

Eastwood's "The Eiger Sanction" the following year. In 1977, she starred opposite Bernie Casey and Ron O'Neal in the film, "Brothers." Her later movies included "Repo Man" in 1984 and "To Sleep with Anger" in 1990, followed by an increasing amount of episodic television work.

In the mid 1980s, Vonetta McGee met and married the love of her life, actor Carl Lumbly, when she was cast as his detective character's wife in a Cagney & Lacey episode. They had a son, Brandon, and enjoyed many years together as soul mates. Vonetta is survived by her devoted husband, son, mother, three brothers and her sister.

I was always inspired by Vonetta's positive attitude, her clear thinking, her politics and her love for humankind. I still remember her genuine friendship and her gracious hospitality when she welcomed me and my family into her beautiful Berkeley home. She was a friend and an amazing talent who will be deeply missed.

Today, California's 9th Congressional District salutes and honors a wonderful human being, Ms. Lawrence Vonetta McGee. The contributions she made to others throughout her life are countless and precious. My thoughts are with Mr. Carl Lumbly, his family, and Vonetta's extended group of loved ones as we celebrate her incredible life. May her soul rest in peace.

HONORING DAVID WILLIAMS

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate David Williams on his retirement as the Itasca Village Administrator. Over the past 10 years, Mr. Williams has generously served the Village of Itasca.

Prior to becoming Village Administrator, Mr. Williams worked for the Illinois State Police for thirty years. Under his skilled direction and leadership, Itasca has undergone a great transformation. The Village of Itasca has witnessed the design and completion of a new village hall, police department, and construction has recently begun on the Itasca Riverwalk. Mr. Williams also serves on the board of directors and several committees for the DuPage Mayors and Mangers Conference. His coordination and guidance for the community was one of the reasons Itasca was named one of the "150 Great Places in Illinois" by the American Institute of Architects.

Madam Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in honoring Mr. Williams for his remarkable career and wishing him the best of luck in all of his future endeavors.

RECOGNITION OF MAJOR DARREN R. BALDWIN FOR HIS BRAVERY AND SERVICE IN IRAQ

HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Darren Baldwin for his bravery, patri-

otism, and courage while serving in Task Force Falcon and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Major Baldwin is a true testament to the remarkable and courageous service that our soldiers provide our nation.

Major Darren R. Baldwin grew up in Worthington, Ohio. After graduating from high school, Major Baldwin attended West Point and dedicated his life to the service of his country. His first assignment was as a Field Artillery Officer to Giessen, Germany during which he was sent into combat in Kosovo as part of Task Force Falcon. Returning from his deployment, Major Baldwin continued his military training in the Special Forces Officer Qualification School in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. His next tour of duty took him to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Over the next two years, he served three tours of duty.

Major Baldwin continues the tradition of excellence and service exhibited by the Green Berets and other special service members. Major Baldwin is not only a great soldier, but also a great son, husband, brother, friend, and community member. His heroic efforts to help fight the war on terror have helped to keep his country and community safe.

During his tour in Iraq on March 9 and 18, 2005, Major Baldwin was wounded by two improvised explosive devices, and suffered a traumatic brain injury. Currently, Major Baldwin is on medical convalescent leave receiving physical and neurological therapeutic treatment. The service he performed for his country, at great personal cost, has been recognized with a Purple Heart, three Bronze Stars, a Meritorious Service Medal, as well as being commended by the Ohio Secretary of State.

Major Baldwin and other wounded soldiers are our country's greatest heroes. On September 11, 2010, the Green Beret Foundation honored Major Darren R. Baldwin at Purple Heart Commemorative Event for his courageous service in Iraq. In addition to recognizing Major Baldwin, this event in Worthington, Ohio honored all of our dedicated American soldiers and wounded warriors by raising money for the Green Beret foundation. I commend Major Baldwin on his courage, bravery, and unwavering commitment to his country and I am proud to recognize him for his service and patriotism.

HONORING RICHARD CORDELL

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, on August 27, 2010 the Rotary Club of Flint, Michigan paid tribute to Richard Cordell for 47 years of service to the club. He has been a member of the Rotary Club of Flint from 1963 to 2010.

Richard Cordell has served the Rotary Club of Flint as its president from 1974–1976, club secretary/treasurer from 1980 to 2008, and club secretary/treasurer emeritus from 2008 to August, 2010. He was District Governor of Rotary International District 6330 from 1984–1985. He served as a club ambassador attending numerous Rotary events and international conventions.

