

quickly become the "In place" for weddings, birthday parties, and community events.

Junior, American born of Honduran parentage, started in business in 1979 working in his father's meat market. He continued to learn and absorb all that he could about the business from his father while pursuing his own career path. In 1988, he joined the New York City Department of Corrections. As a corrections officer for 13 years, Junior worked the night shift at the Anna M. Kross Center, which is the largest correctional facility on Rikers Island. By day, he continued to help his father build one of the best known meat markets in Brooklyn.

By 1994, Junior was ready and fully prepared to take on business ownership for himself. Taking a leave of absence from the Department of Corrections, he opened the Avenue D Meat Market. This business continues to be one of the most successful in the area.

His love and concern for his community was evident in 1983 when Junior became an Auxiliary Police Officer at the 67th precinct. Now, as a restaurant owner, he continues to give back to the community. He does so by graciously supporting cultural events in the area by providing courtesy backstage catering. Every Christmas, Junior and Tropical Paradise produce a cultural show that has become a calendar event in the Brooklyn West Indian Community.

As a role model, Junior willingly shares his personal credo with young people. "Anything you desire in life can be achieved with hard work and education," he says. Junior's commitment to excellence and community service has been recognized and rewarded with several awards including the "Men of Distinction Award" from former State Senator Mary Markowitz in 2001 and a Community Service Award from New York Tabernacle Church.

Junior is married to Joanne Gayle and is the proud father of two daughters, Leonie and Jasmine.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Davis Gayle, Jr.

HONORING TODD DENBESTE

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Todd DenBeste upon his retirement from the California Highway Patrol, Oakhurst Area Office. Officer DenBeste will officially retire June 30, 2010, after twenty-eight years of service. A party will be held in his honor on Saturday, June 26, 2010 in Oakhurst, California.

Officer Todd DenBeste graduated from West High School in Torrance, California. Upon graduating from high school, he worked in the private sector until he was appointed to the California Highway Patrol academy in 1982. Upon completing the academy, he was immediately placed in the South Los Angeles Area Office, where he was later assigned to the motor squad. Officer DenBeste served in South Los Angeles for nine years.

In December 1991, Officer DenBeste was transferred to the California Highway Patrol Resident Post in Oakhurst, California. When

the Oakhurst Area Office was formed in 2003, Officer DenBeste was assigned to that office.

Officer DenBeste has been married to his wife, Leisa, for thirty-three years. They have two children, Justin and Melissa.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Todd DenBeste for his tremendous service to the state of California upon his retirement from the California Highway Patrol. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Officer DenBeste many years of continued success.

A TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DR. MARK V. C. TAYLOR

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS-

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Reverend Dr. Mark V. C. Taylor for his dedication to his faith and tireless service to his community.

Reverend Dr. Mark V. C. Taylor is a native of Chicago, Illinois. He was licensed in 1978 and ordained in 1979 at the Living Hope Baptist Church in Chicago under the leadership of Rev. James F. Jordan. From 1978 to 1981 he attended the Faith Temple Church of God in Christ under the leadership of Bishop Carliss L. Moody, who was one of the participating ministers at Dr. Taylor's ordination in 1979.

Dr. Taylor received his B.A. in History from Northwestern University, Master's of Divinity in Theology and Church History, Master's of Philosophy in Church History and a Ph.D. in Church History from Union Theological Seminary in New York.

Dr. Taylor is currently the Pastor at The Church of the Open Door in Brooklyn, New York where he has developed several new programs; a Council of Ministries, including nine ministries specifically addressing the needs of the community and Black Male Emphasis Sundays. He has developed an extensive outreach ministry through outdoor services. He works closely with the youth and conducts a monthly bible study where the youth of the church openly discuss pertinent issues of the day and how they relate to the Word of God.

Recently he has formed a Bible Institute, which seeks to provide a pleasurable and informative encounter with the Word of God. He has sponsored a new church school curriculum and a new summation of the Church's Doctrine called the Doctrine of Christian Wholism. He is very active and can often be found at public hearings and in community meetings.

Dr. Taylor has published many articles and his dissertation was titled "Godless Spots in Paradise: Social Christianity and Public Housing 1932-1955". His most recent publication titled, "In Times Like These: Sermons of Christian Power for Post-Modern Urban America", is an uplifting collection of his sermons dealing with today's issues.

