

HONORING THE SERVICE OF THE
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS POLICE

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, as Chairman of the Committee on House Administration in conjunction with Ranking Member DANIEL LUNGREN, we want to take a few moments to recognize and say thank you to the Library of Congress Police, who will be formally merged into the U.S. Capitol Police force on October 1, 2009.

The Library of Congress, founded by Congress in 1800, is not only the Nation's oldest federal cultural institution and research arm of the Congress, it is an unparalleled multimedia world resource containing more than 142 million items in its collections with more and more information in digital form, including numerous documents concerning the founding of the Nation and its history.

The Library's collections, buildings, and dedicated staff are widely known and respected and protecting these resources has been both the mission and achievement of the Library of Congress Police. Security at the Library, like other U.S. public institutions, includes protecting facilities, staff and visitors. Uniquely, the Library of Congress must also protect—for the present and future use of Congress and the Nation—the largest, richest and most diverse collection of recorded knowledge ever assembled.

In the early days, Library of Congress buildings and grounds were policed by building guards commissioned as special policemen. In 1950 the Librarian of Congress was given statutory authority to designate Library of Congress special police as employees of the Library. In 1987 Congress authorized that the Library Police rank structure and pay be made comparable to the Capitol Police and began in the 1990's considering whether the two police forces should be merged. Over time, the Library Police became an integral and critical part of the Library's interlocking structure to protect not only people and buildings but the priceless collections from a variety of threats. With the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995, the 1998 shootings of the Capitol Police officers at the Capitol and especially after the September 11 terrorist attacks, Congress mandated significant security upgrades in the Capitol complex, including the Library of Congress. Finally, in the interest of security uniformity, the President signed into law PL 110–178 in 2008, formally merging the Capitol and Library of Congress police forces, providing, after a transition period, for completion by October 1, 2009.

Over many years, the Library Police have provided exemplary security and law enforcement for the Library of Congress. Library Police have demonstrated the highest level of dedication and excellence in both fulfilling their public safety mission and protecting the Library's irreplaceable collections.

As the force is now merged into the Capitol Police, it marks the end of the storied era of the Library of Congress Police as a distinct entity.

We ask our colleagues to thank them. We want every member of the force, past and present, to know how much we in the Con-

gress have valued their service and professionalism.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
UNITED STATES NAVY ENSIGN
MATTHEW RICHARD MCFARLAND

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of United States Navy Ensign Matthew Richard "Uncle Buck" McFarland, who courageously and selflessly rose to the call to duty and made the ultimate sacrifice in service to his country.

Matthew McFarland was born on April 1, 1922, the youngest of eight children. Affectionately known as "Uncle Buck" by his family, Ensign McFarland's parents, Hugh McFarland and Grace O'Reilly, and siblings, Hugh, Joseph, Katherine, Margaret, Mary Grace, John and Andrew, were a close family with a strong connection to the Catholic faith. At Holy Name Church, Ensign McFarland served Mass every morning as a child until the day before he entered the Navy. Before entering the Navy Reserves in 1943, he worked at Otis Steel in Cleveland. In 1944, he earned the rank of Naval Aviator and trained for flight in a Fighting Squadron. In 1947, Ensign McFarland was posthumously awarded the WWII Victory Medal by the United States Navy Chief of Naval Personnel.

He died while serving our country on February 15, 1945 at the age of 22. Navy Ensign Pilots, McFarland and Lt. Battenfeld vanished from the sky during a routine flight from Sand Point Naval Air Station in Washington State. Seven months later the wreckage was discovered on the side of a mountain. For more than 60 years, the bodies of the young soldiers rested in a temporary grave, buried among rock and forestry, their names engraved on the flat surface of a boulder and a cross carved at the base of a tree nearby.

Members of the U.S. military's Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command Team led the effort to return Ensign McFarland and Lt. Battenfeld to their families and permanent places of rest. Members of the Army Reservists from the 737th Transportation Company volunteered in the effort. On September 25, 2009, the body of Navy Ensign Matthew McFarland returns home to Cleveland, Ohio, where friends and family will gather in his honor and memory.

Madam Speaker, and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Navy Ensign Matthew Richard "Uncle Buck" McFarland, whose service to our nation will be honored and remembered by the Cleveland community. Though sixty-four years have passed, the memory of Ensign McFarland will remain in the hearts of his many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING
BRENNAN SOKOWOSKI FOR WIN-
NING THE BOYS' DIVISION III
STATE BASEBALL CHAMPION-
SHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Brennan Sokowoski showed hard work and dedication to the sport of baseball; and

Whereas, Brennan Sokowoski was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Brennan Sokowoski always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Brennan Sokowoski 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.

HONORING BISHOP T. GARROTT
BENJAMIN, JR., D. MIN., SENIOR
PASTOR OF LIGHT OF THE
WORLD CHRISTIAN CHURCH FOR
OVER 40 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP
AND SERVICE

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Bishop T. Garrott Benjamin, Jr., Deacon Minister and Senior Pastor of the Light of the World Christian Church in Indianapolis.

For the past 40 years, Bishop Benjamin has exhibited bold and charismatic leadership on behalf of his congregation and his community. His efforts on behalf of the World Christian Church have made his congregation one of the most active and well respected in the city. Through his dedicated service, Bishop Benjamin has earned a reputation as a formidable advocate on behalf of poor minorities, fighting unceasingly for racial justice across Indianapolis.

At a time when committed and compassionate leadership is much too rare in public life, Bishop Benjamin's indomitable spirit continues to inspire generations to improve our communities and serve their neighbors through Christian ministry. Thousands of local residents have been touched by Bishop Benjamin and his congregation, a number that continues to grow daily.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Bishop Benjamin for his 40 years of dedicated leadership and service as the esteemed Pastor of Light of the World Christian Church in Indianapolis, Indiana.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FEDERAL
JUDGESHIP ACT OF 2009**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing the Federal Judgeship Act of 2009, which calls for the creation of additional federal judgeships in the courts of appeals and district courts.

