

over the years have made it a vibrant and thriving community.

Butler County was formed on January 18, 1810 and was named for General Richard Butler, a Revolutionary War soldier. With the introduction of a navigation system for the Green and Barren Rivers in the 1830's, a new mode of transportation in the area began and brought with it many new people to the area including merchants, miners, loggers, river workers, engineers and carpenters.

The Civil War slowed development of the county. Following the war, former soldiers from both sides joined together to raise funds for a Civil War Monument that was dedicated in May 1907. The monument is believed to be one of the only two existing memorials which honors both Confederate and Union soldiers.

Today, Butler County attracts many tourists who come to visit the historic sites of the area, steamboat era museum, Green River and many other attractions. The county also hosts the Green River Catfish Festival every year. Anglers from around the country travel to Butler County to try and catch one of the numerous tagged catfish released into the river for cash prizes. The top prize is \$50,000.

To commemorate the county's 200th Anniversary, community leaders and residents of Butler County have planned a year's worth of events to educate Kentuckians about the history of Butler County and celebrate its residents and culture. A book entitled Butler County, Kentucky—History and Families is also being compiled which features stories about communities and families in Butler County as written by residents. It is my privilege to represent Butler County in the U.S. House of Representatives and I hope my colleagues in Congress will join me in celebrating this community and its residents.

HONORING CHUCK MACK

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Chuck Mack of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. On January 15, 2010, the Teamsters Joint Council 7 will host a Testimonial Dinner in San Francisco, California, honoring Chuck's exemplary career in the labor movement.

Chuck joined the Teamsters in the summer of 1960 as a Del Monte seasonal worker, and continued as a loader and driver for Garrett Trucking for four years. In 1966, Chuck was elected business agent at Teamsters Local 70 and was re-elected in 1969. In 1971, at the request of the Teamster leadership, Chuck served as a lobbyist in Sacramento for the California Teamsters Public Affairs Council. He returned to Local 70 the following year and was elected secretary-treasurer and served in that capacity until June 2009.

He became president of Joint Council 7 in 1982 and served in that position until June 2009, making him the second longest-serving Joint Council president. In 1998 he was elected vice president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Western Region. He was re-elected to this office in 2001 and 2006.

Chuck was appointed IBT director of Port Division in 2003 and remained in this position

until June 2009. As port director, he built a powerful coalition of labor, community, environmental and interfaith groups to fight for economic justice for drivers and environmental justice for communities. Since 1981, he has served as a Western Conference of Teamsters Pension Trustee and became co-chair in 2009.

Chuck Mack's commitment to labor and to the welfare of others has earned him the deep respect of his members and others. To quote Chuck, "the most rewarding part of this job has always been the members. Meeting with them one-on-one and listening to what they have to say, providing strong representation so that they have good jobs with good wages, good health care and a strong pension . . . jobs that provide for them and their families."

I join Chuck Mack's colleagues and friends in honoring his contributions and his continuing service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

Ms. BALDWIN. Madam Speaker, I regret that due to illness, I missed 30 votes on December 9, 2009 through December 11, 2009. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

On H. Res. 955, Providing for consideration of H.R. 4213, the Tax Extenders Act, on ordering the previous question, I would have voted yes.

On H. Res. 955, Providing for the consideration of H.R. 4213, the Tax Extenders Act, on agreeing to the resolution, I would have voted yes.

On H.R. 3951, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Louisiana Avenue in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the Roy Rondono, Sr. Post Office Building, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, I would have voted yes.

On H.R. 4213, Tax Extenders Act of 2009, Table Appealing of the Ruling of the Chair, I would have voted yes.

On H.R. 4213, Tax Extenders Act of 2009, on passage, I would have voted yes.

On H.R. 3603, To rename the Ocmulgee National Monument, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, I would have voted yes.

On H. Res. 956, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4173) to provide for financial regulatory reform, to protect consumers and investors, to enhance Federal understanding of insurance issues, to regulate the over-the-counter derivatives markets, and for other purposes, on agreeing to the resolution, I would have voted yes.

On H.R. 86, To eliminate an unused light-house reservation, provide management consistency by bringing the rocks and small islands along the coast of Orange County, California, and meet the original Congressional intent of preserving Orange County's rocks and small islands, and for other purposes, on motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, I would have voted yes.

