

Springfield, Missouri, celebrating its 100th year of service to the community and God. Trinity Lutheran is honoring this milestone with a year of special services, events and history displays.

Trinity Lutheran Church will welcome several preachers during this special year. Many who were integral to Trinity's 100-year history will honor and remember the congregation's growth, achievements and history of serving the Springfield area and bringing the word to worshippers.

Former Pastor Manny Rodriguez, who left to develop Amigos de Cristo, a mission church in Sedalia, is joining current Trinity Lutheran Pastor Bill R. Marler and Pastor Eric Tessaro to celebrate this anniversary. The pastors are encouraging the congregation to honor their history and consider long range plans to keep the spirit, message and mission of Trinity Lutheran fresh.

Like many churches 100 years ago struggling with finances, Trinity Lutheran began with a small group of households. Pastors from other congregations volunteered to minister in Springfield. Rev. A.F. Woker became the first pastor of Trinity in 1917. Soon, the congregation purchased property and constructed their first home. This building served them for three decades.

Today's well-known location of Trinity Lutheran is the result of a need to expand beyond the restrictions of its first home. As if divinely inspired, Trinity Lutheran moved into the wilderness of Greene County. This decision proved to be a blessing, placing the church in a location that would easily accommodate phenomenal growth in the 1950s and 1960s. It is still the congregation's home today.

Trinity's growth has also been guided by capable long-term pastors, each of whom were strong leaders and deeply rooted scriptural teachers. Such sound leadership and congregational support helped Trinity Lutheran create a number of new ministries, including campus ministry and a school.

Trinity Lutheran is one of Springfield's strong moral pillars, committed to the work of God and compassion for those less fortunate in our community. My hope is that Trinity Lutheran continues its heritage of strong leadership in Springfield for many centuries to come.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF  
SERGEANT THOMAS L. COLLINS

**HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 9, 2010*

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the intellect and dedication of Sergeant Thomas L. Collins, a life-long resident of East Hampton, New York, who received a medal and certificate of recognition from the British government for his service as a cryptologist during WWII. So secret was his work during the war, Sgt. Collins' invaluable contributions were not recognized and made public until the 1990s.

After distinguishing himself during training at Arlington Hall, the U.S. cryptography center, he was chosen to escort the Allies' most advanced code-breaking machine, the Dragon, to Britain in 1944. Sgt. Collins carried a loaded Smith & Wesson revolver at all times during

his journey, a testament to the dangerous nature of his mission and the valuable cargo he guarded.

In October 1944, after landing in Scotland, he and the Dragon were transported by rail and truck to the renowned Allied cryptography center at Bletchley Park, and immediately put to use as Allied forces had their first battle on German soil, at Aachen. All told, Sgt. Collins used the Dragon to decode 143 Nazi messages. He was also instrumental in designing a successor to the original Dragon, which was credited with hastening the defeat of the Nazis by many weeks.

Madam Speaker, heroism has many faces, and the labors of dedicated code breakers hundreds of miles from the front lines saved many lives by providing our fighting forces the best intelligence available. Sgt. Collins is a living reminder of the varied contributions made by members of the Greatest Generation in defending freedom. I humbly join the British Government in honoring the wartime service of Sgt. Thomas L. Collins.

RECOGNIZING OHIO CHRISTIAN  
UNIVERSITY'S GRADUATING  
CLASS OF 2010

**HON. STEVE AUSTRIA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 9, 2010*

Mr. AUSTRIA. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District, I am honored to recognize Ohio Christian University's graduating class of 2010.

Over the past years, these students have earned academic excellence and grown both spiritually and resourcefully. It was a privilege to attend the University's ceremony and witness such an achievement, as our future leaders are sent out into the community.

Thus, with great pride, I congratulate Ohio Christian University's graduating class of 2010 for its exemplary success and wish each graduate the best in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE CHICAGO  
HUMAN RHYTHM PROJECT

**HON. MIKE QUIGLEY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 9, 2010*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, today I rise in recognition of the Chicago Human Rhythm Project's 20th anniversary. Over the last 20 years, the Chicago Human Rhythm Project's extraordinary community building efforts and celebration of American tap and percussive arts has firmly established them as one of Chicago's artistic mainstays.

