

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.

The father of the Green Revolution, and one of only six people in history to have won the Nobel Peace Prize, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, and the Congressional Medal of Honor, Dr. Borlaug may just be the most underappreciated genius in human history. In the annals of our species' time on Earth, he stands like a Colossus. It is no exaggeration to say—indeed it is said often—that Dr. Borlaug saved more lives than anyone else who has ever lived, and that he quite literally changed the fate of our world.

Born in 1914 in Saude, Iowa, Norman Borlaug spent his formative years working on the family farm, leaving, Borlaug said later in life, only because of some sage advice offered by his grandfather—"You're wiser to fill your head now if you want to fill your belly later on." With the help of a gift for wrestling—and Franklin Roosevelt's National Youth Administration—Borlaug enrolled in the University of Minnesota in 1933, supplementing his meager resources with stints in the Civilian Conservation Corps and the United States Forestry Service. He graduated in 1937 with a Bachelor of Science in Forestry, following it up with a Masters of Science in 1940 and a Doctorate in plant pathology and genetics in 1942.

After serving the World War II effort as a microbiologist at DuPont, Borlaug moved to Mexico in 1944 to take part in a Rockefeller Foundation project aimed at boosting wheat production. There, the true work of his life began.

At the time, Mexican farmers were able to raise less than half of the wheat they needed to feed their population, mainly due to a debilitating fungus known as rust. For the next 13 years, Borlaug experimented with and cross-bred strains of wheat from all over the world to develop a grain that was rust-resistant. When that success was finally achieved, other problems emerged. The new blend of wheat, while resistant to rust and many other diseases, was top-heavy and would break easily. So Borlaug looked to shorter Japanese dwarf strains, and the Green Revolution began in earnest.

By 1956, thanks to Dr. Borlaug's efforts, Mexico grew two to three times more wheat than before, and was self-sufficient in wheat. From there, spurred on by the Rockefeller Foundation and the United Nations, Borlaug brought his extraordinary insights to the rest of the globe. In India and Pakistan, North Africa and Southeast Asia, the Middle East and the Philippines, where scientists followed Borlaug's pioneering vision to create a new strand of rice, Borlaug's hard work and amazing insights transformed agriculture and allowed for incredible new yields all over a hungry world.

In 1970, Norman Borlaug won the Nobel Peace Prize for the transformation he had achieved. In an age that was greatly concerned about the dire consequences of exploding population, Borlaug utilized science, innovation, and his "Iowa-stubborn tenacity" to lead the whole world forward. He remains the only agricultural scientist to have ever won the Nobel Prize—Indeed, in part to correct this oversight, Borlaug later helped to found the World Food Prize, to encourage agronomists of later generations to follow in his footsteps.

Borlaug was not only a pioneering scientist but a pioneering humanitarian. I had the pleasure of meeting with Dr. Borlaug several times over the past few years, and he was a

consistent and forceful advocate on global food issues. He dedicated his days not only to feeding hungry people and helping them achieve self-sufficiency, but to improving their lives in any way he could. A professor at Texas A&M University for many years, Borlaug also served as an important advisor to governments around the world and a compelling advocate for the many virtues of agricultural science. To say nothing of his continuing stints as Boy Scout Troopmaster and Mexico's first Little League Baseball coach, and of his life as a husband and father.

After his passing on September 13, 2009, Borlaug's children asked that he be remembered as "a model for making a difference in the lives of others and to bring about efforts to end human misery for all mankind." And so he was, and so he shall. The world has lost one of its great men in Norman Borlaug, and we are all the poorer for it. Nonetheless, his remarkable contributions to our people and our planet will last longer than any of us.

COMMENDING YIXIAO WANG OF WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. LANCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptionally talented student, Yixiao Wang of Westfield, NJ. Yixiao, along with three other teammates representing the United States, recently participated in the 41st International Chemistry Olympiad, winning one gold and three silver medals in Cambridge, England.

The U.S. Team competed against 250 students from 65 countries in a battery of exams including theoretical and practical applications. Yixiao placed in the top 10 percent earning him a gold medal. The four students were selected from over 11,000 talented high school chemistry students who had participated at the local level, and are representative of the brightest chemistry students in the Nation.

The International Chemistry Olympiad was created in 1968 to enhance friendly relations among young people from different countries. Since then, thousands of students have participated in this rigorous competition to recognize the most talented students in the world.

I would like to congratulate Yixiao for his exemplary performance, which undoubtedly required disciplined, diligent studies. His is a shining example of the dedication the faculty at Westfield High School have towards helping their students achieve greatness. Yixiao will surely have a bright future in any of his future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. R. SANDLIN LOWE III

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. R. Sandlin Lowe III, a fac-

ulty member of the New York University School of Medicine.

Dr. Lowe was born in Tallapoosa County, Alabama and grew up on the family farm in Coosa County, the poorest county in Alabama. He was influenced greatly by his grandfather, Braxton Hughes Smith, who as a Christian man taught him much about faith and patience, hard work and perseverance; a farmer lives out these things every day. The work on the farm was done by hand with mules pulling the ploughs through the earth and men coming to pick the cotton and corn that grew. It was a life out of Faulkner—trips to the blacksmith's shed to reshape and sharpen ploughshares, killing hogs in the winters, the spring plantings and the eventide hymns as men finished the day's work—a wondrous grounding.

The College and Medical School at Tulane University in New Orleans followed where the interests in human nature and all things human found outlets in anthropology and then later medicine, sparked interest in Dr. Lowe. While attending medical school, Dr. Lowe came to New York City to Bellevue Hospital in the fall of 1986—he has been affiliated with Bellevue either as a student, intern, resident or attending physician ever since.

Currently a member of the Faculty of the New York University School of Medicine, Dr. Lowe's interests and work in brain injury and autism are personal. His research at the Brain Research Laboratories with his recently deceased friend, Roy John, and his work with his mentor and friend, Rodolfo Llinas, in the Department of Physiology and Neuroscience have led to an innovative theory of coma and vegetative states that is strangely enough applicable to autism spectrum conditions. Dr. Lowe continues his work on this issue in hopes that this work will continue to bear fruit.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. R. Sandlin Lowe III.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING AARON HANEY FOR WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION III STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Aaron Haney showed hard work and dedication to the sport of baseball; and

Whereas, Aaron Haney was a supportive coach; and

Whereas, Aaron Haney always displayed sportsmanship on and off the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Aaron Haney on winning the Boys' Division III State Baseball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 baseball season.