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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

work and dedication that Ms. Davidson advocated on behalf of their education.

I wish Ms. Davidson an enjoyable and peaceful retirement.

INTRODUCTION OF THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER FAIRNESS ACT OF 2010

HON. DAVID WU

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. WU. Madam Speaker, I rise to let my colleagues know that today I introduced the Volunteer Firefighter Fairness Act.

This bill would clarify for volunteer fire departments, volunteer firefighters and emergency personnel, and the Internal Revenue Service that volunteers are not employees of the fire departments where they serve.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, volunteers comprise approximately 72 percent of our nation's fire and emergency services. Although volunteers make up the majority of firefighters nationwide, we are experiencing an overall decline in the number of volunteer personnel. This is due to increased emergency call volumes, the time demands of ongoing training, and the struggle many Americans face trying to balancing family and work obligations.

To help recruit and retain volunteer firefighters and other volunteer first responders, some states and local governments offer nominal payments or benefits, such as covering expenses for uniforms.

Historically, fire departments have used the IRS Form 1099 to report these benefits and nominal payments for their volunteers. However, recently many volunteer fire departments have been told by local or regional IRS offices that they must the Form W-2, instead of the 1099, to report payments and benefits. In Oregon, a volunteer fire department was even hit with a \$9,900 fine for using a Form 1099 instead of a Form W-2.

The bill I am introducing today will clarify the law to ensure that fire departments will be able to use Form 1099 to report any minimal pay or benefits for volunteer first responders. I am pleased to report that this bill has the full support of the International Fire Chiefs Association.

Finally, Madam Speaker, I would like to clarify one point about who the bill would cover. This legislation is designed to specifically cover volunteer firefighters and volunteer emergency personnel. The practice of providing volunteer firefighters and emergency personnel with reimbursement, reasonable benefits, and nominal fees for their services is allowed under both the IRS Code and the Fair Labor Standards Act. The U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division ruled on August 7, 2006, that "generally an amount not exceeding 20 percent of the total compensation that the employer would pay to employ a full-time firefighter for performing comparable services would be deemed nominal." Since both the IRS Code and the FLSA use the term "nominal fee" as an allowable form of compensation for volunteer firefighters, I urge the IRS to use the U.S. Department of Labor's ruling in drafting any regulations to implement this legislation or define the term "nominal fee" for volunteer firefighter compensation.

THE SYRACUSE JAMES JOYCE CLUB/BLOOMSDAY

HON. DANIEL B. MAFFEI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. MAFFEI. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the Syracuse James Joyce Club's celebration of the 17th annual Bloomsday. Bloomsday is the day people from around the world celebrate the life of Irish author James Joyce and his novel Ulysses, which is heralded as one of the greatest novels of the 20th century.

Ulysses chronicles the day the main character, Leopold Bloom travels into Dublin on June 16. This date had special meaning for Joyce. It was also the first date with his future wife Nora Barnacle. For these reasons, June 16 was marked as the special day Joyce's life and literary work, Ulysses would be celebrated.

The first Bloomsday was organized in 1954 by critic, John Ryan, and author, Flann O'Brien. The day was named after Leopold Bloom in Ulysses. Ryan and O'Brien organized a day long pilgrimage along the Ulysses route. They planned a day to travel through the city, visiting the scenes from the novel. The night ended in what had once been called the brothel quarter of the city, the area which Joyce had called Nighttown.

Born in Dublin, on February 2, 1882, Joyce was the son of John Stanislaus Joyce and Mary Jane Murray. Joyce's father struggled as a businessman and his mother was an accomplished pianist. Joyce grew up in poverty, and his family struggled to maintain a solid middle-class lifestyle. From the age of six, Joyce was educated by Jesuits at Clongowes Wood College then Belvedere College in Dublin.

It was in college that Joyce blossomed as a writer. His first published work was an essay on Ibsen's play When We Dead Awaken. Joyce went on to write several other works that sealed his place in writing history.

I am proud that the Syracuse James Joyce Club continues to keep the life and work of Joyce alive. It is important that we remember the contributions he has made to literary history. I am pleased that the Syracuse James Joyce Club will gather people from the community today to share their favorite excerpts from Joyce's works.

The Bloomsday celebration attracts over 300 people and is part of the CNY Chapter of the Irish American Cultural Institute. I commend the Syracuse James Joyce Club for keeping the legacy of one of the 20th century's greatest writers alive.

A TRIBUTE TO REVEREND ALVIN BARNETT

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 Reverend Alvin Barnett for his years of service to ministry and his community.

Alvin Barnett attended the famed Boys High, where he became a star football player. He

was goal-oriented and this served him well again during his college years, first at Tennessee State College, and then at American Baptist Theological Seminary, in Nashville, Tennessee, from which he received a Bachelor of Theology Degree. Rev. Barnett continued his studies in Business Administration at New York City's Pace University, and at Malloy College in Valley Stream, New York.

Reverend Barnett was licensed and ordained to preach the Gospel at the Mount Ollie Baptist Church in Brooklyn by the late Reverend Dr. R.D. Brown. His pastoral journey includes two other Brooklyn churches: Mount Zion Baptist Church, and West Baptist Church, where he has served for the last 30 years.

Alvin Barnett recognizes that one's journey in ministry must include learning and studying. He is a lifelong student and prodigious reader. In his life's work, he uses the collective knowledge gained from his theological intellectual pursuits for the glorification of God. He consults daily and advises young ministries, seminarians, and seasoned pastors in ministry. Alvin Barnett is humble, and seeks advice and consultation from the best and brightest in ministry and other professions. He is a keen observer of the human condition, and is faithful and persistent in the work that God has called him to.

Reverend Barnett is a team builder who utilizes his experience and knowledge to develop effective teams that actualize his vision of Ministry. He knows well how to use the best skills to enhance the work of the kingdom.

Rev. Barnett is an active member of many organizations, including Churches United for Worldwide Action, the Metropolitan Ministers Ecumenical Conference, the NYPD Committee Advisory Council, the International Prison Ministry (he serves as President), and the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. (NBCUSA), and he is active in the NBCUSA Moderator's Auxiliary. He has been a member of the Eastern Baptist Association (EBA) New York, Inc. for more than forty years. Rev. Barnett has served as treasurer and president of Prison Ministry, chairman and vice chair of the board of trustees, executive manager of the EBA Headquarters in Brooklyn, a member of the Board of Managers and the Advisory Council, and as chairman of the Board of Evangelism.

During his tenure in evangelism, he organized and taught classes on evangelism and prepared many teams for street ministry in churches throughout the Eastern Baptist Association. He remains a tireless Evangelizer, and utilizes a unique hands-on approach.

Reverend Barnett travels extensively, witnessing to incarcerated men and women throughout the Eastern Seaboard, including the Nassau County Correctional Facility on Long Island, Rikers Island in New York City, as well as upstate New York, Pennsylvania, North Carolina and South Carolina.

Reverend Barnett was overwhelmingly elected the 16th Moderator of the Eastern Baptist Association on July 17, 2009. He has embarked upon the work of reenergizing, rebuilding and regenerating the Eastern Baptist Association where a renaissance is taking place among Baptist churches of geographic Long Island.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the work of Reverend Alvin Barnett.