

HONORING CHIEF RON REEVES OF THE CHANDLER POLICE DEPARTMENT

**HON. JEB HENSARLING**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, today I honor Chief Ron Reeves, who is celebrating 30 years as the Chief of Police of Chandler, Texas.

Chief Reeves was appointed Chief of Police for the Chandler Police Department in 1980, after joining the department in 1979 as a reserve officer. Ronnie, as most people affectionately know him, has served the citizens of Chandler well over the past 30-plus years. Not only has he served the community, but he and his wife, Barbara, chose to raise their three children, Stephanie, Jessica and Matthew in this East Texas town and make it their home.

Chief Reeves is licensed as a Master Peace Officer for the State of Texas. Throughout his years of service, Chief Reeves has given countless individuals their initial start in law enforcement. Those he mentored have gone on to serve our communities and the State of Texas in the Texas Attorney General's Office, the Henderson County Sheriff's Office, as an elected constable, and countless chiefs of police.

Chief Reeves even took the initiative to form the Chandler Police Explorers program that gives young people the opportunity to see firsthand how law enforcement protects and serves their community. His desire to serve his community continues at his local church where he serves as the children's ministry leader.

It has been said that Ronnie's lifelong desire has been to help people in need, to make a lasting difference in his community and to leave a legacy of service, compassion, fairness and honor. As the representative for the Fifth District of Texas, I would like to say job well done, Chief. I thank you for your service, sacrifice and commitment for over 30 years to the Chandler community.

200TH BIRTHDAY OF ELIZA MCCARDLE JOHNSON

**HON. DAVID P. ROE**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, today I recognize the birthplace of Mrs. Eliza McCardle Johnson, born October 4, 1810 in Washington County in Tennessee. October 4, 2010 will mark her 200th birthday.

Eliza's birthplace is the present day site of McCarty Cemetery, Telford, TN on Highway 11-E, just four miles west of Jonesborough, Tennessee.

In May of 1827, Eliza McCardle married Andrew Johnson, who went on to become the Governor of Tennessee, the Vice-President of the United States, and eventually, the 17th President of the United States.

Ms. Eliza became the First Lady of Tennessee and the First Lady of the United

States. She stood by her husband and served as his faithful advisor until her death.

Even today, the Andrew Johnson Historical Museum is located in Greeneville, TN, where the Johnsons established their home.

Madam Speaker, I recognize and honor the First Lady of Tennessee, Mrs. Eliza McCardle Johnson, born in Washington County. I am proud to reside in east Tennessee, the same dwelling place as her and her husband.

CELEBRATING FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 175TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. PHIL GINGREY**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the First Baptist Church of Cedartown, Georgia for their 175th anniversary. First Baptist was built in 1835 and has been a landmark in my district for many years.

The church gives back to the community through different programs which include scholarships for aspiring ministry students, financial assistance to the disadvantaged, providing volunteers and food for the local food pantry, and sponsoring a support group for those who have lost a spouse—just to name a few. First Baptist and its members provide immeasurable aid to those most in need in Cedartown, and for that I know the community is most grateful.

First Baptist's charity work also reaches far outside of Georgia—the church has maintained its leadership in missions by sponsoring individual missionaries in Germany and the Middle East.

Madam Speaker, I am extremely proud of First Baptist's accomplishments, and I would like to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating them on their 175th anniversary.

GEMSTONE FOUNDATION

**HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. BERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Gemstone Foundation, a not-for-profit organization in my home state of California working to improve reading skills of low-performing students.

The Gemstone Foundation's work is based on the theory that many students with poor or below grade level reading skills suffer from low "eye-brain coordination". Their research shows that children who read below grade level often have problems with coordinating the two eyes, tracking and scanning, or re-focusing their eyes rapidly. Most students' eyes glide across a page as they read without difficulty; however, up to 50 percent of poor readers experience one of the problems Gemstone identified. This may prevent those readers from being able to finish reading a line without stopping or skipping, significantly impairing their reading and comprehension.

Through an innovative, computer- and Internet-based course, Gemstone helps people who demonstrate ocular discrepancies to train their eye muscles, improving their reading abilities. In 2009, the foundation used ARRA grant funding from the National Institutes of Health to complete a pilot project of their technique at a Los Angeles Unified School District campus. Low performing elementary school students who participated in the project, called "The Eyes Have It!", demonstrated an average 25 percent improvement in reading fluency in just two months.

