

smarter and more sensible ways. Making ends meet through federal programs is not how people in this country want to live. The families I talk to want good paying jobs that allow them to put good, nutritious food on their table; pay for a roof over their head; and have a job that provides access to good, comprehensive healthcare. But the current federal safety net programs don't help people lift themselves out of poverty.

This bill, however, will help them do that. The National Opportunity and Community Renewal Act will award ten communities grants for five years each to test new and innovative approaches to poverty reduction. Each award is for \$10 million that must be used in ways that will reduce poverty in half over 10 years. In other words, this bill allows communities to come up with antipoverty plans while maximizing the amount of funding spent on these plans.

We know that some plans work better in urban areas than in rural areas; that fighting poverty in Central Pennsylvania is different than fighting poverty in Central Massachusetts. But that doesn't mean the goals and means are any different.

Let me be clear—no one should interpret this legislation as cut to the social safety net. During these difficult times, we must ensure that low-income families have the support they need to put food on the table, heat their homes and receive proper medical care. This legislation is a starting point in this effort, a way to begin the dialogue on ways to improve and more efficiently run our anti-poverty programs. Frankly, it's a way to start the conversation on how to cut poverty in half in 10 years; a way to shift the conversation from individual safety net programs that manage the problem to a focus on results that actually help lift people out of poverty.

We need to commit to reducing poverty, but we need to do so smartly and responsibly. We need to allow communities the flexibility to come up with plans that suit their communities and we need to properly but responsibly fund these programs.

Ultimately, we'll be judged by the results of these programs. I believe we can reduce poverty in these participating communities by half in 10 years and I'm looking forward to working Senator CASEY, Father Larry Snyder and the Catholic Charities community on this worthy project.

HONORING UKRAINIAN GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE DAY 2010

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay homage to the 10 million innocent men, women and children who lost their lives in the Ukrainian genocide of 1932–1933. As a result of Joseph Stalin and the Soviet government's brutal economic policies, peasants were stripped of their land, herded onto collective farms, and all the food that was produced was property of the state. Due to this deprivation of food and aid, masses of Ukrainian people began to starve in what is now known as one of the greatest atrocities known to civilization: an intentional, manmade famine intended to

defeat all resistance and break the will of the Ukrainian people.

The Soviets, however, failed to account for the resilience and unbreakable spirit attributed to the people of this nation as the Ukrainians proved their strong will in emerging from an overtly oppressive regime to form a strong democratic nation. The Orange Revolution and the people of Ukraine are a true testament to the world of how a nation in dire straits can triumph over its oppressor to build a sovereign democracy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ukrainian Genocide Remembrance Day 2010, as we shed light on the horrific effects of group-targeted acts of violence and commemorate those who suffered. It's important not to fall into the line of retroactive thinking and dismiss these instances of the worst type of groupthink as issues from the past. Regimes in power with the desire and intent to destroy national, ethnic and religious still exist in many countries around the world. The divisive will of these people is only strengthened if we choose to ignore their presence.

HONORING D.C.'S DIFFERENT DRUMMERS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating D.C.'s Different Drummers on their 30th Anniversary of providing music and entertainment for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community in Washington, D.C.

The marching band began with 9 members in the 1980s, but D.C.'s Different Drummers has grown in membership and is comprised of several marching bands that range from four to 74 players, including the Capitol Pride Symphonic Band, Capitol Pride Winds, DC Swing! big band, DCDD Marching Band, Pep Band, and several other ensembles.

D.C.'s Different Drummers are committed to creating fine music and entertainment for the community. Their annual marches in the Capital Pride Parade and the Fourth of July Palisades Parade have received significant local attention over the years, but their march in the Inaugural Parade of President Barack Obama, as part of the Lesbian and Gay Band Association, brought national attention to their excellence as well. The D.C.'s Different Drummers have marched in Pride Parades in Baltimore, Harrisburg, Fredericksburg and Durham, Maryland.

The community has benefited as well through their volunteer efforts, such as carrying banners, US/DC flags, and the like at parades.

D.C.'s Different Drummers welcome not only non-gay members and non-musicians, but also encompass people of all races, cultures, and backgrounds. They hold open, weekly rehearsals. D.C.'s Different Drummers are truly a community-oriented band with respect for all.