Dr. Taylor also is an evangelist. In addition to outdoor services in the community surrounding the church, he preaches at many local congregations and has preached in churches from New York to Los Angeles. Dr. Taylor defines the focus of his ministry as "Progressive Pentecostalism," the attempt to

link the best of western rationality and the democratic tradition to the need to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the contributions of Reverend Dr. Mark V. C. Taylor.

TRIBUTE TO WARREN BAKER

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Warren J. Baker, an educational leader from San Luis Obispo, California, which I represent, on his retirement after nearly a half century of service to higher education, including the past 31 years as the President of California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, Cal Poly.

A geotechnical engineer by training, Warren has had many experiences that helped enhance his leadership abilities before joining Cal Poly as President, including teaching at the University of Detroit as a Chrysler Professor, and later serving as Dean of the College of Engineering and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Warren became the Cal Poly President in 1979. Throughout his tenure, he initiated many improvements at the University, raising Cal Poly's profile, particularly in the fields of Architecture, Agriculture and Engineering. Under Warren's leadership, the educational opportunities of students significantly expanded with the addition of 20 new majors and 72 minors and 15 new master's degree programs. In addition, over this period Cal Poly established the Irrigation Training and Research Center, the Environmental Biotechnology Institute, the Dairy Products Technology Center, the Collaborative Agent Design Research Center, and the Brock Institute for Agricultural Communication. Throughout his tenure, Warren and his team found creative ways to support student success, including funding \$1 billion in state-of-the-art laboratories, buildings and other facilities establishing Cal Poly as one of the nation's premier comprehensive polytechnic universities.

Always seeking to provide for Cal Poly's future, Warren's leadership of the University's first-ever comprehensive fundraising campaign was the most successful in the history of the California State University system. Cal Poly has the largest endowment among the CSU's 23 campuses. He also created the President's Cabinet where leaders from industry, government, and community act as an advisory board to help the University determine strategic educational and financial plans.

Perhaps Warren's most enduring contribution to Cal Poly's excellence has been his steadfast support for—and careful nurturing of—the University's renowned "learn-by-doing" educational experience, which attracts students from all around the country. This learning approach requires students to apply classroom theory to real-world problems. Employers from a broad array of America's most prestigious companies aggressively recruit Cal Poly students because they graduate with real-world experience and can contribute innovative solutions to complex problems.

It's no wonder that under Warren's leadership Cal Poly has been recognized as one of the best public universities in the United States for 17 consecutive years by U.S. News and World Report.

Educational advancement is a central priority for Warren, even in his private life. He is one of the longest serving members of the California Council for Science and Technology. He also co-chairs the Business Higher Education Forum's Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) initiative that is responsible for two significant reports on K-12 science and math education. Additionally, Warren co-chairs a California STEM education planning initiative and is a member of the Board of Governors of the U.S.-Mexico Science Foundation, which promotes programs in technology, research, science, math and engineering education for both countries. President Ronald Reagan appointed him to serve on the National Science Board and the U.S. Agency for International Development Board for International Food and Agricultural Development.

Dedicated to serving his community, Warren's leadership at California Polytechnic State University will be sorely missed and difficult to replace, but his well-deserved retirement will give him the ability to spend more time with his wife Carly Fitzsimons Baker, their family and their friends. Warren's level of dedication to higher education continues to be exemplified through his commitment to remain active at Cal Poly and in the California State University System. I commend his service in San Luis Obispo, and I know that Warren will enjoy this next chapter of his life.

HONORING AMY R. TAYLOR FOR
HER SERVICE TO TENNESSEE'S
SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Amy Taylor and thank her for her tremendous service to Tennessee's Sixth Congressional District. After serving as my executive assistant for 4 years, Amy is leaving for a new position on Capitol Hill.

Amy first came to my office as a summer intern in 2005 when she was still an English major at Middle Tennessee State University, my alma mater. It was clear to me and to my staff that she was bright, capable and eager to learn more about the inner workings of Congress.

When her internship ended, we didn't forget her skill for the work of the congressional office and her loyalty to her Middle Tennessee roots. When a position became open in the office around the time Amy was graduating, I was happy she accepted and made the move to Washington. Throughout her time here, she has brought remarkable capability, talent and good humor to a challenging job.

