Facility. Prior to this role, Ms. Evans served as Deputy Regional Director for Region I, where she managed the operation of five field offices in Bronx County.

From 2000 to 2006, Ms. Evans served as Special Assistant to the Downstate Director of Operations. From 1997 to 2000, she worked as an Investigator in the Division of Parole's Office for Professional Responsibility, where she conducted investigations into allegations of professional misconduct. From 1994 to 1997, Ms. Evans was a Senior Parole Officer and served as Acting Supervisor in the Bronx Area Office. Additionally, she worked as a Parole Revocation Officer from 1990 to 1994. Ms. Evans began her career with the Division in 1986 as a Parole Officer. Prior to joining the State Division of Parole, Ms. Evans worked for the Central Brooklyn Coordinating Council from 1979 to 1986, a community-based family services and support organization dedicated to foster care.

Ms. Evans holds a B.A. in Psychology from the City College of New York. She is a Queens resident and is the proud mother of one adult daughter.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Andrea Evans.

WELCOMING SOUTH KOREAN FIRST LADY KIM YOON-OK

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor one of the most graceful and impor-

tant women to grace our shores, the distinguished First Lady of the Republic of Korea, Kim Yoon-Ok.

Ms. Yoon-ok majored in public health education at Ewha Woman's University, the fourth First Lady to have graduated from this prestigious university. While her husband's career eventually took him from the private sector to the highest public office in their country, she has carved out her own reputation as a strong advocate of the rights of women, children and families in South Korea and around the world.

Ms. Yoon-ok was in New York last week, not only accompanying her husband's visit to the United Nations but also hosting a luncheon in honor of those soldiers—American and Korean—who gave their lives for their democratic nation. It is a war that I am quite familiar with. More than 50 years ago, I fought with millions of Americans to help preserve South Korea's independence during the invasion from communist Korea in 1950. That is why I was very happy this summer when President Obama signed a bill into law that recognized these sacrifices. The bill that I introduced recognizes the 1953 armistice with the display of the American flag each July 27th, that day declared as National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day.

As a Korean war veteran, it gives me great pride to see how the nation has flourished as a democratic and free people. Today, the Republic of Korea is the 13th largest economy in the world and the United States' 8th largest trading partner. Recently, the IMF raised Korea's growth forecast for this year from the growth amount that was originally projected a few months ago, further stating that the nation's growth will increase 2.5 percent next year.

Freedom, of course, is not something that is static. It must be fought for and defended by every generation. So, as the relationships between our two countries continue to grow and deepen, we cannot forget that our economic and cultural prosperity is built on the achievements and accomplishments of our ancestors. It is a sacrifice we are proud to celebrate, today and forever.

CONGRATULATING CHRISTOPHER DIMATTIO, THE 2009 RECIPIENT OF THE MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD FROM THE LACKAWANNA COUNTY COLUMBUS DAY ASSO- CIATION

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Christopher DiMattio, who was named recipient of the 2009 Man of the Year Award from the Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, Columbus Day Association.

Mr. DiMattio will be honored this year at the annual dinner to be held Sunday, October 11, at the Genetti Manor in Dickson City, Pennsylvania.

A native of Dunmore, Pennsylvania, Mr. DiMattio is the youngest son of Louis and Catherine Summa DiMattio. He graduated from St. Anthony's School and Bishop O'Hara High School as well as Marywood University where he earned a degree in Business Administration and Marketing. He remained active at Marywood and served three terms on the Board of Trustees and established several endowment and scholarship funds. He is a recipient of the Alumni Society's "Recent Graduate Award" and the "Presidential Scholarship Honoree" for outstanding community service.

Mr. DiMattio is a member of the "Chairman's Club," the highest award for production of financial services at the parent company, INVEST Financial Corporation and, last year, he was cited as the top producer in the entire Nation. A past director of the National Advisory Board, he is frequently called on to present at various bank and financial institutions both regionally and nationally. He is an Accredited Investment Fiduciary as well as a member of various professional organizations in the finance and investment areas, primarily concentrating in business retirement plans.