Founded in 1990, the Chicago Human Rhythm Project, CHRP, has maintained community outreach as the cornerstone of its success. Most notably, CHRP has educated over 10,000 students and provided over \$250,000 in scholarships to students in need to study tap dance during the summer. CHRP has also provided a free outreach residency school program for elementary, high school, and cultural centers throughout the Chicagoland area. The cultivation of a stronger America through art is

further exemplified through their participation in the "Thanks 4 Giving" shared revenue program. Since joining "Thanks 4 Giving" six years ago, CHRP has raised over \$100,000 for charity.

CHRP's dedication to community extends beyond Chicago, Illinois and the United States of America with their involvement in an ongoing cultural exchange program. This program has given CHRP the opportunity to spread American tap dance across the globe by participating in exchanges with Brazil, China, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, Switzerland, and Venezuela. As a result of their commitment to the international community, CHRP was selected to represent the United States of America at the 5th Anniversary Beijing International Contemporary Dance Festival in 2007 and the Gala de Estrellas Internacional in Caracas, Venezuela in 2008.

Madam Speaker, I want to thank the Chicago Human Rhythm Project for their continued efforts. It is through their unabashed commitment to the arts and the community at large that they have helped to perpetuate the love affair with American dance and to establish Chicago as a global fine arts destination.

HONORING SISTER ROSEMARIE  
NASSIF, SSND, PHD

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 9, 2010*

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sister Rosemarie Nassif, SSND, PhD, for her celebrated and successful 11-year tenure as Holy Names University President. On the occasion of her retirement, we recognize the quality and excellence of Sister Rosemarie's career and her talents as a dynamic and inspirational leader. During her time as president, Holy Names University has witnessed record-breaking enrollment, noted student diversity, expanded academic and sports programming, improved facilities, increased alumni participation and overall acclaim.

Sister Rosemarie's religious calling came early in life, and at the age of 17, she entered the School Sisters of Notre Dame. During her early career back East, Sister Rosemarie gained a breadth of experience as Associate Professor of Notre Dame College, St. Louis College of Pharmacy and Co-Vicar for the Archdiocese of St. Louis, Missouri. In Baltimore, she became President of the College of Notre Dame of Maryland and later, President of the Fund for Educational Excellence before leaving that post to join Holy Names University on May 1, 1999.

With a 140-year tradition of providing educational excellence in the Bay Area, Holy Names University, HNU, is a premier, private university founded by the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary and co-educational since 1971. Upon Sister Rosemarie's arrival, the university entered a period of "refoundation," where she, along with faculty and leadership, assessed the university's strengths and the critical needs of their students for the 21st century. She described this process as making the best match between tradition and innovation, while stretching to meet any challenges at hand. With foresight, dedication and solid

teamwork, Sister Rosemarie introduced a five-year strategic plan to the Board of Trustees, later accomplishing every goal she addressed.

She led the institution in achieving the maximum 10-year accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, oversaw the highest and most diverse enrollment in the university's history and surpassed initial fundraising goals to raise \$5.3 million in a successful \$7 million campaign to transform the science facilities.

She added four new athletic programs, completed a New Center for Social Justice and Civic Engagement, and made campus-wide technological advances, including student information and enrollment systems, a Technology Support Center for students and a state-of-the-art video conference studio for multi-state nursing programs. Additionally, HNU added five new baccalaureate majors, four new master's programs, returned to stable financial footing and completed The Campus Master Plan through 2012.

Sister Rosemarie's accomplishments will leave an indelible mark on the HNU campus, but the legacy of her work represents so much more than tangible results. Her personal commitment to shaping a unique learning experience that explores and celebrates the beauty of differences has forever touched the lives of students, faculty, alumni, trustees and local community leaders.

Her service has empowered countless women and men from underrepresented cultures and nations throughout the world to practice civic engagement, tolerance and critical thinking. And, as President Emerita Sr., she will continue to serve students through the Frieda Mary Nassif Scholarship award, named for her mother.

On behalf of California's 9th Congressional District, I want to extend my congratulations on this important milestone. Thank you, Sister Rosemarie Nassif, for all that you do. I wish you continued success in this next chapter of life.

#### HONORING GARRETT WITTELS OF FIU FOR EXTENDING HIS HITTING STREAK TO 56 GAMES

##### HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Garrett Wittels of Florida International University, FIU, who has extended his hitting streak to an astonishing 56 consecutive games.