I have marched in Pride parades since coming to Congress to emphasize universal human rights and the importance of enacting

federal legislation to secure the same rights for the LGBT community enjoyed by others. Congress has much work to do. We must pass the Family Leave Insurance Act, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, the Domestic Partnership Benefits and Obligations Act, the Respect for Marriage Act, the Safe Schools Improvement Act, the Military Readiness Enhancement Act, the Tax Equity for Health Plan Beneficiaries Act, the Family and Medical Leave Inclusion Act, the Uniting American Families Act, and the Responsible Education About Life Act.

This year our Nation's capital joined Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire in extending equal marriage rights to its LGBT residents.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the D.C.'s Different Drummers on their 30th Anniversary.

INTRODUCING THE HAITIAN EDUCATIONAL EMPOWERMENT ACT OF 2010

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Haitian Educational Empowerment Act of 2010. This legislation will allow those students who have had their studies interrupted as a result of the January 12th earthquake to complete their degrees at a U.S. university. It will also provide grants to American universities that have taken in Haitian students so that these schools can provide necessary support services.

As we are all well aware, this past January, a 7.0 magnitude earthquake rocked the already struggling nation of Haiti. Approximately three million people were affected and 230,000 are estimated to have died. Those that survived are facing unimaginable conditions with a crumbling infrastructure that has hindered the availability of even basic necessities.

However, in addition to the massive physical devastation and loss of human life, the earthquake also dealt a devastating blow to Haiti's already struggling higher education sector. With 87 percent of Haiti's universities located in the affected region, the earthquake leveled many university buildings and killed scores of students and academics. The State University of Haiti, the nation's largest, saw 80 percent of its buildings destroyed.

Even if classes are able to resume under current conditions, many students have found that they can no longer afford to attend as they and their families struggle to recover from the earthquake. Additionally, prior to the earthquake, only 1 percent of Haitians between the ages of 18 and 24 were enrolled in a university. For many of these students, a college education was their ticket out of poverty.

Now, they have not only seen their loved ones perish and their homes reduced to rubble, but their hopes for a better future have been dashed as well. My legislation will allow these students to complete their studies while requiring them to return to the island upon completion to put their education to work.

At a time of extreme instability and crisis, the United States must do all within its power

to help Haiti rebuild from this current tragedy. However, this recovery cannot be sustainable if Haitians lack the necessary skills to participate in the process.

While investments are made to rebuild and expand Haiti's university system, it would be counterproductive if, in the meantime, we allow Haiti to fall even further behind in educational attainment. My legislation will not only provide immediate relief to those struggling students who saw their hopes squandered on January 12th, but will also help ensure a more robust, long term recovery.

I ask my colleagues to support this legislation and urge the House Leadership to bring it swiftly to the House floor for consideration.

HONORING REVEREND HERMAN C. MCCRAY, JR.

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to recognize and honor Reverend Herman C. McCray, Jr., an anchor throughout the Palm Beach County community who has continued to be a living example of the ideals of community service. On September 25, 2010, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Bridge Dedication Ceremony for the "Herman McCray Jr. Bridge."

A native Floridian, Reverend McCray was born in West Palm Beach and graduated from Roosevelt High School. Upon graduation, he joined the United States Armed Services, 101st Airborne Division. Once Reverend McCray returned home, he attended Palm Beach Junior College, which is now Palm Beach Community College. He received religious training from Palm Beach Atlantic University School of Theology.

Reverend McCray became an anchor in both the West Palm Beach community where he grew up and the Riviera Beach community where he moved once he married his wife of 47 years, Lillian. The couple has three sons. Reverend McCray and his family joined Greater Bethel Primitive Baptist Church and have remained members for more than 40 years. In 1992, Reverend McCray was ordained a Minister and has served as Assistant Pastor of Greater Bethel for more than 10 years. Under his leadership, the church has sponsored many ministries and provided services that deal with issues affecting the lives of people in all age groups.

As a former Supervisor of Sanitation for the City of Riviera Beach, Reverend McCray brought great changes to his community. In the State of Florida, he was the first and only African-American to hold this position. He was also the first African-American to be employed as a ticket agent for the Greyhound Bus Company.

