

RECOGNIZING THE CENTER FOR
INFORMATION DOMINANCE,
CORY STATION

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure I rise to recognize the Center for Information Dominance (CID) Corry Station for their countless hours of service to the community of Northwest Florida. CID Corry Station has gone above and beyond the call of duty, further serving their country through their community involvement.

Encompassing all branches of the Armed Forces, the service members of CID Corry Station have set a shining example for Americans everywhere through their unwavering and unselfish dedication. Members of every rank have contributed toward an astronomical number of hours being recorded in the period spanning July of 2009 to June of 2010. In this period, the members of CID Corry Station have contributed a total of 9,481 volunteers recording 87,801 community volunteer hours. These volunteers have touched the lives of 107,807 citizens of Northwest Florida, all of which are eternally grateful for the selflessness of these service members.

The service members of CID Corry Station have assisted the efforts of many volunteer organizations in Northwest Florida. CID Corry Station has volunteered alongside organizations such as Manna Food Pantry, Pensacola Boys Base, Meals on Wheels, Saturday Scholars, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Youth Sports, Junior Achievements, and the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program, just to name a few of the enumerable ways in which these service members have bettered their community.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to recognize the service members of Center for Information Dominance Corry Station for their service to their country and the community of Northwest Florida. May they continue in their efforts to provide a brilliant example for others to follow.

IN HONOR OF THE UNIFEM-U.S.
NATIONAL COMMITTEE 2010 NA-
TIONAL CONFERENCE

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay special tribute to UNIFEM, the United Nations Development Fund for Women, and to the United States National Committee for UNIFEM. This month, the UNIFEM-U.S. National Committee (USNC), in partnership with the National Council for Research on Women, is holding its 2010 Annual National Conference in New York City. The theme of this year's conference, "Strategic Imperatives for Ending Violence Against Women," is timely and important, and I salute UNIFEM-USNC for convening prominent leaders and activists to address these critical issues. The Conference is being held at Hunter College of the City University of New York on Manhattan's Upper East Side and is being co-hosted by

the College's Women & Gender Studies Program and historic Roosevelt House.

The 2010 Conference is helping to increase awareness of the nexus between violence against women and its harmful effect on key indicators, be they economic, educational, or relating to public health. Convening prominent leaders and activists from the worlds of business, academia, philanthropy, advocacy, non-profit organizing, and public policy, the Conference will advance UNIFEM's critical mission and develop and promote strategies to combat gender-based violence.

UNIFEM's vital mission is to advance women's rights and achieve gender equality around the world. UNIFEM begins with the fundamental premise that all women have a right to live a life free from discrimination and violence. By supporting national as well as local programs, UNIFEM has helped pave the way toward a more just society, free of gender discrimination and the oppression of women. UNIFEM supports the advancement of existing international commitments for gender equality on a national level. It has helped advance some of our loftiest ideals, values of human and civil rights embraced by the vast majority of U.N. member nations, as embodied by important initiatives such as the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women.

UNIFEM is active all across the globe, from sub-Saharan Africa to the islands of the Caribbean. Its staff works with countries to formulate and implement laws and programs to promote gender equality in all aspects of civil society, working to secure fair and fairly compensated employment opportunities for women, to end the scourge of violence against women, and to help secure their inheritance and property rights. In Sudan, UNIFEM has partnered with the United Nations Mission in Darfur to promote awareness of, and to try to stem, the surge in violence against women. Its staff works closely with tribal leaders and refugee camps to teach women how to protect themselves from sexual assault and violence, achieving a noticeable positive impact on the area.

UNIFEM also strives in collaboration with governments to achieve greater gender equality and increase awareness of the basic human rights of women. In collaboration with various NGOs, UNIFEM has successfully pushed for increased female representation in the legislatures of numerous governments in the Middle East and Asia.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues join in recognizing the remarkable contributions toward improving the quality of women's lives around the world made by UNIFEM, the United Nations Development Fund for Women, and the UNIFEM United States National Committee, on the occasion of its 2010 Annual National Conference. For thirty-four years UNIFEM has worked closely with governments and organizations across the globe to make the ideals that we hold a reality, and all citizens of the world owe a debt of gratitude to UNIFEM and to UNIFEM-USNC.

