

HONORING THE SERVICE AND
DEDICATION OF SARAH M. TUKE

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and dedication of Sarah R. Tuke, a member of my staff who is leaving my office to pursue the next phase in her career.

Sarah Tuke is a Tennessee native, raised in the Nashville area. After graduating from the University of Virginia with a bachelor's degree in History, she moved to St. Louis to work for a non-profit organization. Sarah quickly realized, however, that working in politics interested her more, and she returned to Tennessee to volunteer for Harold Ford Jr.'s U.S. Senate campaign in 2006.

Following the campaign, Sarah moved to Washington, D.C. to further pursue her interests in politics and the legislative process. She joined my staff in February 2007 after an internship with the House Science and Technology Committee.

From the first day she walked into my office, her enthusiasm and kind spirit impressed me and everyone she worked with. Her commitment to helping Middle Tennesseans has always been strong—I have never had a staffer with the patience and kindness that Sarah exudes, especially when answering questions from constituents and volunteering to help her co-workers with projects. She has also worked hard to understand the complexities of adoption and veterans issues, which has helped me in pursuing my legislative priorities.

Madam Speaker, if you would like to package kindness, you could just put a bow on Sarah. It's Sarah's "can-do" attitude, combined with her genuine compassion to others that has led this wonderful individual to rise and succeed as she has done in my office.

Sarah, we're all going to miss you. I wish you the best of luck in your new position with the Japanese Embassy.

RETIREMENT OF COLONEL STEPHEN M. CHRISTIAN, UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, I want to take a moment to honor a fine officer who will shortly be leaving active duty. COL Stephen M. Christian will be retiring from the United States Army on October 12, 2009, after more than 30 years of active military service, culminating as Garrison Commander for the United States Army Garrison, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.

Colonel Christian enlisted in the Army in 1978 and in 1984 attended Officer Candidate School and was commissioned as an Air Defense Artillery Officer. Throughout his career Colonel Christian has held numerous high level command and staff positions, including tours with the 7th Infantry Division (Light) at Fort Ord, California; the 25th Infantry Division (Light) at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; and the

10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, New York. He commanded at the battalion level on two occasions and served two tours of duty in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, during which he was awarded two Bronze Star Medals. Colonel Christian's civilian education includes a master of science in administration and a master of security strategy from the National War College, National Defense University. Colonel Christian is married to Laura Christian and they have two adult children, Captain Nicholas Christian and Leslie Roop.

Madam Speaker, our active duty families make many sacrifices for the rest of us, and this is especially true of those who make the military their career. I thank Colonel Christian for his long and honorable service to our Nation, and I wish him and his wife Laura the very best as they prepare to enter a new phase in their life journey together.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise to correct my vote on the Motion to Instruct Conferees for the Fiscal Year 2010 Homeland Security Appropriations Act that was considered on the House floor on October 1, 2009.

The Motion to Instruct Conferees (rollcall No. 746) made recommendations that would prohibit the transfer of detainees currently held at Guantanamo Bay to the United States, even for prosecution. My vote in favor of this motion was a mistake and contradicts my views on our detention policies.

To be clear, I strongly support President Obama's decision to close the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay and move our detention policies forward in a responsible manner, even if that means transferring some detainees to the United States. I intended to vote "yes" on rollcall vote No. 663.

TRIBUTE TO FRED NELSON

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I wish to pay tribute to an exemplary public servant from my District in Tennessee.

Fred Nelson recently retired as the General Manager of the Lenoir City Utilities Board in Lenoir City, Tennessee. His career is a testament to the American dream and community service.

Fred began working at the Lenoir City Utilities Board in an entry-level position for \$1.90 per hour. More than four decades later, he retires following a successful tenure as General Manager. Dedicated public servants such as Fred are the seeds of any great community, and I only hope that more people follow in his footsteps.

Like many of his generation, Fred also served his country admirably in the Marine Corps in Vietnam. We owe a debt to Fred and

many others who selflessly put their community and country before themselves.

Recently, the News-Herald in Lenoir City published an article commemorating Fred's service, which is reprinted below. I gladly bring the service of Fred Nelson to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD, and I wish him all the best in his much-deserved retirement.

