CONGRATULATING PASTOR CHARLES A. LUNDY ON HIS 20TH ANNIVERSARY AT EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH IN WOODBRIDGE, VA

# HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 20th Pastoral Anniversary of Pastor Charles Arthur Lundy of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Woodbridge, Va.

Pastor Lundy has a long and distinguished career in the service of the Lord. He was baptized at the age of 13 at the Wayland Baptist Church in Baltimore, Md., under Reverend W. W. Payne. In February of 1981, Pastor Lundy was ordained a deacon, and just three years later, he was licensed by the Star Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in Triangle, Va., under the Reverend Dr. Frederick S. Jones. Pastor Lundy was ordained a Gospel Minister in August of 1987 and served as the director of Christian Education for Star Bethlehem.

He was called to be the pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church on June 23, 1990. On his first Sunday at the pulpit he delivered the sermon, "Stay in the Ship," and established his pastoral focus of "putting the family back together." During his 20 years of leadership, Pastor Lundy has grown the Ebenezer Church family. In June 2000, the church's Family Life Center was dedicated to accommodate an expanding ministry. Pastor Lundy has grown his flock by developing a message that offers spiritual guidance and comfort. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from Washington Bible College and earned his Masters of Divinity from Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University. His ministry is constantly evolving to accommodate the needs of his congregation and make Ebenezer a welcoming place to worship.

Pastor Lundy has never been one to shy away from service. He spent 26 years in the United States Marine Corps before he retired with the rank of Major as an Engineer Officer. He is the past-Parliamentarian for the Northern Virginia Baptist Association. He is the past-Chairman of the Nominating Committee and a former member of their Commission on Evangelism. He is a former Assistant Secretary for the Northern Virginia Minister's Conference, and he is a former member of the United Way for the National Capital Area. In 2009, Pastor Lundy was elected as President of the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology Alumni Association. In each of these positions, Pastor Lundy has inspired others with his leadership and energy.

Pastor Lundy is married to the former Jacquelyn Hinton McWhite, and they are the proud parents of five daughters, two sons, and the grandparents of nine grandsons, and two granddaughters.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Pastor Charles Arthur Lundy on his 20 years of service to Ebenezer Baptist Church. He is a pillar of the community with countless individuals depending on his counsel and support. He bears this burden with the peace of mind of man who knows his purpose is justified and his mission is pure.

RECOGNIZING THE GENOA, OHIO AMERICAN LEGION

## HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Thursday, July 1, 2010

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 90th anniversary of the American Legion in Genoa, Ohio. The members and friends of the post and its auxiliary commemorated the milestone during the annual Genoa Homecoming Festival Parade along with hundreds of others celebrating this major community event.

The Genoa American Legion has been an anchor in its community since the early days of the last century. Through the decades it has provided a sanctuary and camaraderie to veterans returning from service as its members have worked to move the community and our nation forward. Its civic efforts include public works, while the post has also provided individual assistance in numerous ways to many.

Following in the tradition of the American Legion since its national founding, members of the Genoa Post have been among the "keepers of the flame" honoring the sacrifice of the victims of combat while teaching the next generations of their place in history. The American Legion ensures we "will never forget" and focuses attention on the needs of our nation's veterans and their service for freedom's cause.

The Genoa American Legion Auxiliary kept "the home fires burning" making significant contributions to the community and nation on our own soil. When veterans return from service, the Auxiliary is there to support and pay special attention to the families' needs. The Legion and its Auxiliary are hand-in-hand in a strong partnership in service to country. Together, these members will continue to meet the needs of veterans and the community of Genoa on their journey toward their centennial. Godspeed.

IN MEMORIAL OF VETERAN JAMES DANIEL "J.D." LANCASTER

## HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of veteran James Daniel "J.D." Lancaster, who passed away at the age of 90 on Friday, June 25, 2010. In his passing, I lost a friend, and North Carolina lost one of its most outstanding citizens; a man whose bravery and valor won't soon be forgotten.

J.D. Lancaster, son of the late Reverend W.H. and Lena Lancaster, grew up in Selma, NC and always kept the church close to his heart. His father, a Baptist preacher, introduced him to the church as a young boy and he continued his devout commitment to the Baptist church throughout his life.

J.D. was a veteran of United States Navy and served in World War II. Before his passing, J.D. was one of only 21 living survivors of the attack on the USS Arizona on December 7, 1941 and the only living survivor from our great state of North Carolina. During the at-

tack, J.D. was blown off the deck of the ship, but he swam through the oil-filled waters to eventually rescue ten of his fellow shipmates.

