

farmers, defending their values and promoting their efforts in both Jefferson City and Washington. Even though retiring from the Farm Bureau, I am sure Charlie will continue to fight for Missouri farmers for many years to come.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me, his wife Pam, and all their children and grandchildren, in commending Charles E. Kruse for his accomplishments and for his efforts put forth in serving Missouri farmers.

COMMEMORATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARSHALL UNIVERSITY PLANE CRASH TRAGEDY

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, on November 14, 1970, a plane carrying 75 Marshall University football players, their coaches, faithful supporters and friends crashed while attempting to land in Huntington, WV. On that cold, rain-filled and foggy night so many promising futures came to a sudden and tragic end.

On the night of this tragedy—known as the worst air disaster in American sports history, an entire community, our State and frankly our Nation were one in grief, but also one in believing that—from adversity—hope, growth and success can conquer all in the end.

In the forty years since these souls were taken from those they loved and who loved them, the Marshall community—friends and strangers, colleagues and competitors, icons and unknowns—have bonded together in hearts and minds.

On every anniversary of this tragedy we reflect on the tremendous loss, yet it is also a moment that renews promises and purpose and stirs hope in the human spirit.

In the words of Marshall University Alumni Association President William “Mickey” Jackson, a former Marshall Football player and assistant coach for the team in 1970, who was on a scouting trip and not with the team the night of the crash, “It is very inspirational to remember, but very, very sad at the same time. When they place the wreath at the fountain and the water stops, my heart just stops beating.”

The themes of hope and rebirth are carried forward every year at Marshall University, beginning with turning on one simple, yet so symbolic fountain.

What has been learned from this tragic experience extends beyond those early hours of shock and disbelief. Two generations have been raised by the incredible power of the Marshall spirit—a strength, vitality, camaraderie and resolve that is reflected time and again. And as the story spreads, others receive solace and inspiration.

And today, we are stronger because of it—for, we are Marshall.

RECOGNITION OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize St. Michael's Church in Long Branch, New Jersey as the parishioners celebrate the 125th Anniversary. St. Michael's Church has a rich and formidable history of serving the needs of the community. Historically noteworthy, St. Michael's main altar was given in memory of Mr. Francis Anthony Drexel, banker and great philanthropist of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Mr. Drexel and his family summered at West End. His daughter, Mother Katherine Drexel, was the founder of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. She was later canonized as a saint of the church on October 1, 2000. Mother Katherine Drexel decided to enter the Religious Life while residing in parish territory. The mosaic in her honor can be found in the vestibule of the Church.

Originally formed as a “mission church” in 1886, St. Michael's was an extension of the Star of the Sea Church in Long Branch, New Jersey. However, members of the church community soon saw the need to expand and serve a growing population. By 1892, St. Michael's relinquished its status as a mission church and became an independent entity. Reverend Richard Crean served as the church's first pastor. Since then, St. Michael's Church has been served by many accomplished priests. Today, Reverend Charles B. Weiser leads the members of the St. Michael's Church and gathers a vibrant community where members passionately practice the Catholic faith.

St. Michael Church's original parishioners were predominantly the Irish Catholic. Today, the parish reflects a diverse ethnic population located throughout Long Branch and Monmouth County. Often referred to as a “metropolitan church”, the congregation has continued to welcome new members and the St. Michael's Church family has grown exponentially in the past years.

Madam Speaker, please join me in leading this body in acknowledging St. Michael's Church as the parishioners celebrate their 125th Anniversary. The St. Michael's community is tremendously valued in my district and the State of New Jersey.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DEANTE PIERRE WILSON, A YOUNG MAN OF SPIRITUAL COM-PASSION AND LOVE FOR THE COMMUNITY HE SERVED

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to memorialize a beloved young member of our Harlem community, DeAnté Pierre Wilson, whose mass will be celebrated on Saturday, November 20, 2010 at Kelly Temple Church Of God In Christ in my congressional district.

His unexpected and untimely passing has left behind a deeply felt void within his church,

the Kelly Temple COGIC, where he served as youth minister. That deeply felt void is also extended to his family and friends at the Harlem Hospital Center, where he worked and was admired by all he came into contact. For a man who chose the path to deliver and mentor God's ministry at a very young age and open the hearts of all us with his amazing smile, the loss of DeAnté Pierre Wilson is especially profound to me and to the greater Harlem community in which he lived and served.

Mr. DeAnté Pierre Wilson was born in Gastonia, North Carolina on November 30, 1981. After completing his schooling in the Gastonia School District, DeAnté attended World Harvest Bible College, placing his spiritual path in God's unyielding hands. Even at a young age, DeAnté managed to touch the hearts of people as he was called to preach at the age of 16.

