

at the center of the movement for racial equality. Memphis is home to many prominent political figures including Robert R. Church, Jr., a political leader and founder of the first Tennessee chapter of the NAACP in 1917, and in 1964, A. W. Willis became the first African-American elected to the Tennessee General Assembly after Reconstruction.

Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks, former Executive Director/CEO of the NAACP and Dr. Vasco Smith, the first African-American elected to the Shelby County Commission and influential in the founding of The MED, both resided in Memphis until their recent deaths. Former Tennessee State Senator and civil rights judge Russell Sugarmon currently resides in Memphis and is still politically active. I am privileged to have worked alongside these men and to call them friends.

Since 1865, communities have gathered to celebrate Juneteenth through readings of the Emancipation Proclamation, singing of spirituals, and large gatherings of family and friends. For the past 17 years in Memphis, Juneteenth has been held in the historic Douglass Community, named after Frederick Douglass. The land on which the community sits was once owned by Reverend William Rush-Plummer, the son of a slave from Africa and a slave owner.

Madam Speaker, it is in the spirit of these great men and women and countless others that I ask my colleagues to join me in observing our nation's 145th anniversary of Juneteenth and the celebrations in Memphis. This is a time to reflect upon the end of slavery in America and to recognize the many contributions from African-Americans. As Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, the Emancipation Proclamation "came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of their captivity."

#### HOUSE SMALL BUSINESS LEGISLATION

#### HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 22, 2010*

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, one of the surest ways government can help generate economic activity, innovation, and job growth is by cutting taxes on small businesses, which are the backbone of the U.S. economy and employ more than half of all American workers.

I have voted for and cosponsored a number of small business tax cut bills during the 111th Congress and was pleased to vote last week in support of H.R. 5486, the Small Business Jobs Tax Relief Act. Among other things, this bill would cut capital gains taxes for small businesses and would quadruple the tax deduction for business start-up expenses from \$5,000 to \$20,000. H.R. 5486 is common sense legislation and ought to be quickly enacted.

Another way to stimulate business activity and create jobs is to help America's community banks lend money to small businesses. Business owners in Missouri tell me they want to expand but cannot because of a lack of financing. A second bill considered in the House last week, H.R. 5297, would allow small banks to tap into a \$30 billion fund at the Treasury Department so they can issue

loans to healthy small businesses thirsting for capital to expand operations and hire workers. These funds would bypass Wall Street and go directly to Missouri communities where they can do the most good for small businesses.

Because the creation of this small bank lending fund is so important to economic development and job creation, it is supported by America's home town banks, small businesses, Realtors, and home builders, among others. I was pleased to support H.R. 5297 and encouraged that it passed the House with bipartisan support. I urge prompt action in the Senate.

#### RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND PUBLIC SERVICE OF DERRYL ALBERT DUMERMUTH

#### HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 22, 2010*

Mr. NUNES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and public service of retired teacher Derryl Albert Dumermuth. Derryl was an inspiration to all those who knew him, impacting the lives of his students and the surrounding community.

Derryl Dumermuth was the fifth of six children, growing up on his family farm in Fayette, Iowa. He attended Upper Iowa University and Iowa State College until he enlisted in the Marine Corps early in 1944. After World War II, he earned his bachelor's of science degree from Upper Iowa University and in 1955 he received the master of arts degree at Northern Arizona University. When the huge influx of students studying on the G.I. Bill threatened to swamp the faculty at Upper Iowa University, Derryl was hired to teach mathematics; the start of a successful career in public education.

In 1962, Derryl brought his family to my hometown of Tulare, California. Here he served as Tulare Union High School Math Department Chairman for 28 years, retiring in 1990. Derryl taught the first class of computer programming ever offered in the city of Tulare and developed the first Advanced Placement course for Tulare county schools, AP Calculus. High school yearbooks were dedicated to Mr. Dumermuth in 1952 and in 1981, he was chosen as the "Outstanding Math/Science Teacher in Tulare/Kings Counties," and was chosen as a mentor teacher for two consecutive years.

In addition to his devotion to education, Derryl was an active member of the community. He was the coordinator of the Docent Program at the Tulare City Historical Museum and church historian for the United Methodist Church of Tulare. He was also an active member of several organizations including the Tulare High School CTA and the Kiwanis Club of Greater Tulare. In 2001, Derryl wrote "A Town Called Tulare" as a fundraiser for the Tulare Historical Museum and two years later published "Tulare Legends and Trivia from A to Z."

