

much to so many servicemen and women serving abroad. He leads by example and is committed to service, spiritual leadership and education. Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize Rabbi Cutler for his outstanding work, and am extremely honored to serve as his Congressman.

HONORING REVEREND DR. F.O.
HOCKENHULL

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2009

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Reverend Dr. F.O. Hockenhull as he celebrates 40 years as pastor of the First Trinity Missionary Baptist Church in my hometown of Flint, Michigan. A banquet in his honor was held last Friday in honor of this occasion.

Reverend Dr. Hockenhull was educated at Arkansas State AM&N College, Wayne State University and Detroit Bible College. He has received an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity from Arkansas Baptist College, an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity from Selma University and an Honorary Doctorate of Law from Selma University.

He worked as a Chaplain in the Wayne County Jail and as a contact representative for the W.J. Maxey Boys Training School. After spending 6 years as the pastor of the Jehovah Baptist Church in Detroit, Reverend Dr. Hockenhull became the pastor at First Trinity Missionary Baptist Church. He has remained in this position for the past 40 years.

Reverend Dr. Hockenhull is the past-President of the Great Lakes Baptist District Leadership and Educational Congress to the Great Lakes Baptist District Association; the Associate Director General of the National Congress of Christian Education-National Baptist Convention USA, Incorporated; past-Vice-President of the Wolverine State Congress of Christian Education; a member of the Board of Directors at the Montgomery Bible Institute and Theological Center; a former member of the National Baptist Convention USA, Incorporated Publishing Board; a former instructor at the National Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress-National Baptist Convention USA; past Supervisor of the Administrative Leaders Division-National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, National Baptist Convention USA, Incorporated; past Instructor with the Great Lakes Baptist District of Christian Education; a member of the Board of Directors of the National Baptist Convention, USA Incorporated; a member of the Stewardship Commission of the National Baptist Convention, USA Incorporated; a Trustee of the Retirement Commission of the National Baptist Convention, USA Incorporated; and a delegate to the World Christian Conference in Australia.

In addition to his work, Reverend Dr. Hockenhull is a world renowned lecturer, a member of the NAACP, and a member of Concerned Pastors for Social Action. His wife of over 50 years, Marian, is the National Director of the Young People's Department. They have one son, Franco, and two granddaughters, Vanessa and Victoria.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me and applaud the

life and work of Reverend Dr. F.O. Hockenhull. He has spent his life in devotion to Our Lord, Jesus Christ, by fulfilling God's Great Commission. His compassion, patience and love for humanity are recognized throughout the Flint community. Through his example, he inspires passion, spirituality, and service in his congregation and he carries the message of God's love beyond the walls of the church building. I have known Reverend Dr. Hockenhull for many years and have always been touched by his wisdom, his zeal and his piety. I pray that he will continue to serve for many, many years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF ELIZABETH
BENHAM

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2009

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Elizabeth Benham, who is being honored this month in New York City by the International Federation of Business and Professional Women (BPW International) for her work as its President. Founded in 1930, BPW is an international organization of women business owners with links to more than 90 countries on five continents. BPW is a wonderful way for businesswomen to network and support one another.

After more than two decades of dedicated work on behalf of BPW, Ms. Benham became the organization's President last year. She is being honored at the annual Conference on the Status of Women that is being held this month at the United Nations, located in New York's 14th Congressional District that I am privileged to represent.

Elizabeth Benham is the twentieth president of BPW International and the first American to serve at its helm in 28 years. She demonstrated her commitment to BPW International as the chair of its Fundraising Taskforce from 2004-2008. In 2005, she served the organization as the Vice President, Membership Chair, Friends and Fellows Chair, and as a member of the International Planning Committee. In these roles she traveled extensively, meeting with members and chapters around the world, and developing a broad and deep understanding of the needs of the organization's diverse membership. Since 1998, Elizabeth Benham has also served as an alternate delegate to the United Nations on behalf of BPW International.

When she became BPW International President in 2008, Elizabeth Benham not only had extensive prior experience working with BPW International, but had also achieved notable success as a businesswoman. Before going into business, she was a certified nurse midwife in high risk obstetrics. Throughout her life, Elizabeth has demonstrated her compassion and motivation in her volunteer work as the Vice President of Toys of Hope Charity, a Board Member of Women Builders Council in New York, and a Board Member of the Fire Island Lighthouse Preservation Society.

