

Judge Ronald Merriweather's life showcases his commitment, service, and dedication to bettering his community. Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in celebrating the life of Judge Merriweather, and offer his family our deepest sympathies at the loss of this great man.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, June 29, 2010, I was not present for seven recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted the following way: roll No. 395—"nay", roll No. 396—"yea", roll No. 397—"nay", roll No. 398—"nay", roll No. 399—"yea", roll No. 400—"yea", and roll No. 401—"yea."

#### IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF PATRICIA A. DORR

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Patricia A. Dorr, devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. Mrs. Dorr was also a community activist who served for many years as a Councilwoman representing the City of Berea.

Mrs. Dorr created a warm and inviting home for her family, friends and neighbors. She was an active participant in the lives and special events of her family. Her unwavering devotion to her family was reflected in the close relationships she shared with her children and grandchildren. Mrs. Dorr's strong sense of faith was a source of strength throughout her life. She was a devoted and loved member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Berea, Ohio.

Patricia was known for her kindness, energy and dedication to community. Following her dedicated service as Berea City Councilwoman, Mrs. Dorr remained active and participated in numerous community events and fundraisers. Her dedication to making a difference in the lives of others remained constant throughout her life.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and memory of Mrs. Patricia A. Dorr, whose energetic spirit and joy for living will endure within the hearts and memories of those who loved and knew her best. I extend my deepest condolences to her children, James, Cynthia, Robert, Brian, Mary, and Brigitte; to her twelve grandchildren and special grandson; and to her extended family members and many friends.

#### THE RETIREMENT OF MS. LESLIE JUDITH GOLDBERG, R.N.

### HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Ms. Leslie Judith Gold-

berg, R.N. to thank her for her 20 years of service to the Members and staff of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Almost every staffer in the House complex, particularly those who work in the Cannon House Office Building, knows Nurse Leslie. Always smiling, extremely knowledgeable, and thorough, she has a legendary ability to help staff find the best possible health care services for their needs. For years, she has collected feedback on the quality of health practitioners and shared both praise and concerns with prospective patients. As a result, she was well-known in doctors' offices throughout the region; they were always asking, "Ahhh, you were referred by Nurse Goldberg? Who is this Nurse Leslie?"

Born in Providence, Rhode Island, Leslie joined her mother and sister in this vital profession after graduating from the Jewish Hospital of Brooklyn. She went on to work at the New York University Hospital in neurosurgery and the Regional Institute for Children and Adolescents.

In 1990, Nurse Goldberg joined the Office of the Attending Physician and dedicated the end of her great career to serving and caring for the Members and staff of this institution. She is a part of our family. We mourned with her when her loving husband, Alan Goldberg, passed away far too early in life, and we celebrated when she returned to us—her adoptive, extended family.

We all know how much she adores her three sons, Michael, Aaron, and David and daughter-in-law, Lisa. And her grandson, Ari, is the light of her life. While we will miss her laughter, her smile, her caring, skillful techniques, and infinite knowledge, I applaud her for taking the time to fulfill her personal dreams—travel, volunteer, and most importantly take care of Ari and the grandchildren to come.

Nurse Goldberg, we will miss you terribly; you leave enormous shoes to fill. Thank you for your 20 years of service and keeping us safe, healthy, informed, and always smiling.

#### HONORING RON GETTELFINGER FOR HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE UAW

### HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Mr. CAPUANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ron Gettelfinger and his masterful 8-year tenure as president of the United Auto Workers. Confronted with the leanest membership in the Union's history and the bankruptcy of two of Detroit's three automakers, the UAW required an effective leader who could balance the interests of members and the needs of their employers.

In Ron Gettelfinger, the UAW certainly had a wise and steadfast leader who could come to terms with this troubling dynamic and act accordingly.

He understood that saving the imperiled union would require a little sacrifice, and also he convinced his union to give up some of the jobs and benefits it had accumulated over the years for a better future. Mr. Gettelfinger thus played a crucial role in saving one of the United States' biggest industries during one of the nation's darkest economic hours.

Today he continues to be an outspoken defender of fair labor laws and better workers' rights, and I hope that he is as successful in his future endeavors as he was these past few years.

