

exclusion of openly gay and lesbian individuals. The purpose was to ensure that each law school community would communicate its inclusive and non-discriminatory values to all members of the community. This compromise, while deemed the best solution within the legal context in which the AALS found itself, is inherently and deeply troublesome for two reasons. University-based law schools implicitly sanction discrimination based on sexual orientation when they include military recruiters rather than reject the federal funds so important to their academic programs. At the same time, attempts made by individual law schools and the AALS to ensure that the full law school community understands why a discriminatory employer has been permitted access to the schools' career services have understandably (but wrongly) been interpreted as indicative of the "anti-military" attitudes of law schools, their leaders, and the AALS. We emphasize that the AALS is supportive of our military and recognizes that as the military has become more inclusive it has become stronger both internally and in the public's perception. We depend on the many young Americans whose courage and commitment enables them to join the armed services in order to actively participate in the defense of the nation. It is the nobility of that service and the inability of American citizens who are openly gay or lesbian to serve that has prompted the AALS to argue consistently for inclusion of these citizens in military service. The AALS is committed to both non-discrimination and a strong military, with access to opportunities in the military for all students at our member schools, regardless of their sexual orientation.

The current law places the democratic ideal that individuals should be judged as individuals and not based upon group-based characteristics in a secondary status to funding higher education programs. As such, it inherently damages our democracy. Repealing the current law and extending non-discrimination principles to include sexual orientation will support and strengthen our democratic values and strengthen the military.

ADDITIONAL ADVANTAGES OF APPLYING NON-DISCRIMINATION PRINCIPLES TO MILITARY SERVICE

Repeal of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy is certain to ensure a larger pool of citizens who seek to serve their country in the military, a much-needed result particularly during this time of heavy on-going demands for those who are now serving. Furthermore, the extension of non-discrimination principles to the service of individuals regardless of their sexual orientation will generate broader support for our military branches. Over time, as military personnel work together toward common purposes in service of the nation, greater understanding and respect are likely to be furthered in our broader culture. A diverse society depends on its ability to develop qualities of tolerance and over-arching shared values; American democracy and the opportunities it has exemplified are grounded in the concept of a multi-faceted diversity, protected by guarantees of individual liberties.

CONCLUSION

The AALS urges Congress to act soon to remove the restrictions on military service that now exist, extending the opportunity of military service without regard to the sexual orientation of those who seek to volunteer for this important service to our nation.

Sincerely,

SUSAN WESTERBERG PRAGER.

A TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM WHITAKER

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of William Whitaker for his work with the formerly incarcerated and his service to the City of New York.

Mr. Whitaker was born in Richmond, Virginia, and moved to Brooklyn, New York at four years of age. His family resided in Brooklyn's Bedford Stuyvesant area for the next 42 years. After completing his high school education, Mr. Whitaker received an Associate degree from John Jay College of Criminal Justice where he focused on paralegal research and mythology. He then attended Marta Due College and received a Bachelor of Arts in Human Services. Mr. Whitaker is also a credentialed Prevention Specialist with the New York State Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse. Mr. Whitaker has been credentialed with the state of New York for 15 years.

Mr. Whitaker is also certified with Cornell University as a Family Development Credential Trainer. In 2009, Mr. Whitaker received his international certification reciprocity with the New York State Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse.

Mr. Whitaker's career began in 1990 with the Fortune Society. He held several titles at this agency, including Chief Librarian, Counselor/Case Manager, Senior Peer Trainer, Public Health Educator, and Senior Outreach Coordinator. Mr. Whitaker also served as the Senior Prevention Specialist at Brooklyn's Canarsie Aware Treatment Center.

Mr. Whitaker began working with the New York City Commission on Human Rights in 2001 as the Senior Advocate for the HIV prison project. He then began to serve as Special Consultant and Advisor to the Commissioner. Also during this time Mr. Whitaker was serving as Consultant and Special Advisor to Princeton University's research project concerning employment discrimination against minority jobseekers and the formerly incarcerated in New York City.

Mr. Whitaker served as Consultant and Trainer to the City of New York Department of Health Office of Correction AIDS Prevention, stationed at Rikers Island Jail.

Mr. Whitaker served the City of New York as a Senior Liaison for the New York City Department of Homeless Services for three years working with homeless families and single males and females to resolve conflicts and disputes with staff and other service providers. He was also responsible for contacting and following up with other government officials regarding complaints.

Mr. Whitaker then served as African American Community Liaison to the office of the Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz. He served throughout the Borough of Brooklyn, representing Marty's office in all affairs.

Mr. Whitaker has returned to the New York City Commission on Human Rights where he continues to serve the people of New York as a Human Rights Specialist, working on special projects regarding the formerly incarcerated and other areas concerning Human Rights laws and educating the general public.

