

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.

HONORING LATINA LEADER
AWARD RECIPIENT DR. JULIET
V. GARCÍA, PRESIDENT OF UTB/
TSC

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the work, dedication and leadership of Nueces, UTB/TSC President, Dr. Juliet V. García, who will receive this evening the Latina Leader Award at the Washington Court Hotel.

Dr. García joined The University of Texas System as the president of The University of Texas at Brownsville in January 1992 after having served as president of Texas Southmost College for six years. When she was named as president of TSC in 1986, she became the first Mexican-American woman in the nation to become president of a college or university.

Under Dr. García's leadership, the campus has grown from 49 acres to more than 460 acres; the budget has increased from \$31.4 million to \$150 million, and the total fall enrollment has grown from 7,000 students to more than 15,000 students.

While the university has continued to increase in quantity, it has also grown in quality. The vocational nursing graduates have achieved a pass rate of more than 95 percent for their state licensures, likewise, the teacher education graduates achieved a 94 percent pass rate on their certification exams, with education students specializing in music, school counseling, Spanish, social studies, special education, physical education and mathematics achieving a 100 percent pass rate.

Dr. García has established a campus culture that promotes student success. She was instrumental in the establishment of a Math and Science Academy for high school students, an Early College High School in collaboration with the Brownsville Independent School District.

She has a strong history of public service. She served as chair of the Advisory Committee to Congress on Student Financial Assistance and on the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans. Most recently, Dr. García has served on the boards of National Campus Compact, chaired Texas Campus Compact, and was a member of President-Elect Obama's Transition Team.

She currently serves on the boards of Ford Foundation, the Public Welfare Foundation, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Humanities Texas, and Raise Your Hand Texas. She is also currently serving as the co-chair of the Notre Dame University Task Force: On the Participation of Latino Children and Families in Catholic Schools in America.

Among the many honors Dr. García has received for her work is induction into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame for Lifetime Achievement in Education and the Hispanic Heritage Award. She has received the Reginald V. Wilson Diversity Award from the Office of Minority Affairs from the American Council on Education. She was named one of the Top 10 College Presidents by Time magazine; Hispanic Business magazine recognized her multiple times in their 100 Most Influential His-

panics annual publication. The Brownsville Independent School District named the Juliet V. García Middle School after her.

She has received honorary degrees from the University of Notre Dame and Brown University. Dr. García earned a Ph.D. in Communications and Linguistics from The University of Texas at Austin and an M.A. and B.A. in Classical Rhetoric and Public Address and English from the University of Houston. For more than a decade, she has been invited annually to lecture at Harvard's Institute for Educational Management on the university presidency. She is often invited to speak at national conferences on the issues of access and innovation in higher education.

She is married to Oscar E. García for 40 years. They are the parents of two grown children, Oscar D. García and Paulita Rico, and are blessed with four grandchildren.

I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating UTB/TSC President Dr. Juliet V. García for her work and dedication to UTB/TSC and her well deserved award as a Latina Leader.

NATIONALLY ENHANCING THE WELLBEING OF BABIES THROUGH OUTREACH AND RE- SEARCH NOW ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I wish to take a moment to state my strong support for H.R. 3470, the Nationally Enhancing the Wellbeing of Babies through Outreach and Research Now—or the NEWBORN Act. This bill authorizes grants to create, implement, and oversee infant mortality pilot programs. These grants could support a number of important activities to reduce our national infant mortality rate, including: educational outreach to at-risk mothers; development and implementation of standardized systems for improved access and services; and regional public education campaigns.

In order to fully understand the importance of this act, I believe our country needs to take a moment to reflect upon our infant mortality rate of 6.7 per thousand live births. The United States currently has one of the highest infant mortality rates among industrialized nations—higher than Cuba or Japan. Although the infant mortality rate has declined over time, this rate is unacceptably high and tragic because many of these infant deaths are preventable when mothers receive adequate care and education. Access to quality prenatal healthcare and parenting education greatly reduces many of the risk factors that contribute to infant mortality, such as low birth weight and short gestational age births.

It is of serious concern that great disparity exists in infant mortality rates across our country based on geographic location and racial/ethnic minority status. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the infant mortality rate is much higher in the Southeastern and Midwestern regions of our Nation. In my home State of Illinois in 2006 is 7.29 per thousand live births, well above the national average. For African Americans, the

infant mortality rate is 13.35, almost double the national average and almost triple the national average for Latino and White children. We cannot allow these disparities to continue. We cannot continue to allow particular groups of our citizens to lose their children at higher rates than others. We must work to dramatically reduce these deaths for all Americans.

These numbers reflect the need for federal legislation to increase access to quality prenatal care. I am proud to have played an active role in creating a dedicated funding stream for the home visiting to support families with or expecting young children. Authorized by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Law, the new Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program will provide grants to States to provide evidence-based home visitation services to improve outcomes for children and families who reside in at-risk communities. Research shows that these programs are effective at improving the health and well-being of children and families.

It is federal investments in home visiting and in the NEWBORN Act that will help improve children's well-being and lower the infant mortality rate. I stand in strong support of the NEWBORN Act and urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this bill.

SMALL BUSINESS JOBS ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, attached is a Wall Street Journal article noting that the lack of credit was hurting many small businesses in our country.

[From the Wall Street Journal]

LOAN SQUEEZE THWARTS SMALL-BUSINESS REVIVAL

(By Mark Whitehouse)

YPSILANTI, MI.—Thomas Harrison, chief executive of Michigan Ladder Co., has a plan that would contribute to the U.S. economic recovery: Expand the 108-year-old company, adding at least 20 jobs in the process. His chances of getting the loan of \$300,000 or more he needs to do so, though, depend in part on what happens to folks like home builder James Haeussler.

Both are customers of the same community bank, the Bank of Ann Arbor. Mr. Haeussler is struggling to repay \$8.3 million he and a partner borrowed to build a residential community in nearby Saline, Mich. In this economic environment, the bank doesn't want to take a chance on what it sees as a risky new loan to Mr. Harrison.

"In a world where Jim Haeussler makes it, Tom Harrison will make it," says Timothy Marshall, the bank's president. "But it's not prudent to do both loans at this point in time. We're in a more risk-averse mode."

Mr. Marshall's reluctance sheds light on a problem looming over the economy. A year and a half after the financial crisis hit, the U.S. credit machine is still malfunctioning. During the boom, credit was too abundant. Now the pendulum has swung. With an eye toward limiting such swings, Sen. Christopher Dodd is expected to unveil a bill Monday that would be especially tough on big banks while preserving the Fed's regulatory role, but the bill's prospects remain uncertain.