HONORING THE LIFE OF NETTIE B.
ROGERS

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Nettie Brown Rogers, a woman of keen faith and conviction who selflessly served the spiritual community of Memphis, Tennessee for over fifty years. Born in Memphis to Arthur and Bertha Brown on October 25, 1922, Nettie Rogers was a committed wife to Floyd Rogers, a caring mother of seven children and a community leader among the city's Baptist Churches.

Deeply devoted to her Christian faith, Mrs. Rogers was a pioneering woman who accepted her calling to religion "no matter what men might say." In 1958, she and 22 other community members co-founded Grace Missionary Baptist Church in Memphis. A committed member of Grace M.B. Church, Mrs. Rogers also served for ten years as an associate minister at New Salem Missionary Baptist Church where she was said to have done everything but preach.

In 1968, Mrs. Rogers founded the Memphis Inter-Denominational Fellowship, Inc., a non-profit that supports spiritual growth, Christian and public education and initiatives to reduce crime, juvenile delinquency and illiteracy. Under Mrs. Rogers's leadership, the Memphis Inter-Denominational Fellowship pursued creative initiatives, such as the "Back to Church School Crusade," which established National Church School Day on the first Sunday in June. Through Operation Bread Basket, Mrs. Rogers provided food for over 30 years to individuals, churches, nursing homes and other community agencies. Endowed with faith, wisdom, and an unselfish love, Mrs. Rogers's life was characterized by such acts of unwavering commitment to Christian and community service.

Mrs. Rogers's home in South Memphis was adorned with awards and letters from churches, schools and organizations documenting the achievements of her distinguished life. In 2009, she was posthumously awarded the Ruby R. Wharton Outstanding Woman award in the area of Youth and Delinquency by Mayor AC. Wharton. That same year she was inducted into the Memphis African American Museum's Hall of Pulpits, the only woman among 12 male preachers. In 2007 and 2008, I issued Congressional proclamations commending her outstanding work in the community supporting youth engagement. In 2006 and 2008, the State of Tennessee House of Representatives passed Joint Resolutions honoring Mrs. Rogers for her strength in character and commitment to selfless good works. In 2002, the City of Memphis renamed the street she lived on to Fountain Court in her honor. Mrs. Rogers also received awards and recognition from the April 4th Foundation, Grace M.B. Church, the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club and LeMoyne-Owen College, among other well-deserved distinctions.

Nettie Rogers passed away at her home in South Memphis on February 12, 2009 at the age of 86. She is survived by four daughters, two sons, 14 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and the legacy of her faith and public

service. In the words of her daughter, Dr. Inetta F. Rogers who serves as the President of Memphis Inter-Denominational Fellowship, "I saw her as a role model in the community and I'm preaching in pulpits where she couldn't." Memphis has been blessed to have benefited from the good deeds of this exceptional mother, wife, friend, spiritual advisor and ministry leader. Hers was a life well lived.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2010
GRADUATES OF THE PRINCE
WILLIAM COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY
ACADEMY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the most recent graduates of the Prince William County Public Safety Academy. As they join the ranks of the Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue, these men and women are entering a proud profession with a rich history.

Securing a position as a first responder begins with a competitive application process. Recruits must then complete a rigorous and comprehensive 23-week training program before graduating as a Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue Technician I.

A Technician I is trained in emergency medical services, fire prevention and countless other public safety measures. The certifications required to reach the status of a Technician I cannot be accomplished without complete dedication and hard work. The graduates have completed the requisite coursework for certification in CPR, Infection Control, CISM, EMT-B, Firefighter I, Firefighter II, EVOC 2, EVOC 3, Flashover Simulation, RIT, Mayday, Hazmat Awareness/Operations, Swift Water Rescue Awareness, LPG with Simulation, Rural Water Supply, BLS Protocols, Rope Rescue Awareness, Vehicle Rescue Awareness and Child Passenger Safety Seat Installation. Each graduate has completed more than 600 hours of training and education.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of the Prince William Department of Fire and Rescue Recruit Class 2010-1:

Benjamin Draxler, Shannon Frick, Nels Jorgenson, Hanif Majeed, Nathaniel Matthews, Timothy Moore, Ariel Morales, Ethan Newham, Chris Payne, Jajuan Reed, Adam Renner, Raymond Sanz, Nicholas Soper and Alexander Thomson.

There are many reasons that firefighters and first responders are known as America's Heroes. These brave men and women regularly put the lives and well being of those they serve ahead of their own. I am confident that this newest group of graduates will serve the citizens of Prince William County with distinction and honor.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the newest members of Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue. I have just two other words I would like to say to them: Stay Safe.

