

In 1907, Mason and Young, along with one of their brethren, J. A. Jeter, started out on a spiritual journey that would impact the world when the Lord led them to the famed Azusa Street Revival, in Los Angeles, California. Led by Bishop William J. Seymour, the small mission was a holiness group who had taken a grand leap of faith in believing God for a Pentecostal outpouring as recorded in Acts 2:4, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Faithful to His promise, God poured out His Spirit and the once small group grew in number at a miraculous rate. Believers left various states and even foreign lands to take the pilgrimage to Azusa where they were "Baptized with the Holy Ghost," and experienced the only Bible evidence, speaking in unknown tongues. In addition to this gift, the Lord poured out His Spirit, with signs such as miraculous healings. One of the most remarkable features of this wonderful move of God, however, was the presence of unity in the Spirit as believers cast away racism, sexism, classism, and various other sins that find no place in the Body of Christ.

One glorious day during this historic move of God David Johnson Young was also graced with the precious Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Having all received the new gift, the three men journeyed back to Memphis leaving a blazing trail along their way as they preached conversion, sanctification, and the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. However, they were met with severe disapproval. Ultimately, Jones and the official body of believers he led, withdrew the right hand of fellowship from them. Undaunted by this rejection by men and thoroughly convinced of their commission by God, Charles Harrison Mason and David Johnson Young called an assembly that same year, gathering all those who believed as they. At this meeting, the brethren considered who would oversee the new Holy Ghost led Group and Young was one who many considered worthy of this awesome task. According to oral tradition, after three days of fasting and praying, God spoke through that same servant, D. J. Young, who yet spoke in tongues and was given the interpretation: "God has given us Brother Mason to be our leader." This gathering was the first national Holy Convocation of the Church of God in Christ.

After receiving this word from God, the fledgling denomination was planted in Memphis, TN, but quickly spread its roots throughout the country. D. J. Young served as a leading instrument through his apostolic church building. He was known and referred to as one of Mason's ablest assistants during these formative years. With building churches as his passion, Young was appointed the first Overseer, or Prelate, of Arkansas, Texas, and Kansas. In 1910, while engaged in apostolic work for the Kingdom, the Lord blessed D. J. Young with an invention, "The Young Musical Attachment for Automobiles," which was patented first in Canada and later the US. This tool proved invaluable as it complemented his gifting as a musician during his evangelistic travels, allowing him to "produce harmonious chords" as he played music from his very own automobile. He also served as the pioneer publisher of the Church of God in Christ with the founding of the D. J. Young Publishing Company when the Lord burdened him with the call to spread the full gospel in print via "The Whole Truth."

In 1916, elder Young made his way to his final earthly dwelling in Kansas City, Kansas. Here he founded the first Church of God in Christ, Young Memorial Church of God in Christ, in the state, and immediately began working to publish the first Sunday School literature for the still young denomination.

He continued this task, supplying many of the early Saints with Spirit filled teaching, until his demise. Before the time of his going from his labor to his reward, in 1927, David Johnson Young, was successful in building the D. J. Young Publishing Company into a much honored source of gospel literature and established more than twenty-five churches in Kansas. His works, however, live on as evidenced by the thousands of souls he led to Christ, the incredible growth of the Church of God in Christ, which he was instrumental in building, and the phenomenal leaders he helped nurture in the Christian Church at large.—Ladrian Brown.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 18, 2009

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I was unable to be present in the Capitol on Monday, March 16, 2009 and therefore unable to cast votes on the House Floor that evening.

However, had I been present I would have voted yea on H.R. 1284, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 West Main Street in McLain, Mississippi, as the "Major Ed W. Freeman Post Office"; yea on H.R. 1217, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15455 Manchester Road in Ballwin, Missouri, as the "Specialist Peter J. Navarro Post Office Building"; and yea on H.R. 987, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 601 8th Street in Freedom, Pennsylvania, as the "John Scott Challis, Jr. Post Office."

In addition, on Wednesday, March 18, 2009, I was attending a meeting with President Obama at the White House with many of my colleagues in the Congressional Hispanic Caucus when votes were called. Unable to return to the Capitol in a timely fashion, I missed two votes. However, had I been present, I would have voted yea on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 250, to provide for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 1388), to reauthorize and reform the national service laws; and I would have voted aye on H. Res. 250, to provide for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 1388), to reauthorize and reform the national service laws.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF UNITED STATES ARMY SERGEANT JEFFREY A. REED

HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 18, 2009

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Army Sergeant Jeffrey A. Reed, who was killed in action near Taji, Iraq on March 2, 2009.

Sergeant Reed was assigned to the 411th Military Police Company, 89th Military Police Brigade, from Fort Hood, Texas. His mission in Iraq was to mentor Iraqi Police units so that they could effectively maintain the peace as we withdraw our forces in the coming months.