This would not be the only time J.D. survived a sinking ship in WWII. He survived another attack aboard LTS 342, while transporting troops from Guadalcanal to the island of Munda. Later in the war, J.D. managed to escape death a third time aboard a transport plane that crashed. His untiring dedication to his country and his outstanding bravery are apparent. He is a shining example of the devotion and allegiance that members of our armed forces show our nation every day. He was the recipient of numerous awards for his military service, including the Purple Heart.

J.D. Lancaster was active in his community, boasting membership at the VFW, American Legion, Loyal Order of the Moose, and Lanwood Chapel FWB Church. Those who knew J.D. well know he always had a smile on his face and a positive word to share. He will be remembered for his unwavering devotion to his family, his church and his country.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy Lancaster; daughters Carol Lancaster of Goldsboro, Beth Sitts, and her husband Justin of Pine Level, and Danielle Lancaster of Selma; son Jay Lancaster of Selma; and grand-daughters, Jenna and Katelyn.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me today in recognizing one of our nation's true military heroes, J.D. Lancaster. He was a respected veteran, a dedicated family man, and a great North Carolinian. I am pleased to rise to honor him and his family today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON, ROB BISHOP

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 412, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

INTRODUCTION OF THE STAND BY YOUR OIL POLLUTION ACT

### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, in 1989 the Exxon Valdez oil tanker ran aground in Prince William Sound, spilling 10.9 million gallons of oil that eventually coated 1,100 miles of Alaskan coastline. Following this disaster, Congress passed the Oil Pollution Act in 1990 to require that oil companies pay the full cleanup costs of oil spills. However, this legislation has a couple of loopholes that need to be closed. If an oil company subsidiary is responsible for the spill, that subsidiary can declare bankruptcy and sell its assets, even to its parent company, without passing on cleanup cost liabilities. The SPILL Act, which the House will vote on this week, will close this loophole so that liability follows subsidiary assets. Whether or not the SPILL Act becomes law, there will be another loophole in the Oil Pollution Act: If a subsidiary is

responsible for an oil spill, it can declare bankruptcy and not sell its assets, in which case the parent company would not inherit cleanup liabilities

This is a realistic scenario, given the high cost of oil spills. Even a well capitalized company worth several billion dollars could be responsible for an oil spill that costs tens of billions of dollars to clean up. The Exxon Valdez spill cost over \$2 billion just to clean up 10.9 million gallons of oil. As of late June, the Deepwater Horizon spill had already cost BP \$2.65 billion with total cleanup cost estimates as high as \$100 billion. Moreover, if Congress increases the cap on private liability under the Oil Pollution Act, oil companies could be responsible for much greater costs. The fishing industry in the Gulf is worth \$5.5 billion annually. Just losing 50% of western Florida's tourism would cost the state \$10 billion. If Congress eliminates the private liability cap under OPA then an oil company responsible for a spill could be responsible for tens of billions of dollars to reimburse property owners and workers for lost property and wages. Given the extraordinarily high cleanup and private liability costs of oil spills, we must close the loophole that allows parent companies to escape liability by letting subsidiaries go bankrupt.

I have introduced legislation, the Stand by your Oil Pollution (STOP) Act, to prevent oil companies from shedding liabilities of subsidiaries. This legislation is necessary to ensure that BP doesn't escape its cleanup responsibilities in the Gulf and to prevent oil companies from setting up subsidiaries to avoid liability for spills in the future.

HONORING TAIWAN FOR ASSIST-ANCE IN THE GULF OF MEXICO OIL RESPONSE

## HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Thursday, July 1, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the Taiwanese government for their efforts in assisting the ongoing response to the Gulf of Mexico oil spill.

More than 70 days have passed since the Deepwater Horizon platform sank on April 20, 2010. During this time, the United States has received assistance from seventeen countries and four international bodies in the form of equipment, expertise and general assistance.

Particularly worthy of mention is Taiwan's offer of 600 feet of fire boom to the Gulf.

When the government of the Republic of China received the request for boom from the International Spill Control Organization and British Petroleum, officials in Taiwan cut all the red tape and immediately airlifted the boom to the Gulf for use.

Efforts like these, when the United States is truly in a time of need, should not go unnoticed, and Taiwan's latest offer is another genuine example of Taiwan being a responsible member of the international community.

I believe Taiwan has a vital role to play in this and many other areas.

We thank Taiwan for its offer of assistance. Taiwan is a true friend of the United States.