Garrett has been a standout student-athlete since his days at Dr. Michael Krop Senior High School in Miami, Florida. While there, he made the Miami Herald's All-Miami-Dade teams from 2006 to 2008, was selected as team MVP his sophomore and senior seasons and posted a .420 average with six home runs and 29 RBI's during his senior campaign. He was recruited by the University of Miami, North Carolina State, and Louisville, but he chose to attend FIU, Miami's first and only four-year public research university. With a student body of nearly 40,000, FIU is one of the 25 largest universities in the nation.

While he began his collegiate baseball career with moderate success, he is now

headlining sports pages and captivating the nation with his amazing feat. As FIU battled to stay alive in the NCAA Regionals of the College World Series, Garrett extended his hitting streak to 56-consecutive games; a streak which began on February 19, 2010. This matches the Major League Baseball record held by Yankee great and Hall of Famer, Joe DiMaggio, who hit in 56-straight games in 1941. The only other person with a longer streak in college than Garrett is the all-time Division I record holder, Robin Ventura of Oklahoma State University, who hit safely in 58-consecutive games in 1987.

Garrett helped lead FIU to the Sun Belt Conference Championship and a berth in this year's College World Series. Garrett had 100 hits in 2010, which set the single-season record for FIU; he was selected as the 2010 Sun Belt Conference Baseball Player of the Year; and was named to the Louisville Slugger All-American Baseball Team (first team).

While he is showing the nation that he can excel on the diamond, less attention is being focused on his achievements off of it. He has made the Academic Honor roll as he works towards his degree in Sports Management. He shows us that he is as dedicated to hitting the books as to hitting line-drives. He is a true scholar-athlete and a fine example for other young athletes to emulate.

Unfortunately, we'll have to wait till next season to see if Garrett can continue his streak but, I'd like to take the time to congratulate Garrett Wittels, his family, his teammates, and the entire FIU community, for being one step closer to baseball immortality. We all look forward to the start of FIU's 2011 baseball season and Garrett's pursuit of the record.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

##### HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, yesterday was primary Election Day in my state of California, which necessitated by remaining in my congressional district on Tuesday, June 8, 2010, through Wednesday morning, June 9, 2010. Consequently, I was unable to return in time for rollcall Votes 337 through 339.

I ask the RECORD to reflect that had I been present I would have voted as follows:

1. On rollcall No. 337, I would have voted "aye" (June 8) (H.R. 1061, Hoh Indian Tribe Safe Homelands Act).

2. On rollcall No. 338, I would have voted "aye" (June 8) (H. Res. 518, Honoring the life of Jacques-Yves Cousteau, explorer, researcher, and pioneer in the field of marine conservation).

3. On rollcall No. 339, I would have voted "aye" (June 9) (Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule for H.R. 5072—FHA Reform Act of 2010 (H. Res. 1424)).

#### OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

##### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,056,957,049,453.42.

On January 6, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$2,418,531,303,159.60 so far this Congress.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, on Monday, May 24, 2010 and Friday, May 28, 2010, I was absent for votes due to family commitments. Had I been present, I would have voted on the following:

House rollcall vote 291—I would have voted "yes"; House rollcall vote 292—I would have voted "yes"; House rollcall vote 293—I would have voted "yes"; House rollcall vote 324—I would have voted "yes"; House rollcall vote 325—I would have voted "no"; House rollcall vote 326—I would have voted "no"; House rollcall vote 327—I would have voted "no"; House rollcall vote 328—I would have voted "no"; House rollcall vote 329—I would have voted "yes"; House rollcall vote 330—I would have voted "yes"; House rollcall vote 331—I would have voted "no"; House rollcall vote 332—I would have voted "yes"; House rollcall vote 333—I would have voted "yes"; House rollcall vote 334—I would have voted "yes"; House rollcall vote 335—I would have voted "no"; House rollcall vote 336—I would have voted "yes."

#### HONORING RAUL H. CASTRO, FORMER GOVERNOR OF ARIZONA

##### HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Mr. PASTOR of Arizona. Madam Speaker, while many have written of the inspirational story surrounding Raul Hector Castro, Arizona's first Hispanic Governor, it seems only fitting that in today's highly charged atmosphere of anti-immigrant sentiment, we take the occasion of Governor Castro's 93rd birthday on June 12th to examine his life as one who has surely proven the American dream is achievable. In fact, he has not only shown that dream is achievable, he has also underscored the fact that those pursuing the dream contribute mightily to the strength of our Nation.

Born in Mexico, the second youngest of 12 children raised in Arizona by an immigrant