On H. Res. 961, Providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 3288) making appropriations for the De-

partments of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes, on ordering the previous question, I would have voted yes.

On H. Res. 961, Providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 3288) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes, on agreeing to the resolution, I would have voted yes.

On H.R. 3288, Making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, HUD, and related agencies for FY 2010, on agreeing to the conference report, I would have voted yes.

On H.R. 4017, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 43 Maple Avenue in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, as the Ann Marie Blute Post Office, on motion to suspend the rules and pass, I would have voted yes.

On H. Res. 962, Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, on agreeing to the resolution, I would have voted yes.

On H. Res. 964, Providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4173) to provide for financial regulatory reform, to protect consumers and investors, to enhance Federal understanding of insurance issues, to regulate the over-the-counter derivatives markets, and for other purposes, on agreeing to the resolution, I would have voted yes.

On H.R. 4173, Frank of Massachusetts amendment No. 1, as modified, on agreeing to the amendment, I would have voted yes.

On H.R. 4173, Sessions of Texas amendment, on agreeing to the amendment, I would have voted no.

On H.R. 4173, Lynch of Massachusetts amendment, on agreeing to the amendment, I would have voted yes.

On H.R. 4173, Murphy of New York amendment No. 6, on agreeing to the amendment, I would have voted no.

On H.R. 4173, Frank of Massachusetts amendment No. 7, on agreeing to the amendment, I would have voted yes.

On H.R. 4174, Stupak of Michigan amendment No. 8, on agreeing to the amendment, I would have voted yes.

On H.R. 4173, Stupak of Michigan amendment No. 9, on agreeing to the amendment, I would have voted yes.

On H.R. 4173, Kanjorski of Pennsylvania amendment No. 12, on agreeing to the amendment, I would have voted yes.

On H.R. 4173, McCarthy of California amendment, on agreeing to the amendment, I would have voted no.

On H.R. 4173, Peters of Michigan amendment, on agreeing to the amendment, I would have voted yes.

On H.R. 4173, Marshall of Georgia amendment, on agreeing to the amendment, I would have voted yes.

On H.R. 4173, Schakowsky of Illinois amendment, on agreeing to the amendment, I would have voted yes.

On H.R. 4173, Minnick of Idaho amendment, on agreeing to the amendment, I would have voted no.

On H.R. 4173, Bachus of Alabama Substitute Amendment, as Modified, on agreeing to the amendment, I would have voted no.

On H.R. 4173, The Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2009, on Motion to Recommit with Instructions, I would have voted no.

On H.R. 4173, The Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2009, on passage, I would have voted yes.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JUDY SUMNER

HON. TRAVIS W. CHILDERS

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

Mr. CHILDERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today with deep sadness by the passing away of a great leader and native Mississippian, Mayor Judy Sumner. Mayor Sumner, 58, died Saturday, January 9, 2010, at her home.

During her mayoral tenure, she guided the town toward resolution of a debt crisis with the Internal Revenue Service and a host of other creditors while helping to coordinate celebrations of Como's musical and ethnic heritage and its Main Street business revival.

Mayor Sumner was a devoted wife to Mike Sumner and mother to her four children, Courtney Collins, Wendy Bailey, Sassene Dyer and Nick Sumner. Madam Speaker, with distinct honor and pride, I along with the citizens of Como, Mississippi, sadly mourn the death of such an inspirational leader and Mississippian. I want to personally thank her for all her contributions. Her memory will live on.

TRIBUTE TO THE ST. FRANCIS PARISH SCHOOL

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a well-respected parochial school in my community. St. Francis Parish School, located in Bakersfield, California is celebrating 100 years of education this upcoming April.

The St. Francis Parish School has a unique history. Started by the Sisters of Mercy in 1910, the school consisted of two classrooms in the basement of a church. After sixteen years of various makeshift learning environments, an actual school structure was constructed, and in 1940 the St. Francis High School was created which gave the two schools a combined K-12 presence. In 1943, the Sisters of Mercy were unable to staff a high school and lower school, so they delegated the Dominican sisters of the Congregation of St. Thomas of Aquinas, Diocese of Seattle to take over the St. Francis students. The present location of St. Francis Parish School was opened in 1952, and the Dominican Sisters continued to run the school until 1978. After changing hands once more in 1978 to a different sister group, the school is presently operated by lay teachers and one Mercy Sister. It is fitting that the staff has come full circle to include this one Mercy Sister.

