

Most important to him though was his family. His father was also a nationally recognized leader at UFCW, and Brian's success was a source of great pride in the Petronella family. Brian's wife Elaine and daughters Lindsey and Ashley were the number one priority in his world and his passing as a husband and father is the hardest loss of all.

I had the pleasure and honor to know Brian for over ten years. He was smart, funny, and down to earth. His success did not go to his head—if anything it made him more committed to working for the people he represented so ably.

Brian left us too early. He leaves behind a life of work that should be the envy of anyone seeking to better our society. He was a consummate professional, loving family man, and friend that I was lucky to have. I ask my colleagues to join me in mourning the loss and honoring the life of Brian Petronella.

SOLOMON PORCH MINISTRIES

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Whereas, Solomon's Porch Ministries has been and continues to be a beacon of light to our county for the past ten years; and

Whereas, Pastor Phillip Mosby and the members of the Solomon's Porch Ministries Church family today continues to uplift and inspire those in our county; and

Whereas, Solomon's Porch Ministries has been and continues to be a place where citizens are touched spiritually, mentally and physically through outreach ministries and community partnership to aid in building up our District; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious Church of God has given hope to the hopeless, fed the needy and empowered our community for the past ten (10) years by preaching the gospel, singing the gospel and living the gospel; and

Whereas, Solomon's Porch Ministries has produced many spiritual warriors, people of compassion, people of great courage, fearless leaders and servants to all, but most of all visionaries who have shared not only with their Church, but with DeKalb County and the world their passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Solomon's Porch Ministries Church family on their 10th Anniversary and for their leadership and service to our District;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim August 13, 2010 as Solomon's Porch Ministries Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 13th day of August, 2010.

CONGRATULATING THE COOPERS, BOONE COUNTY FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker I rise today to congratulate the Cooper Family who was earned the honor of being named the Boone County 2010 Farm Family of the Year.

The Arkansas Farm Family of the Year Program has honored farm families all across the state for their outstanding work both on their farms and in their communities. Recognition from the program is a reflection of the contribution to agriculture at the community and state level and its implications for improved farm practices and management.

The Coopers raise more than 700 cattle on 450 acres and are planning to expand. Since 1985 they have maintained a commitment to agriculture and have worked diligently to improve the health of their cattle and to protect the environment.

I congratulate Tim, his wife Debra Sue, and their family Caleb, Ethan and Amy Lippe for their outstanding achievements in agriculture and ask my fellow colleagues to join me in honoring them for this accomplishment. I wish them continued success in their future endeavors and look forward to the contributions they will offer in the future to Arkansas agriculture.

HONORING STAFF SGT. AARON M. KENEFICK

HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Staff Sergeant Aaron M. Kenefick who gave his life September 8, 2009, while supporting combat operations in the Kunar province of Afghanistan.

A few years ago on Thanksgiving, Aaron had asked his mom what time dinner would be served. He wanted to make sure he would have time to visit his fellow service members at the Veterans Administration hospital. "That's where the true heroes are," he had told his mother. Sergeant Kenefick did not brag about his own achievements and numerous missions. He had received a Purple Heart after being injured by shrapnel and had twice, during his 12-year career, been named Marine of the Year. Nevertheless, called to serve, Kenefick returned to combat.

Staff Sgt. Kenefick graduated from Roswell High School in 1997 after moving there as a 10th grader from Williamsville, New York. He joined the Marine Corps after high school. He is survived by his mother, Susan Price and father, Donnie Kenefick; two sisters; and his young daughter, Landon.

Madam Speaker, it is with the greatest respect and admiration that we honor Staff Sgt. Kenefick's sacrifice on behalf of our Nation. He is a hero to his countrymen, his family, and his fellow Marines. He reminds us that America is blessed to have so many young men and women willing to stand up and fight to

preserve our precious freedoms. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and all our military families, whose selfless dedication to this Nation is an inspiration to us all.

RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAKE RIDGE OCCOQUAN COLES CIVIC ASSOCIATION

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 40th Anniversary of the Lake Ridge Occoquan Coles Civic Association, LOCCA.

The builders of the Lake Ridge Planned Community began development in the mid 1960s. The developers of Lake Ridge envisioned a community where people could live, work, shop and play. However, early residents desired a way to shape the vision for their community. They recognized a need for an organization that was capable of influencing planning and development decisions in Lake Ridge.