[From the Lenoir City (TN) News-Herald,
Sept. 23-24, 2009]

NELSON SET TO RETIRE

(By Greg Wilkerson)

After a more than 43-year career with Lenoir City Utilities Board, General Manager Fred Nelson announced his retirement Monday, effective Jan. 22.

"It's been my life," Nelson said as he reflected on his long career.

Nelson got his start with the utility after leaving the Marine Corps in 1966.

He said his plan had been to make a career in the armed forces, but his mother did not want him to return to Vietnam, so he left to start a civilian career.

He considered a position he was offered in Florida within the space program, but ultimately decided to come to Loudon County because of an offer to work at the Hosiery Mill.

That job paid \$1.80 an hour and the LCUB job paid \$1.90 an hour and he's been working there ever since.

"I think the Lord's led me and actually guided me in ways I needed to go," he said. "It's always been right."

Nelson said health concerns were a major factor in his leaving. Doctors have encouraged him to retire for years because of advanced artery disease in his heart and he said he recently had his sixteenth and seventeenth stints put in.

"I'm going to start walking on the trail and try to lose weight and hopefully play golf," Nelson said. He also said he plans to do more travelling and see more of his out-of-town friends.

When Nelson started with LCUB he worked for about six months as a groundman before starting a four-year apprenticeship to become a lineman. He said he still pays his lineman dues to stay a part of their union.

"There's not much I haven't got to do here," he said.

His career has included the title of foreman, assistant superintendent, superintendent, manager of operations and in 2004, general manager.

"It's been a wonderful ride," he said.

He said he will miss the employees the most.

"We have a great bunch of employees and everybody is very friendly," Nelson said. He recognized there have been disagreements through the years but everything always gets worked out.

"If somebody was to need something, the employees are always ready to help," he said. "Since I came to work at LCUB in 1966, 46 people have passed away that I worked with. I have a lot of good memories with all of them."

Nelson was quick to thank the board for giving him the opportunity to be general manager and said he was proud of the accomplishments of the utility in the five years he's been in charge. He also attributed much of the success to his department heads.

"We've built five new substations in the last three years and we paid for them in-house without having to borrow any money," he said. They also haven't been to the bond market since 2001, and Nelson said they used to go every three years.

"We've really tried to buy the best equipment you can get," he said. "We've had an excellent safety record."

Nelson's wife, Judy, retired from Y-12 two years ago. They have two daughters and five grandchildren, all living in Loudon County.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WEST END SILVER POINT CHURCH

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th anniversary of the founding of the West End Church of Christ congregation in Silver Point, Tennessee.

In 1909, Pastor George Phillip "G.P." Bowser relocated the Laurel Hill congregation to Silver Point and established the Putnam County Normal and Industrial Orphanage to provide housing, education, vocation, and religious instruction to the African American children of the region. In 1913, the school became the Silver Point Christian Institute, educating grades one through eight. A small printing press was operated by the school, which led to the development of the Christian Echo—a publication that is still printed today.

By 1915, the church and school combined into the West End Church of Christ Silver Point. A new building was constructed, which still stands to this day. In December 2007, the building was included in the National Register of Historic Places by the U.S. National Park Service.

The geographically isolated Highland Rim area of Middle Tennessee has always focused on small-scale agriculture and timber resources grouped into small towns. Farms were tended by individual families with little outside help. Until the early 20th century, these small communities in Silver Point had few religious organizations and even fewer schools. Classes were often taught in buildings that could not afford proper maintenance or enough supplies for students.

The school that Pastor Bowser established in 1915 provided the young children of the community with educational opportunities never before seen in the area. Though the school closed in 1959, the Church remains active.

Many prominent and nationally-acclaimed leaders have been personally involved with the Church, including Sam Womack, Alexander Campbell, Marshall Keeble, Henry Clay, J.S. Winston, R.N. Hogan, G.E. Stewart, and Levi Kennedy.

Through its 100 year history, the West End Church of Christ in Silver Point has provided a place of identity and congregation for the African American community of western Putnam County. I congratulate the congregation on its centennial anniversary.

