

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, AACPP, 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**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Chase Burcher showed hard work and dedication to the sport of baseball; and

Whereas, Chase Burcher was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Chase Burcher 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 Chase Burcher 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.

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

Description of project: \$12,000,000.00 to allow for the planning, design and construction of the Magna Water District water reuse and groundwater recharge project.

HONORING THE YALE
WHIFFENPOOFS OF YALE UNI-
VERSITY ON THEIR CENTENNIAL
ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to extend my sincere congratulations to the Yale Whiffenpoofs—the oldest continuous collegiate a cappella singing group in America—as they celebrate their centennial anniversary.

The Whiffenpoofs of Yale University were first formed at the old Mory's Bar on Temple Street in New Haven, Connecticut one hundred years ago by 5 men, Denton Fowler, James Merriam Howard, Carl Lohmann, Meade Minnigerode, and George Pomeroy, where they performed weekly concerts. Thus began one of Yale University's most celebrated and hallowed traditions.

Each year, fourteen men are selected to participate in this time honored institution and are asked to make an international tour to U.S. Embassies, foreign capitals, palaces, churches, and the smallest of villages on every continent. These outstanding songsters serve as ambassadors of song and goodwill on behalf of Yale University, college students, and the United States. The Whiffenpoofs also stand as a model for a cappella singing groups formed at colleges and universities across America.

The Whiffenpoofs are perhaps best known for the "Whiffenpoof Song"—an unpublished setting of Rudyard Kipling's "Gentlemen-Rankers." The "Whiffenpoof Song" was the adopted theme song of the brave men of the Black Sheep Squadron of the U.S. Army Air Force in World War II and, over the years, has been recorded by some of America's greatest artists including Bing Crosby, Ella Fitzgerald, Louis Armstrong, and Elvis Presley. We could not be more proud of all that this wonderful singing group has accomplished over its 100-year history.

For their many contributions to our community and for all the joy they have brought to audiences around the world, I am very proud to stand today to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Yale Whiffenpoofs as they celebrate their 100th Anniversary. I wish them all the best for another century of song, tradition, fellowship, and friendship.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING
DUSTY BYERS FOR WINNING THE
BOYS' DIVISION III STATE BASE-
BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Dusty Byers showed hard work and dedication to the sport of baseball; and

Whereas, Dusty Byers was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Dusty Byers 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 Dusty Byers 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.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER P. CARNEY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. CARNEY. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, September 22, I was absent for three roll-call votes. If I had been here, I would have voted: "yes" on rollcall vote 720, "yes" on rollcall vote 721, and "yes" on rollcall vote 722.

HONORING DIANE LYNCH

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. JONES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Diane Lynch, a great North Carolinian and a great educator, upon the occasion of her August 31st retirement from the Public School System in my State.

All of us in Congress know, or should know, that educating our youth is key to insuring a prosperous future. Diane Lynch, of the Moss Hill Community of Kinston, North Carolina, dedicated her entire working life—some thirty-six years—to the ideal of imparting the very best education possible to young people.

For Diane, educating young people was an imperative that she fulfilled tirelessly every day, even when doing so was sometimes thankless and unappreciated. Diane Lynch is an example to all of us of the power of personal commitment. Her professionalism, dedication, perseverance and love served very well, not only her students and co-workers, but also the hundreds of families whose lives she touched and improved.

Starting as a teacher in 1973, and then rising to Assistant Principal, then Principal and finally to Associate Superintendent, Diane's career spanned thirty-six years. Her energy and love of education will be sorely missed.

Congratulations to Diane Lynch for her long and valuable service.

Madam Speaker I ask that an article about Diane Lynch's retirement, which appeared in the August 18, 2009 edition of the Kinston Daily Free Press be submitted in its entirety.

[From the Kinston Daily Free Press]

SAYING GOODBYE

(By Chris Lavender)

Diane Lynch, long-time teacher and principal and current associate superintendent of Lenoir County Schools, will soon say goodbye to a career she has developed for the past 36 years.

Lynch will retire from the school district Aug. 31, after making a decision this summer

to walk away. Lenoir County Schools Superintendent Terry Cline announced Tuesday that Lynch had decided to retire.

The announcement was made during a Lenoir County Schools opening ceremony for staff held at Kinston High School. A majority of those in attendance weren't aware Lynch was stepping down, Cline said.

Cline said the school board members were notified last Thursday of Lynch's retirement plan. On Monday, the school district's senior central staff and principals were notified. Lynch said there was no specific reason she decided to retire this month.

"It's just the right time," she said.

Lynch said she plans to stay active in the school district until her final day. Lenoir County schools open for students Tuesday. She said she plans to visit several schools during opening week.

Cline said he was reluctant to accept Lynch's retirement because of her value to the school district.

"I am happy for her but it's a sad day for Lenoir County Schools," Cline said. "I can't replace her because she is a very special lady."

Cline said he hasn't decided yet if the school district will hire an interim or full-time associate superintendent. A decision will come in the next few months. Cline said.

Lynch began her career during 1973 with Wayne County Schools, where she taught elementary school. After several years there, she continued her career at Moss Hill Elementary School in Lenoir County. She taught at Moss Hill for nine years.

Lynch later became assistant principal at La Grange Elementary School and then principal at Northwest Elementary School for 13 years. For the past three years, Lynch has served as associate superintendent.

During her career, Lynch said she strived to help students excel and reach their goals. The personal connections she made with her students will last forever, she said.

"I am always satisfied when I see my former students in the community and we talk about good times," Lynch said. "I was always fair and consistent and worked to earn the respect of my co-workers."

Lynch said she doesn't know what she will do during her retirement. She said she is looking forward to a break from the daily grind.

"I'm going to rest for a few months," Lynch said.

During their five years together, Cline said he developed a strong working relationship with Lynch.

"We cried and laughed together," Cline said. "There were things that I told her that I didn't tell my wife because I didn't want to get my wife involved in the politics. Superintendents have very lonely positions."

Lynch acknowledged she had a great working relationship with Cline. She thanked him for working to make Lenoir County Schools a better place for students.

MINNIE LOUISE THOMPSON
GARDNER

HON. BOB INGLIS

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. INGLIS. Madam Speaker, October 8, 2009 marks the 100th anniversary of Minnie Louise Thompson Gardner. She departed this life on Sunday, January 7, 2007. Her life was committed to God, service to family, friends and community.

Early in her youth, she accepted Christ and united with Springfield Baptist Church, where