On July 6, 1970, the residents established the Lake Ridge Communities Civic Association, LRCCA, as a non-political, nonpartisan organization that gave citizens an organized community voice. The LRCCA hosted bake sales, dances and other fund-raising activities to support local civic projects and to foster a newfound sense of community in Lake Ridge.

In 1978, the organization matured into the Lake Ridge Occoquan Civic Association, LOCA, in response to growing concerns over unchecked growth and development in Prince William County. The membership created the Planning, Environment, Land-Use and Transportation Committee, PELT, to evaluate new development in the area. The organization encouraged quality development with appropriate infrastructure investments, compatible architecture, signage and landscaping and promoted the use of green community designs complete with sidewalks and trails. In 1997, the membership rewrote the bylaws to refocus the group and formally include the Coles Magisterial District within its jurisdiction, creating the Lake Ridge Occoquan Coles Civic Association, LOCCA.

The influence of this community organization on quality development standards in Prince William County cannot be understated. For four decades, dedicated members have sacrificed their time and contributed their considerable talents to the responsible stewardship of their community. Their work has not gone unnoticed. This was the first civic association to be awarded the Virginia Green Award, and it was recognized as one of the most influential civic associations in the Commonwealth of Virginia when it was honored with the Virginia Citizen's Planning Association Award.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the membership of the Lake Ridge Occoquan Coles Civic Association for the tireless advocacy efforts and congratulating them on their 40th Anniversary. I extend my personal appreciation to the past and current members of LOCCA for improving and safeguarding the quality of life of countless Prince William County residents.

HONORING LIEUTENANT JEFF
RACINE ON HIS RETIREMENT
FROM THE MICHIGAN STATE PO-
LICE

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Detective Lieutenant Jeff Racine on his retirement after 25 years serving in the Michigan State Police. Lt. Racine has carried out his duties with bravery, dedication and enthusiasm for his work, earning the respect of both his colleagues in law enforcement and the communities he has served.

Lt. Racine has dedicated his career to keeping residents in Michigan's Upper Peninsula safe. Early in his career he served as a police officer in the Chocoley Township and Ishpeming Police Departments, later serving as deputy sheriff at the Marquette County Sheriff's Department.

In 1985, Lt. Jeff Racine joined the Michigan State Police, serving his first assignment as a trooper at the Flat Rock Post in Southeast Michigan. Before long, Lt. Racine returned to the Upper Peninsula serving as trooper at both the Munising and Gladstone State Police Posts. His hard work earned him a promotion to Sergeant, serving the Negaunee and Gladstone State Police Posts.

In 2000, Lt. Jeff Racine was promoted to Detective Lieutenant in charge of the Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team (UPSET). He has spent the past decade combating drug trafficking and drug crimes in the Upper Peninsula, a particularly difficult task in a region with vast tracks of rural areas. The UPSET team has investigated more than 520 cases, including 130 federal cases, under Lt. Racine's leadership. He has been particularly effective at fostering working relationships with local law enforcement as well as federal agencies, including the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; the Bureau of Indian Affairs; the Drug Enforcement Administration; the FBI; the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and the U.S. Forest Service.

After his years in local law enforcement, and 25 years in the Michigan State Police, Lt. Jeff Racine will retire on August 27, 2010. His departure will be felt by law enforcement across the Upper Peninsula and the state of Michigan, but the impact he has had, especially during his 10 years with UPSET, will remain long after he has gone.

Lt. Racine's wife Crystal has been by his side throughout his career, and in retirement he looks forward to spending more time with her and their children. Lt. Racine is also an avid hunter, and his retirement comes just in time for him to dedicate his full attention to this year's hunting season.

Madam Speaker, Lt. Jeff Racine has devoted his life to enforcing the law and protecting the citizens of Michigan, and his commitment and hard work should be commended. Throughout his career he has touched the lives of countless individuals he has worked with and served. I ask Madam Speaker, that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives, join me in recognizing Lt. Jeff Racine for his courage, his dedication, and his years of service on his retirement from the Michigan State Police.

HONORING PASTOR IRA G.
EDWARDS, SR.