Today, St. Francis Parish School has a pre-school through eighth grade platform that serves 586 students. The school's curriculum

has grown to add computer technology, and grades 2-8 have smart boards, internet capability, and sound systems in every classroom. Growing with demand, the school has evolved to include Spanish, art, and music. Additional teachers have been added to St. Francis' staff to teach these new curriculums, and yearly textbook updates occur in every class in order to maximize the school's educating potential.

Most importantly, St. Francis Parish School pushes its students to be lifelong active leaders and responsible citizens. Every age group is required to do community service through both class service projects and quarterly school service projects. An array of community service organizations welcome the school's generosity such as the American Heart Association, the Cancer Society, Mercy Beyond Borders, the Homeless Center, Catholic Charities, Mercy Hospital, Lion's Club, SPCA, the Valley Achievement Center, Alpha Canine, and St. Faustina's. For 100 years, St. Francis Parish School has instilled high leadership, faith, and service qualities throughout its students.

St. Francis Parish School is a keystone of our educational community that measures success in its loyalty from generations of students. I thank St. Francis for its 100 years of service to the people of Bakersfield and wish them the very best in its next 100 years.

A TRIBUTE TO LUCY GLENN TAYLOR

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a distinguished lady of Kentucky, Lucy Glenn Taylor. A third generation funeral home director and community leader, Lucy lived her life by the philosophy "always be kind to others," a motto which translated into her daily life.

Lucy dedicated her life to others starting at a young age. During World War II Lucy organized and managed funeral services while members of her family were in military service. Many have said that she even helped move caskets from time to time.

Lucy went on to become the director of her family's funeral home in 1978 and it was her notorious kind demeanor that inspired her children to continue the family business. Lucy always took the time to get to know those who used her family's services and was a well-loved and respected member of the community.

Once named the First Lady of the Year by Beta Sigma Phi International Service Sorority, Lucy took on several leadership roles within her community. She was a member of the Pilot Club for 50 years, during which she once served as president, and served on the board of directors for the Elizabeth Munday Center and Kentucky Wesleyan College. Among other organizations, Lucy was involved with the Junior League of Owensboro, Wendell Foster Bazaar, the Isaac Shelby Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and was also a member and former president of the Franklin School PTA.

Always poised yet genuine, those who had the privilege of meeting Lucy Glenn Taylor

never forgot her. Lucy never intended to draw attention to her acts of kindness. To the contrary, she would quietly extend a hand to those in need.

Sadly, on Monday, January 4, 2010, Lucy Glenn Taylor passed away in her home at the age of 88. I join with her family, friends, and confidants in mourning her loss. Although we may have lost one of the Commonwealth's most loyal friends, Lucy's legacy will continue through the countless number of people whose lives she touched.

GARY NICHOLS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise today to recognize Gary W. Nichols for his outstanding service to his country, and to congratulate him on receiving his honorary high school diploma from North Kansas City High School in North Kansas City, Missouri.

Gary dropped out of high school in 1954 to join the United States Navy. He would have been a member of the graduating class of 1956. Gary was a career serviceman from 1954-1974 and served on several destroyers and carriers during the Vietnam War. He attained the Rank of E-5.

Gary has earned the gratitude and respect of his fellow veterans and fellow citizens of Kansas City, Missouri. He has served as the Post Commander as well as the District 3 Commander for the American Legion. His life's dedication and hard work should serve as an example to the rest of us on how we can better serve each other and our great nation.

Gary is originally from Kingsville, MO, but he now lives in Kansas City with his wife Shirley, where he is the proud father of seven children and step-children, 22 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in congratulating Gary W. Nichols on the occasion of receiving his honorary high school diploma on January 30, 2010. I would also like to thank North Kansas City High School for providing Gary with the degree he would have received had he not left school to fight for his nation. I know Gary's colleagues, family and friends join with me in thanking him for his commitment to his country and wishing him happiness and good health in his future endeavors.

COMMENDING HAMILTON STEPHENS WINTERS

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend a distinguished student, Hamilton Stephens Winters, on his achievement of Eagle Scout, awarded January 9, 2010.

For nine years, Hamilton has been active in scouts. Prior to completing Cub Scouts in 2006, Hamilton received the Arrow of Light