Elizabeth Benham has worked tirelessly in her professional life and leadership roles to support the accomplishments of women throughout the world. In her role as President, she is working to form connections of im-

proved communication among all members and affiliates for a better flow of information. She has dedicated her efforts to expanding and improving training for future leaders of BPW International and for greater efficiencies in managing the vast organization. She has consistently demonstrated her commitment to the mission of the International Federation of Business and Professional Women in helping women in the workforce achieve their business and professional goals.

Madam Speaker, I request that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to Elizabeth Benham and the International Federation of Business and Professional Women, which under her able and inspired leadership continues to ensure that women gain equal participation and success in the workforce.

WATER QUALITY INVESTMENT
ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1262):

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of H.R. 1262, the Water Quality Investment Act.

I would like to first thank Chairman OBERSTAR and Ranking Member MICA for bringing to the floor this important legislation. I am also proud to have worked with Mr. PASCRELL on Title Three of this bill—which we have introduced previously.

Sewer maintenance is a serious problem in low-lying coastal areas such as Michigan. It is a sad fact that many of the sewer systems in Michigan and throughout the country date back to the Nineteenth Century.

These outdated systems often overflow with untreated human and industrial waste—releasing toxins and disease-causing organisms.

Inadequate maintenance, deteriorated pipes, rainfall and snow melts are too often cited as the cause of these overflows.

It is indisputable that sewer overflows pose a significant threat to public health and safety because they put raw sewage into rivers, streets, basements, and other areas of human exposure. They are also responsible for many beach closures, shellfish restrictions, and violations of water quality standards.

In Michigan alone there have been over 1,000 reported sewer overflows annually. These events have contributed over 20 billion gallons of sewage and wastewater onto the ground and into Michigan rivers, lakes and streams.

Even more staggering, the EPA has estimated that nearly 900 billion—let me repeat, 900 billion—gallons of untreated wastewater and storm water are released through combined sewer overflows and separate sewer overflows annually in the United States.

The Water Quality Investment Act goes a long way toward ending the public health and environmental crisis associated with sewer overflows by providing federal funds to repair and replace outdated systems. Local governments cannot simply fix this mess and meet their obligations under the Clean Water Act alone.

Also of critical importance in this bill are provisions to reauthorize the Great Lakes Legacy Act to tackle the problem of contamination in the Great Lakes Basin. It would provide the necessary funding to help clean up contaminated sediment in over 30 concerning areas.

My gratitude must also be extended to my esteemed colleague from Michigan, Mr. EHLERS, for his steadfast commitment to the Great Lakes and the passage of the Great Lakes Legacy Reauthorization Act.

I urge my colleagues to pass H.R. 1262 today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2009

Mr. CROWLEY. Madam Speaker, on March 12, 2009, I was absent for one Rollcall Vote. If I had been here, I would have voted "yes" on Rollcall Vote 124.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2009

Mr. BECERRA. Madam Speaker, on Friday, March 6, 2009, I missed rollcall vote 107 on approving the Journal. If present, I would have voted "aye."

HONORING FRANCIS M. GORSKI

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2009

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Francis M. Gorski for his 50th year of active service to the Lingohocken Fire Company. He and his family have been extremely dedicated to serving Wrightstown Township and the community as a whole.

Lingohocken firefighters are able to become "Life Members" after twenty-five years of service and let others take over. That was an option for Mr. Gorski twenty-five years ago, but instead he has remained hard at work—as so many have come to expect.

Mr. Gorski is one of the most active members of the department, responding to 70–80% of their calls. He has responded to calls that many individuals his age would no longer respond to—including calls at 3 o'clock in the morning. He volunteers his time for Lingohocken on top of the time he spends running the family business with his two younger brothers.

He has served at almost every rank in the company including chief, and is currently serving as deputy chief. His dedication and work ethic are examples for our community and country to follow.

Those at the company—and in our entire community—are extremely proud of the accomplishments and outstanding level of serv-

ice Mr. Gorski provides to the people of Wrightstown Township and Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize Mr. Francis Gorski for his exceptional services to his community and am extremely honored to serve as his Congressman.