A TRIBUTE TO SECOND LIEUTENANT MCMAHON

## HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Thursday, July 1, 2010

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Second Lieutenant John E. McMahon of the U.S. Army Air Corps, and his distinguished service in World War II as a Radar Navigator flying the B-24 Liberator.

Volunteering for service on November 2. 1942, Second Lieutenant McMahon underwent training in the United States. He was then assigned to the 528th Squadron of the 380th Bombardment Group (Heavy) and reported for duty in the Western Pacific. Second Lieutenant McMahon flew 27 missions from airstrips on New Guinea, Luzon, Mindoro, the Philippines, and Okinawa. His campaigns included the Western Pacific, Southern Philippines, Luzon, Air Offensive Japan, and the China Offensive Campaign. His decorations and campaign awards include the Air Medal. Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal (with silver star), and the Philippines Liberation Medal (with one bronze star). Through his bravery and selfless service in direct combat actions, he helped take the fight to the enemy and bring the war to a decisive and victorious close.

After his service in World War II, he chose to settle in Fort Worth, Texas. He graduated from Texas Christian University and married the former Willie Mae Wittie, his wife of 60 years.

This Nation should always remember how much we owe the Greatest Generation. The service and sacrifice of John McMahon and his brothers in arms is a manifestation of all that makes this country great. We are honored to have such men walk among us, and must always remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice and are no longer with us.

I wish to extend my greatest appreciation to Second Lieutenant John E. McMahon for his gallant service to our Nation in World War II.

SEMINOLE COMMUNITY LIBRARY CELEBRATES ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

# HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

 ${\tt OF\ FLORIDA}$ 

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Thursday, July 1, 2010

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, the Seminole Community Library is one of the greatest educational resources of the City of Seminole, Florida I have the privilege to represent. Later this month, the library, its staff and its thousands of patrons will celebrate its golden 50th anniversary.

Founded by a dedicated group of volunteers in 1960, the library has outgrown its facilities on a number of occasions before locating at its present site on the campus of The St. Petersburg College. Now named the Dennis L. Jones Seminole Community Library at St. Petersburg College, after my good friend and Florida State Senator, the partnership between the library, the city and the college makes this one of the most unique facilities of its kind in our entire area.

Madam Speaker, one thing has transcended the history of this great library, from its early days in the "cottage" to its present operations in a state-of-the-art educational facility, and that is service to people of all ages.

It is a real honor for me to have the library as a valuable neighbor to my Seminole Congressional District Office and to visit with folks there as they come and go. Please join me in congratulating those early leaders who had a vision that has grown into this great library and to thank all those who provide support to the current facility. This includes the City of Seminole, The St. Petersburg College, the library's professional staff and dedicated volunteers, the Friends of the Library organization, the Library Advisory Board and the Library Youth Advisory Board.

As the library embarks upon its next 50 years of service to our community, it remains focused on its goal to remember the past, serve the present and plan for the future.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF SISTER ANN BRAWLEY, RSM

#### HON. MARCY KAPTUR-

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker. I rise today to recall the generous, self-giving life of Sister Ann Brawley, of the Mercy Order of Roman Catholic sisters in Lima who in 2010 has passed from this life into the next. Sr. Ann spent 77 of the 94 years of her life on Earth serving in Christ Jesus' name. She put into practice His words to live by—to "remain in my love." Her joy was complete, as was the joy she conveyed to others.

Sr. Ann's imprimatur on our community is large. Starting as a bookkeeper for Mercy and St. Charles Hospitals in Toledo, she be-friended all people who worked and visited the hospitals in which she worked. Of deep and committed social conscience, she was key in the establishment of the Toledo Catholic Diocese's Central Development Office. She offered accounting services to several area schools, the Migrant Information Office, Aurora Shelter for Women, and Bittersweet Farms community for adults with autism. She was invited to help in the development of Lima, Ohio's Kibby Corners Neighborhood Project.

In addition to Sr. Ann's accounting skill, she had a gift and a passion for the course of the Nation and politics. I came to know her when she offered her counsel, prayers and talents to me during my first campaign in 1982. Her humor, wit, and acumen were sharp and appreciated by all whose lives she touched. Not all business, Sr. Ann also had a passion for sports.

Sr. Ann had a compassionate heart and open arms, and the source of her hope was the unconditional love of Jesus. As Sister Joan Nemann, RSM noted in her eulogy, "More than ten years ago when she asked me to give the homily at her funeral she emphasized these words repeatedly, remain in my love. This was such good news for her—and for us. Today, in her room I found a piece of birch bark that Ann had kept for a number of years. I recall that some years ago I came to the Pines to make a retreat. At that time the birch trees were shedding their bark. I found