In addition to his service to the Rotary Club of Flint, Richard is the past-president of the Greater Flint YMCA, a leader of First Pres-

byterian Church of Flint, and as ambassador to Flint's sister city Togliatti Russia. A veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, Richard served our country during World War II as a Lieutenant Colonel as a B-26 pilot flying 62 missions including two on D-Day.

Richard will turn 93 years old on September 30th and will soon be leaving Flint to join his son Richard, daughter-in-law Anita and two granddaughters Chelsea and Katie in California.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in applauding the contributions of Richard Cordell to the Rotary Club of Flint, and the greater Flint community. He has spent his life serving with enthusiasm, living the Rotary motto of "Service above Self" and incorporating the principles of the Rotary "Four-Way Test" in his everyday life. I wish him the best as he enters this next phase of his life close to his loving family and cherished by his friends.

HONORING DR. JONES FOR THE OCCASION OF HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. GLENN C. NYE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. NYE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Howard Jones, co-founder of the Howard and Georgeanna Jones Foundation for Reproductive Medicine and the Jones Institute at Eastern Virginia Medical School, for the occasion of his 100th birthday. Dr. Howard Jones and his wife Dr. Georgeanna Jones pioneered in vitro fertilization and established the Jones Institute in 1983, following the birth of America's first in vitro baby in 1981. Two years later they helped establish the Jones Foundation to ensure that groundbreaking research in the field of reproductive medicine would continue for years to come. Today, the techniques developed by the Jones team are offered at clinics around the world and have helped countless couples conceive children. I wish you a happy birthday Dr. Jones, and I thank you for your invaluable contributions to American science.

HONORING THE SOLAR POWER INITIATIVE AT MARTINS CREEK SCHOOL IN MURPHY, NC

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Martins Creek Elementary and Middle School in Murphy, North Carolina. I would like to commend the exemplary educators, administrators, and planners for their hard work, preparation, and research that led to Martins Creek School acquiring the largest public school solar power array in North Carolina. The array will produce close to an entire megawatt of power; enough energy to prevent the burning of 75 tons of coal per day for electricity production.

On May 7, 2010, Martins Creek School will hold an opening ceremony to mark the introduction of the solar array. This event highlights the school's commitment to green conservation and environmental improvement in

classrooms at Martins Creek School. It sets a high standard of environmental consciousness for other schools to study and consider.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to support and applaud this innovative Western North Carolina School for their monumental achievement. I ask my colleagues today to rise in support of solar research and environmental safety in our nation's schools, and to congratulate Martins Creek School on their environmental and educational accomplishment.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF
BRANDON'S 175TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GREGG HARPER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. HARPER. Madam Speaker, I rise today and join with the members and staff from First Baptist Church of Brandon, Mississippi in celebrating 175 years of the ministry of the Lord's word.

Originally named Brandon Baptist Church in 1835, Brandon's First Baptist Church was established only four years after the founding of the City of Brandon. Early on, members would meet in each others' homes to listen to messages from their first pastor, T.S.N. King, before moving into a shared space at the Brandon Female Academy, where pastors would preach once a month. During this time, congregants sat under the preaching of twenty-five pastors, many of whom held other occupations such as gardening or serving in the Confederate Army. Others taught at local institutions of higher education, such as Warren S. Webb who served in 1871 as both pastor of Brandon Baptist Church and as president of my Alma Mater of Mississippi College, which is located in Clinton, Mississippi. A decade later, Pastor Lewis Carden Kellis led efforts to construct the first building, costing \$2,000, seating 250 congregants, and serving as the sanctuary until 1946.

Carl Joseph Olander carried Brandon Baptist Church through some of its more trying times. The Great Depression created economical challenges for families and businesses nationwide. One suggestion by Olander to overcome these struggles was for each family to "set a hen" and share the proceeds to help fund missions.

Pastor L. Gordan Sansing set in motion weekly worship and would guide Brandon Baptist Church to approve a building program. In 1945, the church exchanged properties with the Brandon Consolidated School District. Prior to constructing the new building, the members had met in the high school. Then, in 1948 the cornerstone for the first building on the new property was laid while Monte Davis was pastor—and the structure was dedicated in January of 1949. Pastor Carey E. Cox's leadership led to the purchase of a nearby house to alleviate space problems. The addition of a twenty-two room education and fellowship hall contributed to growth in the children's and youth activities. In June of 1965, a \$200,000 sanctuary seating 500 congregants was built, and it was during this time that the name Brandon Baptist Church was changed to First Baptist Church.