#### 75TH BIRTHDAY OF SLINGER FRANCISCO

### HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Ms. CLARKE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 75th birthday of Slinger Francisco, better known as The Mighty Sparrow or The Birdie. With a career spanning over 50 years and counting, entertaining audiences from the Caribbean to Asia and all points in between, The Birdie is widely recognized as the "King of the Calypso World."

The Mighty Sparrow was born to poor, working-class parents in Gran Roi, Grenada and migrated to his adopted homeland of Trinidad when he was one year old. As a child, he attended New Town Boys School and sang in St. Patrick's Catholic Church, where his talent was quickly recognized as he became head choirboy. His influences included Nat King Cole, Frankie Laine, Sarah Vaughn, Billy Eckstein, Frank Sinatra and Ella Fitzgerald, as well as calypso pioneers Lord Melody, Lord Kitchener, Lord Christo, Lord Invader and the Mighty Spoiler.

The Birdie had found success early with his hit "Jean and Dinah" at the age of 20. Not satisfied with early success, he followed up with a rapid succession of hits including "Carnival Boycott", "P.A.Y.E.", "Russian Satellite", "Theresa", "Good Citizen", "Salt Fish" and "Penny Commission" just to name a few. His songs covered a broad range of socially conscious topics including education, tyranny in Africa, animal cruelty and the welfare of his home of Trinidad and Tobago.

The Mighty Sparrow's accomplishments include multiple Trinidad and Tobago Road March Competition titles, multiple Calypso Monarch titles, an honorary doctorate from the University of the West Indies, and his contributions to music and society led then-mayor Ed Koch to proclaim March 18th, 1986 "The Mighty Sparrow Day."

I hope all of my colleagues will join me in celebrating the birthday and extraordinary body of work that The Mighty Sparrow has contributed during his career as a lyricist, composer, singer, comedian and entertainer.

#### INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION THAT HONORS THE PATRIOT GUARD RIDERS

### HON. STEVE BUYER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Mr. BUYER. Madam Speaker, I come before you today to offer a resolution that honors a group of fine Americans, the Patriot Guard Riders. Established in November of 2005, the Patriot Guard Riders were created to counter protesters of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan who sought to disrupt the funerals of our heroes who died serving our country. Today, the

Patriot Guard Riders are over 190,000 members strong and they dedicate themselves to a mission of preventing interruptions at funerals honoring those servicemen and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice protecting our nation.

To date, the Patriot Guard Riders have participated in over 17,000 missions honoring our heroes around the country. They have also distinguished themselves in countless other ways, to include the establishment of the Fallen Warrior Scholarship Fund for U.S. military family members, visiting veteran's hospitals, and giving financial assistance to the families of our fallen heroes.

Madam Speaker, as we approach this Independence Day, it is appropriate to recognize these great Americans who have dedicated themselves to protecting the solemnity of the final farewells of those who died while serving to preserve the liberties that we exercise here in this House today. It is the actions of patriots like these, those who readily stand to support our fallen heroes, that help make this nation great.

MR. ARTHUR J. MYERS

**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to Mr. Arthur J. Myers. He served his country for almost 50 years, providing deployable combat support for warfighters and community services for those left behind. I have been privileged to work with him for a number of years on issues of concern to military members and their families.

Mr. Myers enlisted in the Air Force and served 20 years in key morale, welfare, and recreation, MWR, and financial positions. His civilian career took him from club manager to director of MWR for several major commands. He was hand-picked to become the first deputy director for the new Air Force MWR organization, and was later promoted to the Director of Air Force Services.

His leadership and vision shaped one of the most progressive and expansive quality of life programs in the military, with significant positive impact on Airmen and their families.

He deployed Airmen to provide foodservice, lodging, fitness, and other programs for contingency operations, personally visiting even the most remote sites and forward bases.

His "Fit to Fight" program resulted in a 30 percent increase in fitness center usage, a 2-point improvement in fitness scores, and an aggressive program to upgrade fitness facilities.

He expanded quality affordable child care by over 4,000 spaces and established a new subsidy for those unable to get into base childcare facilities, saving parents money and keeping family emergencies from disrupting the mission.

He operated the port mortuary at Dover Air Force Base for members of all Services killed in action, others who die overseas, and occasionally victims of Stateside mass casualties. His plan for media access to the Dover Mor-

tuary was approved by the President, reversing a long-standing ban on media coverage for the arrival of remains of fallen military members.