Jeffrey was just 15 days from completing his second tour in Iraq and returning to Tucson, where he and his wife Ashley reside. A Chesterfield, Virginia native, Jeffrey joined the Army shortly after he graduated from high school in 2004, following the example of his older brother, who left college to sign up with the Army after the Sept. 11 attacks.

He was part of a routine patrol just north of Baghdad when a grenade ended his life. Jeffrey was just 23 years old.

We remember Sergeant Jeffrey Reed and offer our deepest condolences and sincerest prayers to his parents and young wife. My words cannot effectively convey the feeling of great loss nor can they offer adequate consolation, but it is my hope that in future days, his family may take some comfort in knowing that Jeffrey's legacy reaches beyond the desolate landscape of Iraq and into the hearts of a grateful nation.

This body and this country owe Jeffrey and his family a debt of gratitude and it is vital that we remember him and his fellow servicemembers who have paid the ultimate price.

Jeffrey is a hero both to his country and to his wonderful family. We salute his selfless service, sacrifice and bravery. May he not be forgotten and may his mission continue in the work of this body and the hearts of all Americans.

INTRODUCTION OF THE TAKE BACK ACT

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 18, 2009

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, my constituents have been rightfully outraged to hear that the very unit at AIG that was at the center of that company's failure is being showered with \$165 million in bonuses, with some individual bonuses to executives there being upwards of \$1 million. Considering that the taxpayers have made a commitment of significant funds to AIG as part of the federal government's efforts to rescue credit markets, extravagant bonuses to these individuals are simply unconscionable.

This afternoon I am introducing The AIG Key Executives Bonus Accountability and Capture Act (TAKE BACK Act) that will tax 100 percent of the bonuses paid out to AIG executives. The tax, which would apply to bonuses paid by TARP money, is being introduced in an effort to ensure taxpayers' dollars are not utilized to fund enormous bonuses paid to companies that receive TARP funding.

The fact that some on Wall Street have sought to exploit the public tax dollars is not only outrageous but is an egregious violation of the public's trust. If the leadership of companies that receive TARP funds are determined to waste taxpayer dollars on extravagant bonuses then I believe we as taxpayers—who significantly subsidize these same companies—have the right to recoup those funds.

Under the TAKE BACK Act, any entity that received assistance under the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 would find its bonuses subject to a tax rate of 100 percent.

There are so many people in my community who have lost their jobs and are facing extremely tough times. For taxpayer dollars to go towards bonuses for individuals who have played a key role in our economic downturn is simply unacceptable.

HONORING THE DAMAS DE
BLANCO (THE LADIES IN WHITE)

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 18, 2009

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Damas de Blanco (the Ladies in White) a peaceful pro-democracy group of women in Cuba dedicated to creating awareness of the political realities, human rights violations and lack of basic freedoms on the island.

Today marks the 6th anniversary of the Black Spring in Cuba, in which 75 human rights activists, independent journalists, librarians, economists and pro-democracy leaders were jailed for simply expressing their opposition to the lack of political freedoms on the island. All were unfairly sentenced to an average of 25 years in Castro's gulag and 55 still languish there today.

The Damas de Blanco consists of the wives, mothers, daughters, sisters and nieces of these 75 dissidents. The group came together soon after the crackdown. Each day, these courageous women protest the imprisonment of their loved ones, call for their immediate release and the release of all political prisoners in Cuba, and seek to draw international attention to the lack of basic freedoms on the island. They wear white to symbolize innocence and purity, attend mass each Sunday, and walk through the streets of Cuba in peaceful protest.

The group has been internationally recognized and in 2005 was awarded the Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought, alongside Reporters Without Borders and human rights lawyer Hauwa Ibrahim, by the European Parliament. Members of Damas de Blanco were banned from attending the award ceremony in France by the Cuban regime.

The Damas de Blanco are a voice for the hundreds of political prisoners in Cuba and those who live in the shadows of oppression. With unprecedented courage and bravery, they take to the streets each day and risk their own lives in order to draw attention to the harsh realities in Cuba. As we celebrate Women's History Month, I ask you to join me in honoring the Damas de Blanco, remembering the 75 jailed dissidents of the Black Spring in Cuba and all of Cuba's political prisoners, and standing in solidarity with the Cuban people.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE
PANPAPHIAN ASSOCIATION OF
AMERICA ON THE OCCASION OF
ITS ANNUAL DINNER-DANCE

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 18, 2009

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the PanPaphian Association of

America. Founded more than two decades ago by Hellenic Cypriot Americans of Paphian ancestry, it has carried out its vital educational, cultural, charitable, and humanitarian mission while promoting peace, unity, and understanding on Cyprus.