Mr. Whitaker is also currently authoring a new complete and comprehensive resource guide with other staff at the Commission on Human Rights. This booklet is for the formerly incarcerated returning to New York City. The title of this new booklet is "Turning the Game Around". Mr. Whitaker also provides ongoing workshops and presentations at agencies throughout the five Boroughs of New York City.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of William Whitaker.

IN SUPPORT OF H. RES. 1383 HONORING DR. LARRY CASE

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the recently passed House Resolution 1383 honoring Dr. Larry Case for his 26 years of service as National FFA Advisor.

On January 1, 2011, Dr. Case will retire after 26 years as National FFA Advisor at the U.S. Department of Education. Dr. Case, a Missouri native and former high school agricultural education instructor, earned his bachelor's degree, master's degree, and doctorate from the University of Missouri and has since served in numerous positions including CEO and chairman of the board of the National FFA organization, chairman of the board for the National Postsecondary Student Organization, and national advisor to the National Young Farmer Education Association.

Dr. Case has made a significant personal impact on the lives of hundreds of thousands of present and former FFA members. During his tenure as National FFA Advisor, the organization saw tremendous growth in both membership and educational innovation. As an advisor, executive officer, and chairman of the board of directors of the National FFA Organization, Dr. Case has been a national leader in secondary, postsecondary, and adult instructional programs relating to agriculture.

As a Missouri farmer I have a special appreciation for Dr. Larry Case's commitment to agriculture and his exemplary efforts to highlight the importance of agricultural education in our state and nation.

I congratulate Dr. Case on his outstanding service to agriculture and to our nation.

TRIBUTE TO STATE SENATOR T. ALLEN LEGARE, JR.

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, State Senator T. Allen Legare, Jr. was an inspiration to me growing up in historic Charleston, South Carolina, as a gentleman promoting job creation with the State Development Board and the State Ports Authority. My attending Washington and Lee University was coordinated by him, who had attended W&L, with my mother, Wray Graves Wilson, who attended nearby Hollins College in Virginia.

The below article was printed in The Post and Courier on June 12, 2010.

THE POST AND COURIER: OBITUARIES—LOCAL POLITICIAN DIES

Thomas Allen Legare, Jr., a former S.C. senator and Charleston-area lawyer, died Friday. He was 94.

A four-term senator from 1953 to 1966, Legare pushed for bridge and highway improvements. He served as chairman of the State Development Board, which set two records for industrial development under his leadership. He was the board chairman from 1969 to 1974.

For his public service as a legislator, the S.C. Department of Highways and Public Transportation named the northbound U.S. Highway 17 bridge over the Ashley River after Legare in 1978.

As a senator, he authored several bills that provided for the expansion of the State Ports Authority. He was a two-term Democratic representative from Charleston from 1947 to 1953.

In 1979, Legare received the University of South Carolina's Distinguished Alumni Award. He earned his A.B. and law degrees from the university in 1939 and 1941, respectively. Legare was a past president and chairman of the alumni association.

Legare was born in Charleston on July 22, 1915, to Thomas A. Legare and Lilly Mikell Legare. In 1964 he formed the Legare, Hare and Smith law firm in Charleston. He was an Army veteran, serving in World War II in the European and China-India-Burma theaters.

Legare was a former director of the Charleston Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Lion's Club of Charleston. Other memberships included the American Legion Post #10, the Veterans' Advisory Council and the Carolina Yacht Club. Legare was a long-time member of the Second Presbyterian Church of Charleston.

He was predeceased by his wife, Virginia I. Green Legare, and daughter, Irene G. Legare Wesley. Surviving are the couple's three other children, Virginia G. Legare Townsend, Sarah M. Legare Stuhr, and Edward T. Legare, all of Wadmalaw Island.

Stuhr's Downtown Chapel is handling arrangements.

A TRIBUTE TO RONALD J. BRIDGES

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ronald J. Bridges for his service to children and families throughout New York City.

Mr. Ronald J. Bridges is a native of Newark, New Jersey. He and his lovely wife Yvette celebrated 31 years of marriage on March 28. They have three wonderful children, two boys and a girl: Rashidi, Husani, and Bahati.

Mr. Bridges is the Chairman of the Diaconate Ministry at the historic Berean Baptist Church of Brooklyn, New York. In this leadership position, Mr. Bridges provides spiritual and administrative guidance to the church ministerial leaders. He attends New York Theological Seminary where he earned the Master of Divinity Degree in 2009. Mr. Bridges has done additional studies at the Berean Baptist Bible Study Institute, including a four year Bible study certificate program; upon graduation, he was named "Salutatorian of the

Class of 1999." A New York state licensed psychotherapist since 1988, Mr. Bridges also holds a Master of Social Work degree from Hunter College School of Social Work of New York City.