Derryl was someone who I knew personally. He was a dedicated teacher and mentor, inspiring everyone he taught. His life's values and commitment to education will live on through his family, friends, and community.

#### HONORING REVEREND MARY MARGARET ECKHARDT

#### HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 22, 2010*

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Reverend Mary Margaret Eckhardt, Pastor of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia, Michigan, upon her retirement after more than 30 years of service in ministry.

Reverend Eckhardt became an ordained minister in 1979 after having obtained her bachelor of science and master of science degrees from the University of Tennessee, going on to pursue her Master of Divinity from United Theological Seminary in Ohio. Reverend Eckhardt has served in four United Methodist Churches in Michigan, spending the last 8 years at St. Matthew's as an exceptional preacher, adult Bible Study leader and mission trip leader. She serves on the UMC district level as a Hunger Coordinator and at the conference level as an UMCOR Disaster Coordinator.

Serving her church as well as her community, Reverend Eckhardt has been an active supporter and member of the Rotary Club of Livonia and currently holds the position of Secretary. She avidly enjoys the outdoors as a hiker and bicyclist. Reverend Eckhardt has proven to be a woman of dedicated and irreplaceable service. She will be missed by the members of her congregation as she pursues the next chapter of her life.

Madam Speaker, for more than 30 years Reverend Mary Margaret Eckhardt has faithfully served her congregation, her church, her community and her Lord. As she enters the next phase of her life, she leaves behind a legacy of dedication, integrity, and excellence. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Reverend Mary Margaret Eckhardt upon her retirement and recognizing her years of loyal service to our community and country.

#### TRIBUTE TO KARA GORMLEY

#### HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 22, 2010*

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a popular television personality in Columbia, South Carolina as she leaves her post as a morning news anchor on Tuesday, June 22, 2010. Kara Gormley is a familiar face to Columbians who have watched her professionally report the news at WIS-TV for more than a decade. Her presence on the Sunrise program will be sorely missed.

Kara Gormley is a native of Carthage, New York, and is the daughter of the late Barbara and Robert Gormley. After graduating from Providence College in Rhode Island, Kara took her first broadcast journalism job in Wausau, Wisconsin. Midlands viewers first came to know Kara when she joined WIS News 10 in 1996 as co-host of the Sunrise program. She later took an assignment to anchor the evening news at 5:00 p.m., and serve as a featured health reporter.

In 2000, she was lured away from WIS, and became the morning news anchor at the NBC

sister station in Raleigh, North Carolina. Her heart remained in Columbia, and Kara married Banks Meador, a native of Chester, in 2002, which led to her return to WIS. Back in Columbia, she anchored the weekend news and served as a weekday reporter. Later she rejoined the Sunrise program, where her journey at WIS began.

Kara has been recognized for her journalism talent by the Associated Press and the South Carolina Broadcasters Association. She has also earned the prestigious Edward R. Murrow Award of Excellence.

She has been very active in the Midlands community. Kara has generously donated her time and her talents to the National Alliance of the Mentally Ill, Special Olympics South Carolina, Project Pet, Sistercare, Camp Kemo, the Children's Miracle Network and Palmetto Health Children's Hospital. She is also an active supporter of Winston's Wish, a foundation of autistic children, and the national Safety Council's "Alive at 25" program, which promotes safe driving habits among drivers under 25.

Kara takes great pride in her contribution to Faces of Freedom, a book that profiles fallen heroes who lost their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan. The proceeds of the book go to charities that benefit military families.

As a former competitive swimmer and scholarship athlete, Kara is dedicated to promoting physical fitness. She helped create and build Limitless Sports, an organization that helps wheelchair-bound children and adults participate in athletics.

Kara and her husband will remain in Columbia, where she will focus on raising their three young sons—Dalton, Evan and Cooper.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me on congratulating Kara Gormley for her contributions to the field of broadcast journalism and to her dedication to making her community a better place to live. She has enriched the lives of so many during her years at WIS-TV, and I wish her all the best as she pursues other endeavors.

## OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 22, 2010*

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,040,053,515,762.18.

On January 6th, 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 \$2,401,627,769,468.38 so far this Congress.

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

## HONORING REPRESENTATIVE PATRICIA B. SUTHERLAND

### HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 22, 2010*

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Representative Patricia B. Sutherland and congratulate her on her pending retirement from the Maine Legislature.

Currently serving her second term in the Maine Legislature, Representative Sutherland has shown a continued dedication to serving the people of Maine and has been a tireless advocate for education and economic development in the state.