SUPPORTING THE MISSION AND GOALS OF NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the observance of National

Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This October 2009, we celebrate the 25th anniversary of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and honor those women who lost their lives to the disease, along with those who are fighting the disease and those who are survivors.

For the past quarter century, October has been dedicated to the awareness and education of breast cancer. This monthly observance, most notably marked by the color pink which is now recognized worldwide as the color of breast cancer awareness, has also allowed us to trace the tremendous milestones in science and innovation that are producing promising results to combat the disease, such as proven better treatment and lower fatality rates.

I am currently a co-sponsor of H.R. 1691: The "Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2009" introduced in this Congress by my colleague from Connecticut, Rep. ROSA DELAURO. The legislation requires health plans to provide coverage for a minimum hospital stay for mastectomies, lumpectomies, and lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer and coverage for secondary consultations. Currently, the legislation is before the House Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means and Education and Labor. I urge my colleagues to take steps toward bringing this legislation for a vote on the House floor as soon as possible.

This year alone, more than 190,000 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed among women in the United States, and an estimated 40,170 women are expected to die from the disease. With those statistics in mind, I encourage all women over the age of 40 to put their health first this month. That may mean taking precautionary steps, such as doing yearly mammograms and other early detection procedures.

On this silver anniversary of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, I honor those women who are currently fighting the disease and extend to them my warmest blessings for a speedy recovery.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Mrs. EMERSON. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information in regards to H.R. 2997, the Fiscal Year 2010 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: JO ANN EMERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture—SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Missouri-Columbia

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 Park DeVille Drive, Suite E, Columbia, MO

Description of Request: Provide \$1,339,000 for the Food and Agriculture Policy Research Institute to provide objective, quantitative economic analysis of agricultural policy alternatives. Approximately \$188,000 or 14% will be used to continue a cooperative agreement with the University of Wisconsin relating to

dairy policy; \$340,000 or 25% will be used to conduct analysis of rangeland, cattle and hay, sheep and specialty crops with the University of Nevada—Reno; \$811,000 or 61% will be divided between the University of Missouri and Iowa State University to provide a ten-year baseline and policy analysis for U.S. and world agriculture.

Requesting Member: JO ANN EMERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture—SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Missouri-Columbia

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 Park DeVille Drive, Suite E, Columbia, MO

Description of Request: Provide \$595,000 for the Food and Agriculture Policy Research Institute (FAPRI) and the Agricultural and Food Policy Center (AFPC) to provide Congress with information regarding farm financial risk and farm structure and the impacts of alternative agricultural policies on these factors. Approximately \$244,000 or 41% is for FAPRI at the University of Missouri to provide stochastic and deterministic baseline and policy scenarios, and \$351,000 or 59% is for AFPC at Texas A&M University to provide representative farm analysis.

Requesting Member: JO ANN EMERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture—SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Missouri-Columbia Delta Research Center

Address of Requesting Entity: Highway 61, Portageville, MO 63873

Description of Request: Provide \$174,000 for the University of Missouri—Delta Research Center to continue research on rice production in the mid-South. Approximately \$140,610 will be for multiple personnel costs, \$29,000 for materials and supplies, and \$5,000 for other costs.

Requesting Member: JO ANN EMERSON

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture—SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Missouri-Columbia

Address of Requesting Entity: 214 Middlebush Hall, Columbia, Missouri 65211

Description of Request: Provide \$889,000 for the Rural Policies Institute to provide unbiased analysis and information on the challenges, needs, and opportunities in rural people and places; and to spur public dialogue and help policymakers understand the impacts of public policies and programs on rural people and places. Salaries and fringe benefits \$654,000 or 74%, for Center Investments \$60,000 or 7%, for conferences and events \$50,000 or 6%, for consultants \$25,000 or 2%, for office expenses \$40,000 or 4%, for travel \$60,000 or 7%.

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Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture—SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Missouri-Columbia Delta Research Center

Address of Requesting Entity: Highway 61, Portageville, MO 63873

Description of Request: Provide \$556,000 for continued soybean cyst nematode research at the University of Missouri—Delta Research Center. Of the \$556,000, 85% is for salaries and benefits, the remaining 15% is for