Mr. DiMattio served two terms as a director of the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce and he is a member of the Scranton-Lackawanna Industrial Building Corporation.

Mr. DiMattio served on the board of directors for many charitable, civic, religious and cultural organizations. He is active in UNICO National where he currently serves as Executive Vice President and will become National President next July as well as the Scranton Chapter's Secretary. He is the volunteer event chairman and president of La Festa Italiana and he serves on the board of the St. Francis of Assisi Soup Kitchen, Little Flower Manor of the Diocese of Scranton and he chairs the annual coat drive for the Head Start program of the Scranton-Lackawanna Human Development Agency. Mr. DiMattio has been the recipient of many honors for his community service including the "Bronze Medallion of the Legion of Honor" by the Chapel of the Four Chaplains, the Outstanding Volunteer Fund Raiser by the Northeast Chapter of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives, UNICO Member of the Year Wall of Fame by Bishop O'Hara High School, Community Roast by Family Services, Honorary Delta Mu Delta by Marywood University's Business Department, Past President's Award by the Columbus Day Association, the Victor Alfieri Literary Society, the St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen, the Diocesan Council of Catholic Men and by the Greater Scranton Jaycees where he was also honored for the founding of the Santa Parade. He has also been honored by the City of Scranton and Lackawanna County for service to the community and by the Volunteer Action Center with the JC Penney's Golden Rule Award. In 1992, he was chairman of the Columbus Quincentenary Parade celebrating the 500th anniversary of America.

Mr. DiMattio resides in Moscow, Pennsylvania, with his wife, the former Ann Celli, and their two sons, Louis Carlo and Robert Christopher.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. DiMaggio on this auspicious occasion. His remarkable spirit of volunteerism and community service should be an inspiration for all, as his accomplishments have improved the quality of life in northeastern Pennsylvania.

HONORING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH OF CASEYVILLE

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 200th anniversary of Bethel Baptist Church of Caseyville, Illinois.

The year 1809 was important in the history of our Nation and the State of Illinois. While James Madison was inaugurated as our young Nation's fourth President and Robert Fulton received a patent on his new invention, the steam boat, the Illinois Territory was formed by an Act of Congress and Abraham Lincoln was born in the backwoods of Kentucky. At the same time, a group of Christians who had concerns about the pro-slavery position of some members of their former church formed the Baptist Church of Christ, Friends to Humanity, which would later become Bethel Baptist Church of Caseyville.

James Lemen, Sr., was the first pastor of the new church and the congregation would meet in the houses of members, traveling up to 36 miles by horseback to attend services. As the congregation grew, the need for a permanent church structure became apparent and the first meeting house was built in 1825.

During the church's early years, members continued to hold strong abolitionist positions. The church building was used as a station along the Underground Railroad, with fugitive slaves hiding in a crawl space under the church floor. To commemorate this important period, when a new floor was installed in the 1940s, a trap door was installed so the original trap door, through which the fugitive slaves would enter their hiding place, could be seen.

Many changes occurred during the history of the church, many of which mirrored what was going on as our Nation grew. Wars and economic disasters took their toll on the congregation and, for a period during the Great Depression, the church was closed. During that time, concerned parishioners would gather the children of the area into their homes to continue to spread the Word of God.

Responding to the needs of the flock, the church membership was reorganized and the church reopened in 1938. Due to the efforts of many in the congregation, the church rebounded and membership grew.

As they celebrate their past during this historic anniversary year, the congregation of Bethel Baptist Church of Caseyville also looks forward to the future. Their strong commitment to their faith, their families and their community is reflected in their invitation for their bicentennial observance, "Celebrate God's Goodness with Us!"

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 200th anniversary of the Bethel Baptist Church of Caseyville and wishing them the best for many years to come.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. EMMANUEL NWOZUZU

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Emmanuel Nwozuzu, CEO of ACE-IT Educational Consultants and an accomplished educator in my community.