HONORING ERNIE PLANTZ

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great American for a lifetime of service to his country and community. Ernie Plantz of Gales Ferry is a World War II veteran with an incredible story and an enduring passion for public service. On several occasions, I have had the pleasure of seeing firsthand the hard work that Ernie puts in on behalf of Connecticut's veterans.

Ernie is a retired Lieutenant in the United States Navy. He survived the sinking of a submarine, the USS *Perch*, and was taken as a Prisoner of War by Japanese forces during World War II. He remained as a Prisoner of War for more than 3 years, living through unthinkable physical and emotion pain.

Today he is a proud member of the Groton Submarine Veterans and has spent much time teaching the children of eastern Connecticut about the history of World War II and sharing his story. It is not unusual to see Ernie at the forefront of any event helping or honoring Connecticut veterans. He is the recipient of a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star. He is also an active member of the Lions Club, and was named a Melvin Jones Fellow by Lions International. This is the highest award for humanitarian service bestowed by the organization.

While Ernie is a survivor in the purest sense, what truly prevails when you meet him is his love of helping others and giving back. For someone that has seen the darkest sides of war, I am inspired by the amount of time and energy that he puts in to help his fellow veterans and citizens on a daily basis. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ernie and thank him for his service to our Nation.

HONORING SERGEANT BRANDON
SILK

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Army Sergeant Brandon Silk of Orono, Maine, who was killed while serving his country in Afghanistan.

Brandon was well-loved by everyone in his family and community. He is remembered for his personality, self-determination and self-confidence. On June 21st, Sergeant Silk died from injuries he suffered in a hard landing on his second Afghanistan tour. At 25 years old, Sergeant Silk's youth punctuates an already painful loss.

Brandon Silk, a fan of hunting, music, motorcycles and the Red Sox, graduated from Orono High School in 2003, where he excelled in football and track. After graduating, Brandon enlisted in the U.S. Army, volunteering to serve and protect his country. He was a Black Hawk crew chief and a member of the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He was on his fourth tour of duty having served in Korea, Iraq and two tours in Afghanistan.

In Maine, our communities are known for coming together during a crisis, and I know

that everyone in the state stands together to support the Silk family. Brandon is mourned by all as a true American hero and a defender of the freedom we all hold dear.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the memory of Sergeant Brandon Silk for his patriotism and devotion to his community and his country.

IN HONOR OF THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF MOUNT PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH, ALBANY, GEORGIA

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia which has served as a tower of strength for the people of the Second Congressional District. The church was founded on July 11, 1920 in a small wooden house located at 627 Society Avenue under the noble leadership of the late Reverend Grant Edgar Hall.

The church was christened by Mr. Jubie Johnson, who was also one of the first members of the church. During its inception, worship services were held on the first and third Sundays of each month. The church's first pastor, Reverend Edgar Hall, retired in 1956 due to ill health and old age. He was succeeded by Reverend R.J. Polk. Since then, the church has been blessed by several pastors who have served the people of Albany as evangelists, prophets, teachers, counselors, and friends. Reverend Polk was followed by dynamic leaders like Reverend P.E. Davenport, Reverend J.L. Jones, Reverend J.E. Brown, Reverend C.W. Heath, Reverend R.E. Ousley, Reverend Jimmy Sneed, Reverend Carl K. Rolle, Reverend Veron D. Lloyd, Reverend Clayton D. Smith and Reverend Dr. James B. Rodgers.

In the last 90 years, the church has seen exponential growth. The church's original edifice was expanded under the guidance of Reverend Ousley. The adjacent land and Annex South were developed with Reverend Rolle's valuable assistance and Annex East was purchased and refurbished under Reverend Smith's guidance. With the effective leadership from the church's pastors and tremendous public support, the church has continued to expand. Under the Reverend Walter L. Ingram, Jr., the church relocated to its larger permanent residence on 1501 Newton Road.

Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church has served as a pillar of strength for the Albany community. Through its numerous outreach ministries, it has strived to serve the people of the great state of Georgia and the city of Albany. By reaching out to those in need and comforting those who are suffering, the church has become a source of spiritual support for the people of the community.

On the occasion of its 90th Anniversary, it gives me great honor to recognize Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church for all its efforts. I thank the church and its congregation for all their years of service. I wish and hope that they continue to spread the word of God and continue serving the community in Albany. To God Be The Glory!