Numerous other pastors influenced the rapid escalation of First Baptist Church. Bill Duncan

focused on missions, evangelistic visitation and tithing. W. Thomas Baddley expanded the size and variety of the physical facilities, John Ashley piloted the purchase of land adjacent to the church and made plans to build a family life center, and Robert Jackson established a radio broadcast in August of 1981 and a television broadcast in April of 1984.

Dr. Gene Henderson delivered his first sermon in May of 1986. A visionary, his strong oratory skills led to the creation of a second Sunday School and a third worship service. The membership expansion led to plans for a three-phase building project in west Brandon, and construction of the new facility was completed in August of 2001. Dr. Henderson's successor, Dr. Scott Thomas, was introduced to the congregation in a series of personal meetings, and in November of 2005, Dr. Thomas introduced his wife and six children and began their pastorate at First Baptist Church. Dr. Thomas' compassionate management and pastoral skills have brought continued growth, increasing membership to First Baptist Church. In 2008, the church family purchased an additional 72 acres adjacent to their property ensuring room for future growth.

Over the past 175 years, thirty-four men have served as pastors of First Baptist Church of Brandon. Their passion, paired with the commitment of the church family, has resulted in what was originally a 43-person congregation meeting in members' homes, to a ministry today that serves hundreds from all over the Brandon community. The church founders served as pioneers for expanding God's word in Rankin County, and it was their shared vision that birthed a legacy for sharing Christ's love throughout the City of Brandon, the State of Mississippi, and throughout the world.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 25TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF TROPHY CLUB,
TEXAS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today in recognition of Trophy Club, Texas and their 25th anniversary of township.

The vision of Trophy Club originated in 1972, when the legendary golfer, Ben Hogan, was contacted by John W. McMackin with the suggestion that he design a golf course. Subsequently, the first Municipal Utility District was created and 2,500 acres of land was obtained through negotiations with several land owners, including two critical tracts of land owned by Dallas businessman Nelson Bunker Hunt.

The visionaries desired to build a community centered on the ideals of, and participation in, the sport of golf. By 1977, the development included a community swimming pool, tennis courts, 18-hole golf course, club house, utilities and a few paved streets.

In 1985, the Town of Trophy Club was established with 3,700 residents, and elected its first mayor, Jim Carter. Since then, Trophy Club has grown to a population of over 8,000 residents with several schools, including the recently opened Byron Nelson High School. The additional parks, shopping, restaurants and investment in a new Splash Park and Fire

Station have served to make Trophy Club one of the most desirable Texas communities to call home.

Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to recognize an outstanding community, Trophy Club, Texas. It is my honor to represent Trophy Club and its residents in the United States House of Representatives.

IN HONOR OF THE HAITIAN
FOUNDATION

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor The Haitian Foundation of New Jersey and their outstanding charitable work on behalf of the Haitian communities in New Jersey and the people of Haiti.

Led by President Luna Cadley-Jeanty, The Haitian Foundation of New Jersey addresses the thoughts and concerns of the local Haitian Community, and performs charitable work which benefits the entire community. The foundation's membership represents various religious, professional, social, fraternal, educational, woman, youth, and senior citizen groups throughout the Garden State. The group's multiculturalism and tolerance has benefitted New Jersey innumerable ways.

This year when a disastrous earthquake hit Haiti, The Haitian Foundation quickly put together a large-scale local relief effort. As part of their efforts to aid the earthquake victims, they collected lifesaving supplies which went directly to the nation of Haiti. The Haitian Foundation also served as an invaluable way for Haiti to benefit from the New Jersey's generous spirit. The Haitian Foundation helped guide many organizations seeking to help the people of Haiti.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring The Haitian Foundation for their outstanding and dedicated service for those in the Haitian communities in New Jersey and in Haiti.

TRIBUTE TO DUSTIN SMITH

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great achievement by Dustin Smith of Decorah, Iowa. He was named overall high point individual in his age division at the 2010 National Junior Shorthorn Show and Youth Conference in East Lansing, Michigan.

The annual National Junior Shorthorn Show and Youth Conference, which was founded in 1981, is a weeklong event full of contests and educational activities. More than 300 junior shorthorn enthusiasts from 24 states competed in this year's conference. Dustin Smith accumulated the points from first place showings in his division in three categories: the arts and crafts contest, the livestock judging contest and the team fitting contest.

The example set by Dustin demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and determination. His triumph is an honor that we all can admire and be proud of.