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Pastor Ira G. Edwards, Sr., pastor of Damascus Holy Life Baptist Church. Pastor Edwards is being honored on August 22nd for his work in the Flint community.

Pastor Edwards has been pastor of Damascus Holy Life Baptist Church for the past nine years. He also serves as an instructor for the Great Lake Congress of Christian Education and is an Associate Dean for the Great Lakes Congress of Christian Education. As pastor he has established several programs to help the people of the Flint community. Pastor Edwards started summer feeding programs for youth, established community gardens, and took the lead in the purchasing of a local bar and converting it into a Training Center.

He is a member of Concerned Pastors for Social Action, and cochair of the Flint Area Congregations Together. He is on the National Steering Committee and Clergy Caucus for People Improving Communities through Organizing (PICO) National. He was instrumental in bringing CEASEFIRE/LIFE LINE to Flint. He has devoted his life to assisting with health care, education, financial peace, nutrition, and home foreclosure recovery. Pastor Edwards strives to help the youth of the community to reach their full potential by developing social, economic and academic skills. He works diligently with local, state and federal officials to improve education, housing, and to curb violence and crime.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me today and applaud the work of Pastor Ira G. Edwards, Sr. as he is honored by his congregation and his community. I pray that he will continue to spread the Gospel of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, for many, many years to come.

ACKNOWLEDGING MRS. MARION BUSH LICATA

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Mrs. Marion Bush Licata, a remarkable Michigan citizen, upon her ninetieth birthday on August 16, 2010.

Marion Bush was born on August 16, 1920, in Highland Park, Michigan to James and Evelyn Bush. Growing up with two older brothers, Irving and J.V. Richard, Marion attended Cooley High School in Detroit graduating in 1938. While working at Bell Telephone, she went on to attend Wayne State University where she met Anthony Licata.

Marion and Anthony married in August of 1940, celebrating their love for more than fifty-nine years while raising their beloved daughter Susan who was born in 1943. With Anthony Licata serving in the United States Navy, Marion and Susan traveled by train to Virginia Beach, VA and Norman, Oklahoma to be near him.

Marion Bush Licata was actively involved during Susan's elementary school years as she became part of the "Mother Singers" choral group at Cadillac Elementary School in Detroit. She sang in various other choirs, as well. A great proponent of education, Marion returned to Wayne State and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Library Science. She dedicated more than ten years to the Detroit Public School system as an elementary school librarian, passing on a love of reading to the children under her tutelage.

Marion Bush Licata has enjoyed singing in musical groups, painting, using both oil and water color, creating stained glass, embroidery, making dolls, sewing, reading and listening to music. Marion also was very involved in her late husband Anthony's political activities. She actively supported Anthony's successful campaign to be seated in the Michigan House of Representatives during a special election in 1967. Marion Bush Licata maintained her interest in politics by attending local and state Republican Conventions for many years.

Marion Bush Licata finds great joy in her granddaughter Krista and continues to be a supportive and influential part of Krista's life. Mrs. Licata has continued to care for her immediate family and has always been a source of strength to the extended Bush and Licata families.

Madam Speaker, for ninety years Marion Bush Licata has graced the world with her kindness, hard work, and community spirit. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Marion Bush Licata upon reaching her ninetieth birthday and to honor her commitment to her community and her country.

RECLAIMING POLITICS

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, I would like to submit the following.

Rick Levin, the President of Yale University, recently delivered this year's commencement address, "Reclaiming Politics."

While his comments were directed to graduating seniors, they speak more broadly to all those interested in public service and in improving our political system.

I hope my colleagues and others will appreciate a reasoned and articulate discussion of such a timely subject.

BACCALAUREATE ADDRESS: RECLAIMING POLITICS

(By President Richard C. Levin)

What a journey you have had! Four years of exploring a place so rich with treasure: courses taught by some of the world's most brilliant and creative scholars and scientists, a library with few peers, museums that expose you to the full variety of nature and human cultures, musical and theatrical performances of the highest quality, vigorous intercollegiate and intramural athletic programs, and classmates whose excellence never ceases to astonish—and all this set within the imposing and inspiring architecture of a campus that is itself a museum. You have had the chance to interact with classmates from 50 states and 50 nations, and the great majority of you have taken advantage of Yale's abundant international programs to spend a semester or a summer abroad.