In an effort to complement his professional achievements, Reverend McCray operated McCray's Barbeque Restaurant in Riviera Beach where he prepared and distributed—free of charge—dinners and other meals to the sick and shut-in, homeless, elderly and other disadvantaged individuals. He has also volunteered with incarcerated men and women by giving self-enhancement messages. For

more than 47 years, Reverend McCray has been a member of the Youth of Recreation Association of Riviera Beach. During this time, he served as president of the organization. Working with the Imperial Men's Club, he organized the Young Entrepreneurs, teaching students from Suncoast High Community School the art of establishing their own business. Because Reverend McCray has been a driving force in the fight for civil and equal rights for citizens in Palm Beach County, he has been listed in Blacks in Social Change in the South by University of Florida Professor Jim Button. He was also elected to Palm Beach County Biracial Committee and the Riviera Beach City Council.

Moreover, Reverend McCray has received numerous awards and recognitions such as: Business Man of the Year from Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; the Westboro Business and Professional Women's Club; and Senior Citizen on the Year from the Martin Luther King Coordinating Committee.

Madam Speaker and my colleagues, I ask that you join me in honoring Reverend Herman C. McCray, Jr., a humble public servant, a true beacon of hope and a guiding light in the Palm Beach County community. He is an outstanding American worthy of our collective honor and appreciation. It is with deep respect and admiration that I commend Reverend McCray for dedicating his life to the community, and I thank him for his exceptional leadership.

RECOGNIZING THE 99TH NATIONAL DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize October 10, 2010 as the 99th National Day of the Republic of China. Taiwan's National Day, also known as Double Ten Day, celebrates the October 10, 1911 Wuchang Uprising. This uprising in the city of Wuchang was the beginning of the Xinhai Revolution, which led to the collapse of the imperial Qing Dynasty and the subsequent establishment of the Republic of China.

Double Ten Day is commemorated annually in Taiwan and across the globe, beginning with the raising of the flag of the Republic of China and followed by parades, festivals, and other celebrations. In my own state of New Jersey, the Double Tenth will be celebrated at a special event held on October 3, 2010 in Edison Township. I am proud to recognize this important holiday and express my continued support for a strong Taiwanese democracy.

Madam Speaker, today I would like to congratulate the Republic of China on its 99th National Day and offer my best wishes to Taiwan as it looks toward its centennial year!

RECOGNIZING UNIVERSITY OF THE OZARKS FOR ITS SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAM

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the University of the Ozarks for its work with students with special needs.

The Clarksville, Arkansas university earned national attention and was named by Parade Magazine to its "College A-List" for its efforts to help college students with learning disabilities.

Established in 1971, the University of the Ozark's Jones Center was one of the first centers in the nation created to assist college students with learning disabilities or attention deficit/hyperactivity disorders. The center has a student to faculty rate of 4 to 1 which allows the center to provide students with the best services available so they can achieve the results they are capable of.

Jones Learning Center Director Linda Frost says this recognition confirms the dedication and commitment of staff to providing students with comprehensive support that allow all students to succeed.

This is a great honor for the staff and the students. Having such innovative leaders in the classroom provides an opportunity for all students to get the education they deserve. I am proud of the efforts of the Jones Learning Center and the University of the Ozarks and wish them success in the future as education leaders work to meet the needs of all students. I look forward to recognizing its future successes.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SERGEANT FIRST CLASS KRISTOPHER CHAPLEAU

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, today I pay tribute to Sergeant First Class Kristopher Chapleau, from LaGrange, Kentucky, who lost his life on June 30, 2010, of injuries sustained at Forward Operating Base Blesing, Afghanistan.

He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Sergeant First Class Chapleau was a thirteen year veteran infantryman and platoon leader who enlisted in the Army in 1997.

He was the beloved husband of Terry Chapleau and a father to four young children, Jacob, Tyler, Angelica and Kimberly.

Today, as we celebrate the life and accomplishments of this exceptional Kentuckian, my thoughts and prayers are with Sergeant First Class Chapleau's family and friends.

We are all deeply indebted to Sergeant First Class Kristopher Chapleau for his service and his sacrifice.