He pioneered the Survivor Assistance Program to assist families of deceased members, and later expanded the program to care for Airmen wounded in action.

He energized industry leaders, trade groups and professional associations to sponsor new programs and services, scholarships, promotional activities, training and certification program for managers and staff, and outreach programs.

He testified at numerous Congressional hearings, and met often with the First Lady and senior Administration leaders on programs to enhance quality of life for service members and their families.

Mr. Myers was consistently recognized with numerous military and civilian awards, including three Presidential Rank Awards and the Department of Defense Distinguished Civilian Service Award. He received the Leadership Award from the International Military Community Executives Association, a Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Logistics Association, and a National Service to Youth Award from the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, which also inducted him into their Alumni Hall of Fame. However, his highest honor came when the top senior enlisted leaders in the Air Force made him an honorary Chief Master Sergeant.

Over the years, Mr. Myers built a highly-effective team to maintain our Nation's number one weapons system: the Airmen. His efforts tied directly to Air Force success in combat arenas and on the home front. As he retires now for the second time, I want to thank him on behalf of the citizens of this country. He leaves a lasting legacy of support for generations of Airmen and their families, and I know he will continue to be a strong advocate for them.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF  
THE ANNUAL FREEDOM CELEBRATION OF THE WESTSIDE VET  
CENTER OF PARMA, OHIO

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the staff and volunteers of the Westside Vet Center of Parma, Ohio. Their dedication to providing quality health care services to the men and women who have sacrificed for our nation deserves the deepest gratitude.

The lives of many veterans and their families have been improved by the outreach efforts of the Westside Vet Center. The Center provides vital resources, including services and assistance focused on their emotional, psychological, medical, financial, and employment needs.

The quality support provided by the Westside Vet Center is the least that can be done for the veterans in our community—our brothers, sisters, sons and daughters, moth-

ers, fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers—thousands of whom have suffered great personal loss resulting from their service.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and tribute of the staff and volunteers of the Westside Vet Center as they celebrate the Westside Vet Center's Annual Freedom Celebration. Their service and sacrifice will always be remembered and honored.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 400TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF  
HAMPTON

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I am privileged to rise today to honor the 400th Anniversary of the City of Hampton, Virginia.

I am pleased to recognize and honor the City of Hampton as it celebrates its 400th Anniversary on July 9, 2010. The City of Hampton is America's first and oldest continuous English-speaking settlement. It is one of seven major cities that comprise the Hampton Roads areas, and is located on the southeastern end of the Virginia Peninsula and borders the Chesapeake Bay.

On April 30, 1607, Captain John Smith landed at Strawberry Banks. Three years later, on July 9, 1610, English Colonists established a small town at the entrance of the James River and the Chesapeake Bay. Well-situated, the area became one of the leading ports in America and the entrance to the Commonwealth of Virginia with many settlers passed by its shores before moving into the interior.

Early settlers also saw the strategic defensive importance of the area, establishing Old Point Comfort where the Elizabeth, Nansemond and James rivers empty into the Chesapeake Bay. In 1830, construction of Fort Monroe began. Named in honor of President James Monroe, the fort is the oldest active duty fort in the nation.

By the 1600s, the South King Street waterfront was the center of a prosperous settlement and hub for the seafood industry. Wharves and maritime merchants extended along the waterfront, and crab skiffs, oyster canoes and buy boats lined the river and creeks giving rise to the nickname 'Crabtown.' The crabs caught became world famous, winning prizes at the Berlin, London and Paris World Fair's. This gave rise to shipyards, shipfitters, carpenters, blacksmiths and coopers to support the maritime industry.

The City of Hampton continues to play a central role in the Hampton Roads area attracting a wide array of businesses, research facilities, residential areas, historic sites and waterfront beaches. It is home to Langley Air Force Base, NASA Langley Research Center, the Virginia Air & Space Museum and historic Hampton University. The City of Hampton invites visitors from around the world to explore Hampton in 2010.

Madam Speaker, the City of Hampton is rich in history, resources and natural beauty. I am proud to recognize the City of Hampton on this significant occasion, and I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 400th anniversary of the City of Hampton.