The Association is holding the 8th Annual Evagoras Pallikarides Award of Merit dinner-dance this month. The Evagoras Pallikarides Award is being presented to Panicos Papanicolaou. Born and raised in Nicosia, he came to the U.S. after serving in the Cypriot National Guard. He earned Bachelor of Science and Masters degrees at the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT), then obtained a research position there, developing technology for the cleanup of toxic soil. A principal of JF Contracting, a Brooklyn construction and engineering firm, he is affiliated with the American Society of Civil Engineers, the National Society of Professional Engineers, and the Civil Engineering Honor Society. The Supreme President of the Cyprus Federation of America, Vice President of the Cyprus Children's Fund, and an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, he also serves on the Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Council, the Advisory Board of Queens College, and as a supporter of St. Basil's Academy, the Albert Dorman Honors College at NJIT, and the Harvard School of Public Health. Prior to becoming the Federation's Supreme President, he was Chairman of the Justice for Cyprus Committee. A recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, he was the 1995 Bronx Businessman of the Year. He is devoted to his wife, Nasia, and his daughters, Elizabeth and Elena.

The PanPaphian Association is awarding the Distinguished Fellow Cyprian Award to Elena Maroulleti. Born on Cyprus in Nicosia, she grew up in Famagusta before immigrating to the U.S., where she founded "The Vraka," a folk-dancing group that later became the Cypriot Emigrants Cultural Association. Under her leadership, it mounted live performances relating to Cypriot folklore, culture, theater, dance, and music. She is an accomplished journalist, having served on the main production team of ABC News for more than twenty years. After volunteering her time as a host of radio programs pertaining to Cyprus and Greece for five years, she founded AKTINA Productions, a non-profit cultural and educational organization dedicated to the promotion and preservation of the Hellenic cultural heritage through radio, television, live performances, and other media. It sponsors AKTINA FM, a bilingual radio show, and AKTINA TV, an English language show, which reach audiences of hundreds of thousands. Both programs focus on Hellenes' rich cultural heritage as well as news and current events in Cyprus, Greece, and America. In 2002, Ms. Maroulleti was awarded the "Women of Achievement Pace Setter Award" by the New York City Council Speaker Peter F. Vallone, Sr. She is the founder and President of the Ethnic Broadcasters Action Committee, which represents all ethnic broadcaster-produced programs on WNYE, New York City's publicly owned television station. She is happily married to Tom Stouras and devoted to Caroline Ioannou, her daughter from a previous marriage.

The Member of the Year Award will be given to Mr. Nicos Paphitis, who was born in Morfou, Cyprus. While serving as an officer in the Cyprian military police, he played profes-

sional soccer with the team Keravnos Strovolou. He came to the U.S. in 1983, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from the City University of New York, and returned to Cyprus to work for Laiki Bank until 1998, when he was returned to New York to become the Bank's chief representative. Currently a Business Development Manager with Piraeus Bank and a 2nd Vice-President of the Cyprus Federation, he is devoted to the Hellenic American community and institutions like Saint Demetrios School and the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, as well as his wife, Evie, and his children, Andreas and Marilena.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues rise to join me in paying tribute to the PanPaphian Association of America and its 2009 honorees.

CELEBRATING PROCTER & GAMBLE
MANUFACTURING COMPANY'S 40TH BIRTHDAY IN
CENTRAL LOUISIANA

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 18, 2009

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the Procter & Gamble Manufacturing Company in Pineville as it celebrates its 40th birthday in Central Louisiana.

In July 1969, Procter & Gamble Manufacturing Co. first began operations in the area on a 112 acre site about seven miles north of Alexandria/Pineville. Originally built to supply synthetic dry powder detergents, the Procter & Gamble Alexandria plant was just one of 12 plants in operation in the United States at the time.

Through the years, the Procter & Gamble Manufacturing Co. has consolidated their business down to two dry laundry sites, and is now shipping to more than half of the U.S. from the Louisiana location.

In 2005, the company announced the expansion of this particular plant site to manufacture both dry and liquid detergents, essentially doubling the size of the facility. This dynamic growth required an investment of over \$220 million and added more than 185 permanent employees.

Today the plant retains approximately 400 direct contract employees, in addition to an average of 1,200 indirect staff. The company credits these individuals as its greatest asset.

The Procter & Gamble Manufacturing Co. has an impressive track record of success in Central Louisiana. I am confident the remarkable progression of this plant will continue to provide great opportunities for the residents of this area.

It is with deep appreciation for this plant's many contributions to the 5th Congressional District that I commend the Procter & Gamble Manufacturing Co.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 40th birthday of the Procter & Gamble Manufacturing Co. in Pineville as it continues its faithful commitment to building not only a stronger Louisiana, but a stronger national economy.