Dr. Nwozuzu was born in Umuoba Uratta Owerri Imo State Nigeria on April 14, 1942, in the middle of the Second World War to a family of six. At the time of his birth, Emmanuel's late father was a sub Army Tailor contractor in Calabara seaport in the Southern Eastern tip of Nigeria. Emmanuel's parents Catherine and Christopher were firm believers in education, having seen at first-hand the advantages of education among people in the army. They invested all that they had in educating all their six children.

Emmanuel obtained his Bachelors in the University of Nigeria Nsukka in 1970, taught sciences in Eastern Region of Nigeria and Benue Plateau State of Nigeria where he was selected later to be the Principal of a school at a very young age of 29. There he worked hard to upgrade the school from a community secondary school to prestigious Kanam Government Secondary. While Principal, Emmanuel went to school and obtained a Post Graduate Diploma in Education from Ahmadu Bello University Zaria.

Dr. Nwozuzu had the opportunity to immigrate to the United States to pursue further education, he obtained his Masters degree in Education in 1982 at Iowa State University in Science and Technology. It was Emmanuel's major Professor, Kahler who literally "coaxed" him to register for a doctoral program and gave him a job as an Assistant Research fellow.

In 1985, Dr. Nwozuzu took up a teaching position at the New York City Board of Education where he taught subjects from chemistry and physics to reading and writing. On May 1, 1990, the Principal of P.S. 9 recommended Dr. Nwozuzu for recognition from the Board of Education for Outstanding Leadership in Shepherd Program. In 1992, Dr. Nwozuzu was recognized by Kodak Company for the beautification of a triangular inner city park.

In 2005, Dr. Nwozuzu was awarded a teaching merit award from the Secretary of Education in Washington, DC, and in that same year was awarded the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program Teachers Award. Now retired, Dr. Nwozuzu is the CEO of ACE-IT Educational Consultants.

Dr. Nwozuzu is the author of Voice of Generators Past, the Pulse of the Igbo, an African Tribe, a social commentary, a voice that narrates the changing effects in a traditional village in Africa published by Xlibris, PA.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Emmanuel Nwozuzu.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MS. SARITA BROWN

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Sarita Brown upon receiving the 2009 Harold W. McGraw, Jr. Prize in Education. Ms. Brown is highly regarded for her hard work and dedication towards accelerating Latino success in higher education. For over two decades she has served as a shining example for students of Latino heritage.

Ms. Brown started her professional career at the University of Texas at Austin. There she built a national model to promote minority success in graduate education. In 1993, her endeavors carried her to Washington where she joined the Department of Education during the Clinton Administration. As Executive Director of the White House Initiative for Education Excellence for Hispanic Americans, she was tasked with the goal of implementing effective strategies to raise academic achievement and opportunities for low-income and minority students nationwide.

After her time in the administration, Ms. Brown applied her talents and experience to the nonprofit sector, serving as a leader among her colleagues and in her community. Ms. Brown is the co-founder and current President of Excelencia in Education, a not-for-profit organization working to promote Latino educational success in the classroom by linking research, policy, and effective practices in public policy.

Ms. Brown currently sits on the Board of Directors for ACT Inc., the National College Access Network (NCAN) and on advisory boards for the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund and the Journal of Hispanic Higher Education. In January 2009, Virginia Governor Tim Kaine bestowed the honor of appointing her to the Board of Visitors for Old Dominion University.

In addition to being an expert on education, Ms. Brown is also an outstanding public speaker. Each year, she travels around the country advocating for the issues she has spent her career championing: promoting access and support for Latinos to receive a higher education.

On behalf of the citizens of Virginia's 8th Congressional District, I congratulate and applaud Ms. Brown for her life's work. She is most deserving of the 2009 Harold W. McGraw, Jr. Prize in Education. May it serve to bolster her on to even greater achievements in the years to come.

RECOGNIZES THE EFFORTS OF AGRONOMIST AND NOBEL LAUREATE NORMAN BORLAUG

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker: I rise to recognize and pay my respects to the late Norman Borlaug, who passed away earlier this month.