IN RECOGNITION OF QUEENS BOROUGH PRESIDENT HELEN MARSHALL

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2009

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Queens Borough President Helen Marshall, an outstanding public servant. First elected the Borough President of Queens in November 2001, Helen Marshall is the first African-American and just the second woman to assume the post of chief executive of Queens County, which has a population of more than 2.2 million people. She has been a leader of uncommon grace, energy, and dedication to the people she serves.

As the Queens Borough President, Helen Marshall has been a champion for public libraries and schools, job training programs, quality health care, senior citizens, the environment, and economic development, just as she has been throughout her remarkable career. She has allocated tens of millions of dollars for parks, playgrounds and libraries, and in 2005 was bestowed the statewide Daniel Casey Library Advocacy Award. She has helped fund the expansions of cultural institutions, organized a Borough President's "War Room" to ensure the timely construction of thirty new public schools with more than 17,800 seats, and marshaled support for important infrastructure projects like the Queens Plaza Roadway Rebuilding Project and Long Island City Links. Marshall also spearheaded the historic effort to bring CUNY to the Rockaway Peninsula, providing \$6 million in capital funding to convert a former courthouse.

A native New Yorker, Helen Marshall served for nearly two decades as a respected legislator in both the New York State Assembly and the New York City Council. In 1982, she was elected to the first of five terms in the New York State Assembly, where she chaired the Rules Committee and served on the Leiland Commission.

When she won her seat on the City Council in 1991, she became the first female and first member of a minority elected to represent her City Council district, she worked to improve and unite an extraordinarily diverse community. On the City Council, she served as Chair of the Higher Education Committee and on the Committees on Housing and Buildings, Environmental Protection, and Women's Issues. She also served as Co-Chair of the Council's Black and Latino Caucus. As Chair of the City Council's Higher Education Committee, Marshall successfully fought against the privatization of the City University of New York, one of the largest public university systems in the world. She secured funds to restore the City's free dental clinics, led the fight to prevent the sale of Elmhurst and Queens Hospital Center and has fought for many years to protect Flushing Bay from the impact of LaGuardia Airport.

A proud graduate of the New York City public school system, she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education from Queens College of the City University of New York. For eight years prior to her election to the Assembly, Marshall was an early childhood teacher. In 1969 she became the first Director of the Langston Hughes Library, a post she held for five years. She also served as Director of the Elmcree Testing Assessment and Placement Program for eight years, where she helped hundreds of New Yorkers find gainful employment. In 1975, she served as a Member of the Democratic National Committee. She also served on Queens Community Board 3 for thirteen years, as a parent activist in the public schools for a decade and a half, was a founder of the Queens Overall Economic Development Corporation, and was elected in 1974 as a Democratic District Leader.

Helen Marshall remains devoted to her beloved husband, Donald, and to her children and grandchildren. She is universally regarded with affection by the people of Queens, a remarkable feat in the most diverse county in our nation.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me recognizing the enormous contributions to our civic and political life made by Borough President Marshall, who has worked tirelessly and diligently throughout her career on behalf of her constituents in Queens and all New Yorkers.

IN HONOR OF JOHN P. GALLAGHER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and of memory of my friend and mentor, John P. Gallagher, upon the official naming of the West Park Post Office, John P. Gallagher Building, and in recognition of his lifetime service to our community and to our country.

A lifelong resident of Cleveland, Mr. Gallagher was the son of Irish immigrants, from whom he learned the values of a strong work ethic and the importance of faith, family and service to community. During World War II, he served in the Army, First Engineer Special Brigade and in six combat campaigns, including missions in North Africa and the Normandy Invasion. Following the war, Mr. Gallagher worked in construction before taking a job with the City of Cleveland in 1954. He worked diligently for the City, until his retirement in 1987, which followed 22 years in the role of Superintendent of Sidewalks.

Throughout his adult life, Mr. Gallagher dedicated his time and talent to issues and projects focused on the improvement of our community. He was a staunch advocate of neighborhood safety, and also advocated for the welfare and rights of senior citizens. For many years, he served as a Democratic Party precinct committee chairman and volunteered countless hours in numerous local, state and national campaigns. He kept a close watch over his neighborhood park, and organized programs and projects for senior citizens at Cleveland's Gunning Recreation Center. His intelligence, kindness and good sense of humor quickly endeared people to him. Mr.