After receiving a bachelor's degree in English from Saint Joseph's College, Pat began her career teaching high school English, and a little over twenty years ago, Northern Maine Community College in Presque Isle, then Northern Maine Technical College, was fortunate enough to bring her on as their director of development and community relations. While Pat's retirement from that role was cause for some sadness, it provided an occasion to show her dedication to increasing Maine students' opportunities for higher learning. As the House Chair of the Maine Education and Cultural Affairs Committee, Pat has worked hard to improve education for all Maine students.

Pat is also a champion of economic development in Maine. Her commitment to economic development is exemplified by her contributions to Aroostook County's economic development initiatives, including the critical Aroostook County Empowerment Zone. Pat also chairs the Northern Maine Empowerment Council and is a board member of the Northern Maine Development Commission and the Leaders Encouraging Aroostook Development program. In addition, she is a member of the Presque Isle Kiwanis Club and is on the Town of Chapman's board of selectmen.

Patricia Sutherland continues to leave lasting marks on Maine. I am confident that she will continue to find ways to express her passion for educational and economic development during this new and exciting chapter in her life. On behalf of the people of Maine, it is with pride that I congratulate Representative Sutherland for her excellent work.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Representative Patricia B. Sutherland for her continued dedication to serving the people of Maine.

## TRIBUTE TO MONSIGNOR LOUIS ANTONELLI

### HON. GREGORIO KILI CAMACHO SABLÁN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 22, 2010*

Mr. SABLÁN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man truly blessed by his Creator: a man who is religious, honest, faithful, devoted, and obedient to his calling. The man to whom I refer is the Reverend Monsignor Louis Antonelli, the pastor of San Isidro Church on the island of Rota.

Monsignor Antonelli was born on September 23, 1918, in Sheppron, Pennsylvania. He began his studies for the priesthood at the Stigmatine Minor Seminary in Waltham, Massachusetts in 1931, at the tender age of 13 years. He continued his studies at the Stigmatine Major Seminary in Wellesley, Massachusetts until he was ordained a priest on June 11, 1949, and immediately became an assistant pastor at the Sacred Heart Church, in Milford, Massachusetts.

Four years later in 1953, he was assigned to the U.S. territory of Guam, where he taught at Father Duenas Memorial School, a Catholic high school, until being reassigned to the mainland United States in 1959.

In 1970 he returned to Guam, this time as Assistant Pastor at the Agana Cathedral and San Vicente Church. He also served as Director of the Permanent Diaconate Program on Guam.

In 1973, he was sent to the Northern Mariana Islands, first for two weeks on Tinian, then to the permanent position of Pastor of San Francisco De Borja Church in Songsong, Rota. There he served until 1991, when he initiated and built the Rota San Isidro Mission at Sinapalu on Rota, becoming its Pastor and serving at the Mission up to the present day.

In his ministry, Monsignor Antonelli presided over countless masses, baptisms, catechism classes, counseling sessions, weddings and funerals. His daily work involves administering communion to hospital patients, prison inmates, the sick and the elderly.

In partnership with the Sisters of Mercy from Guam, he established the Escuelan San Francisco De Borja on Rota in 1985. Today, the school continues to provide grade school education to children on Rota. He is also directly responsible for the beautification and maintenance of the San Pedro Cemetery on Rota, which some have referred to as a mini Arlington National Cemetery because of the care Pale Antonelli has given this ground.

While ministering to his flock, Monsignor Antonelli also has found time to breed and raise cattle and to experiment with a variety of grasses to use as feed. He has a herd of nearly 100 head of cattle on his small Rota ranch. Many would say that the Monsignor has bred the best cattle and maintains the best grazing lands on Rota.

Monsignor Antonelli's service and activities have won wide recognition. Among the honors he has received during his service on Rota is recognition as the "Conservationist of the Year" in 1990 by the Luta Soil and Water Conservation District; and in 1996, Pope John Paul II named him "Prelate of Honor", which gave him the title of Monsignor.

Monsignor Antonelli has been a priest for 61 years, 37 of which he ministered to the spiritual health of the people of Rota, volunteered as a high school teacher and assisted farmers and cattle ranchers. He has declared and affirmed that Rota is his home for the rest of his life and also where he wants to rest in peace.

On behalf of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands, I wish to express my gratitude to Monsignor Antonelli for all his exceptional service and wish him good health and much happiness as he continues his ministry to our people: We look forward to his 92nd birthday in September!