I applaud the Gemstone Foundation for their special focus on helping people who otherwise would not have access to visual skill development programs: children in low-income or low-performing schools; juvenile offenders; and people in adult literacy programs. I commend the foundation and its board members for their work and encourage my colleagues to learn more about it.

A TRIBUTE TO WAYNE WILTSHERE

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Wayne Wiltshire for his achievements in the healthcare field.

Mr. Wiltshire is a graduate of Canarsie High School, and received a Bachelor's Degree in Urban Politics Island from Shaw University. He went on to earn a Master's Degree in Community Health from Long Island University and a Law Degree from Concord University.

Wayne Wiltshire began his career in health care as Administrator for Emergency Ambulatory Care Services at Cumberland Hospital. He then became the Associate Executive Director at Woodhull Hospital, which he helped open in 1982. During his time at Woodhull, he opened In-Patient, Emergency, and Psychiatric services. He then returned to renovate the new Cumberland Diagnostic and Treatment Center, and served as Cumberland's Executive Director for eight years. Following his time at Cumberland, he was transferred to Bellevue Hospital, where he served for five years as the hospital's first African-American Associate Executive Director for Psychiatry and Emergency Services. Mr. Wiltshire also worked as an Adjunct Professor at St. Joseph's College in Brooklyn and owned his own ambulette service, Health Link Incorporated, with his family.

Mr. Wiltshire is currently the Chief Executive Officer of Paul J. Cooper Center for Human Services, formerly the Brownsville-Ocean Hill Mental Health Service. While at Paul J. Cooper Center for Human Services, he relocated the Administrative, Mental Health, and Chemical Dependency Services to new state of the art facilities.

Mr. Wiltshire and his wife Donna, a 30 year health professional, celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary in July. Together, they have four children and five grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the contributions of Wayne Wiltshire.

RECOGNIZING THE DALE CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR WINNING THE 2010 GREEN BUSINESS REGION AWARD FROM THE WASHINGTON BUSINESS JOURNAL

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Mr. CONNOLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Dale City Volunteer Fire Department for winning the 2010 Green Business Region Award from the Washington Business Journal. The fire department joined the effort toward building a more sustainable environment with the opening of its new green station.

The new station includes environmentally sustainable amenities such as energy-efficient heating and cooling systems, motion-sensor lights, two balconies featuring green roofs, and a new fitness room with a scenic view providing an area for the firefighters to exercise and relax. The new station also includes an 11,000-gallon tank under the front yard, which collects rainwater that is used for irrigation. In addition, the new station's design helps to protect more than an acre of land that will be preserved as a natural habitat.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the Dale City Volunteer Fire Department for its contributions to the community. As protectors of the community, the firefighters of Dale City also serve as leaders in the growing initiative to protect and preserve the environment.

**TASTE WASHINGTON DAY**

**HON. JAY INSLEE**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, today is Taste Washington Day, when more than sixty local schools and fifty local farms in my home state team up to celebrate Washington-grown produce and teach kids about healthy eating habits by featuring locally-sourced meals in the school cafeterias.

The Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) Farm-to-School Program and the Washington School Nutrition Association (WSNA) have partnered with local schools to feature Washington-grown foods in their school meals. From fresh-dug potatoes in potato salad to just-picked lettuces in fresh salads, this state-wide event is a great opportunity for students, teachers, and parents to consider where their food comes from, how it is produced and the benefits of a healthy diet.

Washington state is one of the most productive growing regions in the world. Our \$38 billion agricultural industry is one of the cornerstones of our state's economy and supports over 160,000 jobs. If the Midwest is our nation's breadbasket and California our salad bowl, then I submit that Washington is our nation's fruit stand. We may be famous for our apples, which constitute 59 percent of U.S. production, but we also rank first in our nation's production of sweet cherries, red raspberries, hops, and pears. Our rich soils,

unique climate and hard-working growers produce a wide array of agricultural products like wheat, potatoes and wine grapes for local, regional, national and global markets. Our geographic location and deep-water ports make us well positioned for global trade. Nearly \$14.8 billion in food and agricultural products were exported through Washington ports in 2008, the third largest total in the U.S.