Madam Speaker, I simply can't say enough about the outstanding job Amy has done while working in my office. Her knowledge of the district has been a great asset, and her positive attitude has enabled her to have a good

and quick rapport with constituents, her coworkers and virtually anyone she meets.

It's been a pleasure having Amy on our staff. While my staff and I are sad to see her go, we're fortunate that she won't be going far. Amy will be moving on to the office of my colleague Mr. LINCOLN DAVIS of Tennessee's Fourth Congressional District, where she also has family roots. I hope Mr. DAVIS and his staff appreciate how lucky they are to have her.

Amy, I thank you for your hard work and good advice, and I wish you all the best in your continued service to the Volunteer State.

HONORING THE NAACP ON ITS
101ST ANNIVERSARY

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in support of H. Con. Res. 242, Honoring and Praising the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 101st anniversary. I would also like to commend Representative GREEN, the sponsor of this resolution, for his commitment to recognizing the accomplishments of this historic organization. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution praising this venerable institution.

In 1905, a group of Jewish and African-American leaders came together to discuss the injustices faced by African-Americans and possible solutions. The group led by renowned scholar and sociologist W.E.B. Du Bois was known as the Niagara Movement. Du Bois said at that time that, "[t]he problem of the twentieth century is the problem of the color line". The goal of the Niagara Movement and its successor the NAACP was to erase that color line.

In its earliest years the NAACP fought against the racist Jim Crow laws of the south and campaigned for equal access to voting, housing, and education. The organization's dedication to overturn the "separate but equal" doctrine culminated in the unanimous 1954 Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*, which declared state-sponsored segregation of elementary schools to be unconstitutional. During the Civil Rights era the NAACP's unrelenting appeals for voting reform culminated in the signing of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and the 1965 Civil Rights Act into law.

Some critics of the NAACP now see the organization as unnecessary and ineffective in today's post-racial world. I respond to that criticism with these words: the color line that W.E.B. DuBois fought against 101 years ago, still exists today. Yes, we are living in a time when our country has its first African-American president; but we are also living in a time when African-Americans are on the whole underrepresented in governmental leadership positions. We also live in a time in which African-Americans account for nearly 51 percent of all new HIV/AIDS cases. Progress has clearly been made, but we have a lot of work to do and the NAACP continues to champion better life for all citizens.

Mr. Speaker it is imperative that we recognize this landmark organization for its contribu-

tions to this country. Many of us would not be here without their efforts. For 101 years the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has consistently and effectively pressed for total racial equality and inclusion and I urge my colleagues to support this resolution, and recognize the 101st anniversary of the NAACP.

A TRIBUTE TO VERNART JENKINS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS-

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Vernart Jenkins for his dedication and service to his faith and community.

Vernart Jenkins was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY. He was educated in the New York Public Schools and graduated from Tilden High School and New York Technical College.

Mr. Jenkins is the oldest of three sons to Eddie and Victoria Jenkins; his two brothers are Curtis and Ronald Jenkins. He is married to the love of his life, Althea Walls Ronald Jenkins, and he is the father of two daughters, Zetorea and Aleshia.

Mr. Jenkins was born and raised in the Berean Baptist Church and has been a member for fifty years. He has been a member of the Sunday School Department most of his life, and is presently the Superintendent of the Adult Department. He has been a part of the Usher's Ministry for almost fifty years. He is presently a Supervisor of the Junior Usher Board. Additionally, for the past five years, he has served as one of the worship leaders at the Berean Gardens Wednesday noonday prayer service.

He has spent 15 years in finance and loan companies. He has been employed by the New York City Transit Authority as a conductor for 23 years. In 1998, he was ordained as a deacon at the Berean Church.

Finally, he accepted Jesus Christ into his life and began to travel a road less traveled, committing himself to be a good husband and father and follow his favorite verse, Proverbs 3:5, 6.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Vernart Jenkins.

RECOGNIZING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF MARSEILLES, IL

HON. DEBORAH L. HALVORSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the city of Marseilles, Illinois as it celebrates its 175th Anniversary this month. Marseilles, founded in 1835 by settlers on little more than a dream and a few acres of land, commemorates a history of growth and prosperity that has turned it into the beautiful community that it is today.

The city's history began in 1835 when a man named Lovel Kimball saw the great potential of the city, naming it Marseilles after the city in France that embodied the industrial