Mr. Bridges spent his entire career helping others. In his 24 years of local government service, Mr. Bridges held a senior administrative manager post within New York City Children's Service Foster Care division. As its Regional Director of the Group Home Division in the boroughs of the Bronx, Queens and Manhattan from 1990 to 2007, Mr. Bridges counseled, taught and helped countless teenagers and their families. Currently, Mr. Bridges is the Regional Deputy Director of New York City Children's Service Child Protection Division in the Bronx, New York. Mr. Bridges oversees all New York State Registry reports of abuse and neglect of children within numerous communities in the Bronx. This is a tremendous responsibility in which Mr. Bridges depends heavily on his relationship with his Lord, Christ Jesus; as well as on his vast experience as he guides and directs over one hundred child protective employees.

Affectionately known as "Deacon Bridges" or "Deacon Ron," Mr. Bridges is a dedicated servant of Christ and has been a member of Berean Baptist Church since 1992. Mr. Bridges faithfully echoes, "Only what we do for Christ will last." This is evident by Mr. Bridges' commitment to various ministries within Berean Baptist Church and the community. He is a devoted Sunday school teacher and student, and is also a member of the Berean's Christian Counseling ministry where he teaches a Christian counseling course. Mr. Bridges serves as the vice chairman of the Board of Directors for the Berean Community Family Life Center. He is the founder of And Ye Shall Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself Ministries. Mr. Bridges works with officials at Montefiore and with the faith-based community to establish a network of churches to serve as a surrogate support system for liver transplant patients.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the contributions of Ronald J. Bridges.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF MR. DANIEL D. CANTOR

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of and express sadness over the passing of an extraordinary man, Daniel D. Cantor.

Mr. Cantor set the bar for what it means to be a true community leader through his philanthropy, friendship, and loyalty.

He loved children, loved the Jewish community, and loved Broward County. It was his fervent desire to give whatever he could, whenever he could, to help.

Mr. Cantor grew up in Middle Village, New York, earned his law degree from New York University, and served in the Navy stateside during World War II. He started practicing law after the war but his attention quickly turned to real estate, where he made his fortune buying,

selling and building garden apartments for returning veterans. He made his first \$1 million by age 31.

When Mr. Cantor retired to Tamarac in 1980, South Florida became a prime recipient of his charity work. By 1996, in only an 8-year period, Mr. Cantor donated over \$22 million to the non-profit community and was recognized by the United States Congress for his efforts.

His contributions went to the Jewish National Fund, the Jewish Institute for Geriatric Care, a program to teach Yiddish in Jewish day schools, including one in Hollywood, and a lecture hall for a university in Israel. Mr. Cantor donated to scholarship funds, medical research, and housing for the elderly in New York, Florida, and Israel. He gave money to resettle Soviet Jews and to fly Ethiopian Jews to Israel. Locally he also gave to the Jewish Federation of Broward County, David Posnack Hebrew Day School in Plantation, and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Of course, he is probably best known through the Daniel D. Cantor Senior Center in Sunrise, which provides adult day care and other programs for the elderly, many of which are constituents of mine.

Madam Speaker, Daniel Cantor was a unique man with a great sense of humor. He served the community with everything he had and this is something I aspire to do every day of my life. He will always be a role model to all who follow Mahatma Ghandi's mantra: "Be the change you wish to see in the world."

One Jewish leader in my district said it right: "It's the end of an era losing a man of that stature."

I am grateful for Mr. Cantor's contributions and dedication to Broward County, the greater United States, and Israel. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family, friends, and to the greater community during this difficult time.

HONORING MARNA S. DAVIDSON

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, "A good teacher is like a candle, it consumes itself to light the way for others." Today I would like to honor Marna S. Davidson for the path she has lit for us and congratulate her on her retirement. Ms. Davidson is the paradigm of a true educator: she has dedicated her life to teaching others both inside and outside the classroom.

Ms. Davidson came to Florida after a distinguished career in the New York City Public School System. As an active teacher, Ms. Davidson was recognized with the Smallheiser Award by the United Federation of Teachers and helped her school achieve the prestigious Trechenberg Award.

When Ms. Davidson retired from New York and moved to Florida, she became politically active. Some will suggest that Ms. Davidson then found the most bullish and obstinate students of her career, the Florida legislature. In true form, Ms. Davidson took to lobbying the Florida legislature on educational issues with the same passion and zeal she taught with her whole life. There is no doubt that the children of Florida are better off due to the hard