Our agricultural bounty supports a \$13 billion food processing industry that employs thousands of Washingtonians. Washington is the leading U.S. producer of apple juice and a leading producer of grape and berry juices. It also has a vibrant and growing wine industry and is the second largest wine producer in the nation with over 600 wineries. We have a strong and productive food and agriculture industry that feeds and employs people in every single county in Washington. Agriculture has been and will continue to be a strong part of our state's economic and cultural identity.

Taste Washington Day offers our kids a chance to establish a deeper connection and develop a better understanding of our state's food system, from farm to fork and each step in between. The more opportunities our children have to learn about the people, time, effort and resources necessary to turn a seed into a crop, the more they will appreciate the food on their plates. As the next generation, it will be up to them to continue our state's agricultural heritage and history.

The valuable and delicious lessons learned through events such as Taste Washington Day will help them carry on our state's proud traditions.

Nutrition is another key element of Taste Washington Day. Right now, Americans are not eating enough fruits and vegetables. For the sake of our nation's health, we need to find ways to instill healthy eating habits in our children, including eating more fruits and vegetables. The more exposure kids get to fresh, healthy foods, the more they will choose them. Pilot programs in Washington state schools that promote salad bars and healthy choices have shown us that given options, kids will choose fruits and vegetables over prepackaged, processed items. The Washington School Nutrition Association helped school districts put together the menus for today's event, showcasing local produce in healthy menu items, a win for local farms and local kids. Taste Washington Day shows kids that the healthy choice can also be a tasty choice.

I encourage my colleagues to take a look at the relationships Washington schools and farms are building and lessons they are teaching on Taste Washington Day and explore ways they can support such efforts in their own districts.

ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SERVICE OF BISHOP SAMUEL L. GREEN, JR. AT ST. JOHNS CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA

**HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Bishop Samuel Green, Jr.,

Pastor of St. Johns Church in Newport News, Virginia. This is the 50th anniversary of Bishop Green's service to St. Johns and the people of Newport News, and I would like to take this moment to recognize some of his numerous accomplishments during that time.

A native of Norfolk, Virginia, Bishop Green is a graduate of Booker T. Washington High School. He studied at both Norfolk State University and Old Dominion University, and received his Master's in Divinity and Doctorate of Ministry from Norfolk Seminary and College. Bishop Green married his childhood sweetheart, Vivian Frazier Green in 1946. They were married for 61 years and had nine children. A true partner in his ministry, Mrs. Green passed away in 2007.

Bishop Green became pastor of St. Johns in 1960. In this position, Bishop Green has been an extraordinary shepherd over a vibrant and growing flock. He has served on countless church and community boards and commissions, and his exceptional service has earned him honors and citations from the Clergy Economic Education Foundation, the Southeastern Tidewater Opportunity Project, and the cities of Norfolk and Roanoke. Bishop Green has received an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity from Trinity Hall College and Seminary and an Honorary Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies.

In 1973, Bishop Green was appointed Prelate of the Second Jurisdiction, State of Virginia, by the Presidium Board of the Churches of God in Christ, Inc. He was named successor to his mentor, the late Bishop D. Lawrence Williams. Under Bishop Green's leadership, the 52 church jurisdiction has grown to 72 churches. In 1984, Bishop Green was elected to the General Board of the Churches of God in Christ, Inc. He is currently serving his sixth term in office.

In 1978, Bishop Green announced to his congregation that he had been called to establish the Faith for Living Television Outreach Ministry. Starting with a group of 120 supporters, the ministry has grown to the point where Rev. Green now owns WJCB-TV-49. The ministry, honored by the National Religious Broadcasters Association, sponsors a television program that airs nationally on the Inspirational Cable Network (INSP) on Sunday mornings.

On the occasion of his 50th anniversary, it gives me great pleasure to recognize and commend Bishop Samuel L. Green, Jr. for his service and dedication to the parishioners of St. Johns Church of God in Christ, the people of Newport News, and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**HONORING COLBY MARSHALL**

**HON. GREG WALDEN**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and express gratitude to Colby Marshall, a very special individual who recently traded in his public service in the Congress for public service in his community and dedication to his family's half-century old ranching business in eastern Oregon.

Colby was born and raised in the rural high desert area of Burns, Oregon, near Riley, where his parents Gary and Georgia still operate the Broken Circle Ranch. Colby recently