The United States legal system is the envy of the world. Our legal system has historically provided fair, timely, and expert adjudication of civil disputes and criminal prosecutions for hundreds of years. There are, however, a number of challenges facing our federal legal system that must be addressed if it is to maintain the standard of service our citizens expect and deserve. One of these challenges is an overworked judiciary.

Many of our federal courts are in desperate need of new judges. It has been nearly 19 years since Congress has passed a comprehensive judgeship bill. In this time, caseloads for district courts have gone up 31 percent and the caseloads for appeals courts have gone up 38 percent, placing significantly increased demands upon our federal court system. This unfairly burdens our judges and leads to delays in the administration of justice. If we are to avoid realization of the old adage, "justice delayed is justice denied," we must not delay in providing our judiciary with the resources it needs.

The Federal Judgeship Act of 2009 calls for 12 additional court of appeals judgeships and 51 additional district court judgeships. The number of judgeships called for in this legislation mirrors those called for by the Judicial Conference of the United States in its 2009 recommendations.

The Judicial Conference's recommendations are based on a comprehensive analysis of the workload of federal judges, which took into consideration not only the number, but also the nature and complexity of the cases before the various courts. According to this analysis, the average weighted case filings for the 25 district courts receiving additional judgeships under this bill were 573, while the target number of case filings is only 430. In other words, the workload before these courts is 133 percent of what is considered the normal capacity of these courts. Clearly, this is stretching our judiciary beyond reason.

In the interests of timely and effective administration of justice, we must pass comprehensive judgeships this Congress. I thank my colleagues Representatives JOHN CONYERS, SILVESTRE REYES, SHEILA JACKSON-LEE, and ROBERT WEXLER, who have worked with me on this very important piece of legislation. I also ask the rest of my colleagues in the House of Representatives to support rapid passage of this legislation.

CONGRATULATING CLARKSVILLE
POLICE CHIEF GREG DONALDSON**HON. JOHN BOOZMAN**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate Clarksville Police Chief

Greg Donaldson for his service to protecting the public, upholding the law and his vision for community involvement in helping find missing children. For his dedication and commitment, Chief Donaldson has been named the Arkansas Association of Chiefs of Police, AACP, 2009 Chief of the Year. Chief Donaldson shares this honor with the community, telling the Russellville Courier that "Without the employees here and the members of the community, I could have never been chief of the year," he said. "It would be easy for me to say, 'I have this award, and this award is about me,' but it belongs to the whole community."

Chief Donaldson is continuously putting the community first, as a police department employee for two decades, serving in a number of roles including dispatcher, patrol officer, investigator, supervisor, Sergeant and for the last 21 months as Chief.

At the helm of the department Chief Donaldson has implemented new and innovative programs including partnering with Morgan Nick Foundation for the "Picture Them Home Campaign" that puts pictures of missing children on patrol cars. The Clarksville Police Department was the first to do this and since then several other law enforcement agencies have followed. In recognition of the department's efforts Chief Donaldson and the Clarksville Police Department was awarded the "2009 Morgan's Choice Award." Chief Donaldson is always looking for ways to make an impact on the community. "The day I walk out the door, I want people to be able to say 'he made a difference in the lives of children and grandchildren.' If they say that, I've done my job," he told the Russellville Courier.

It is clear he has done that and I am confident that will continue. I commend Chief Donaldson for his service as well as his good work and wish him continued success in the future. I ask my colleagues today to join with me in honoring Greg Donaldson, a wonderful public servant, who is and always will be dedicated to the people of Clarksville.

IN HONOR OF WALTER STRINE,
SR.**HON. JOE SESTAK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the remarkable life of Walter Strine, Sr., who passed away on September 22, 2009 at the age of 100.

A living example of the Horatio Alger ideal, Mr. Strine was trained as a bricklayer at the Williamson Free School of Mechanical Trades, from which he graduated in 1929. It was at Williamson—established in 1888 to provide financially disadvantaged young men with the opportunity to become productive and respected members of society—that the foundation of a very successful life was laid. From there Walter Strine embarked on a career that included teaching, real estate development and philanthropy. In each aspect of his exceptional life he reflected very proudly on the virtues and skills he learned at Williamson. His work ethic, intellect, devotion to family and community were unmatched and left the most positive, lasting impression on everyone who knew him.

Married to the love of his life, Elizabeth Sterling Strine, for over 70 years and the father of Walter Jr. and William—both talented and successful men in their own right—his life could not have been fuller. He was inordinately generous to Williamson—where he was responsible for the construction of the Strine Learning Center and he was a member of the Board of Trustees for 25 years.

His vision, basic decency and business acumen shaped the Borough of Media, Pennsylvania into one of the most livable and prosperous communities in our Commonwealth. In addition to his work developing the area's commercial district, he also purchased the Media Theater and transformed it over time into a center for the Performing Arts that is a showcase for local talent and venue for residents from throughout Delaware County to gather in the company of one another.

I cannot imagine a better life than the one lived by Walter Strine, Sr. The results of his work abound in his hometown, he made a great and better difference in the lives of thousands and he was loved and respected. He will be sorely missed.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING
CHASE BURCHER FOR WINNING
THE BOYS' DIVISION III STATE
BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

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EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROB BISHOP

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2265, the Magna Water District Water Reuse and Groundwater Recharge Act, 2009.

Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP

Bill number: H.R. 2265

Account: Title XVI of Public Law 102–575, the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Magna Water District, located at 8600 W. 2711 S., PO Box 303 1, Magna, Utah 84044