DeAnté Pierre Wilson relocated and established his roots in Harlem, New York, where he joined Kelly Temple Church Of God In Christ. DeAnté cultivated his spiritual activism and under the leadership of Bishop James H. Gaylord, he was appointed youth president, where he served faithfully until 2007. His primary goal was to encourage the youth of the church, and the community at large to aspire for greatness and perfection. DeAnté could often be found mentoring and counseling a young person, giving them the push needed to reach their set goals and potential.

In 2008, DeAnté was ordained elder in the Church Of God In Christ in Brazil, during the time of their Holy Convocation. He then returned to Kelly Temple COGIC, and was appointed youth minister for the Youth Department, where he, along with Ms. Angela Williams, instituted Youth Church. DeAnté was instrumental in bringing young people from various congregations to the church to minister to the youth.

I am told that DeAnté had a very extensive resume, but found his calling working with people and doing special events. On December 14, DeAnté joined the Harlem Hospital Center team, working as the Assistant Coordinating Manager in the Office of Special Events. Though his tenure was short, DeAnté managed to touch the lives of many and was especially noted for his pleasant and poise as he greeted each employee and customer with a smile while working events. DeAnté exhibited world class customer service and expressed a great love for the community he had become a part of. I truly believe that his enjoyment of working with the community led him to enroll in Fordham University and major in political science. He joined the NAACP Mid-Manhattan Branch, where he helped the branch organize a very special Women's History Month event, “Love in the Time of HIV.” The tribute highlighted the strengths of ordinary women winning the fight and contributing to their communities, while surviving with HIV/AIDS.

Madam Speaker, DeAnté Pierre Wilson, a giant of a man departed this life on Sunday, November 7, 2010. As it is noted in his obituary, DeAnté will be remembered for his random acts of kindness, his infectious smile, his willingness to strive for greatness, and his drive to push others to their own success. Please join me in celebrating the short-lived life of this amazing spiritual man.

INTRODUCING THE AMERICAN
TRAVELER DIGNITY ACT**HON. RON PAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, today I introduce legislation to protect Americans from physical and emotional abuse by Federal Transportation Security Administration employees conducting screenings at the Nation's airports. We have seen the videos of terrified children being grabbed and probed by airport screeners. We have read the stories of Americans being subjected to humiliating body imaging machines and/or forced to have the most intimate parts of their bodies poked and fondled. We do not know the potentially harmful effects of the radiation emitted by the new millimeter wave machines.

In one recent well-publicized case, a TSA official is recorded during an attempted body search saying, "By buying your ticket you gave up a lot of rights." I strongly disagree and am sure I am not alone in believing that we Americans should never give up our rights in order to travel. As our Declaration of Independence states, our rights are inalienable. This TSA version of our rights looks more like the "rights" granted in the old Soviet Constitutions, where freedoms were granted to Soviet citizens—right up to the moment the state decided to remove those freedoms.

The incident of the so-called "underwear bomber" last Christmas is given as justification for the billions of dollars the federal government is spending on the new full-body imaging machines, but a Government Accountability Office study earlier this year concluded that had these scanners been in use they may not have detected the explosive material that was allegedly brought onto the airplane. Additionally, there have been recent press reports calling into question the accuracy and adequacy of these potentially dangerous machines.

My legislation is simple. It establishes that airport security screeners are not immune from any U.S. law regarding physical contact with another person, making images of another person, or causing physical harm through the use of radiation-emitting machinery on another person. It means they are subject to the same laws as the rest of us.

Imagine if the political elites in our country were forced to endure the same conditions at the airport as business travelers, families, senior citizens, and the rest of us. Perhaps this problem could be quickly resolved if every cabinet secretary, every Member of Congress, and every department head in the Obama administration were forced to submit to the same degrading screening process as the people who pay their salaries.

I warned at the time of the creation of the TSA that an unaccountable government entity in control of airport security would provide neither security nor defend our basic freedom to travel. Yet the vast majority of both Republicans and Democrats then in Congress willingly voted to create another unaccountable, bullying agency—in a simple-minded and unprincipled attempt to appease public passion in the wake of 9–11. Sadly, as we see with the steady TSA encroachment on our freedom and dignity, my fears in 2001 were justified.

The solution to the need for security at U.S. airports is not a government bureaucracy. The

solution is to allow the private sector, preferably the airlines themselves, to provide for the security of their property. As a recent article in *Forbes* magazine eloquently stated, "The airlines have enormous sums of money riding on passenger safety, and the notion that a government bureaucracy has better incentives to provide safe travels than airlines with billions of dollars worth of capital and goodwill on the line strains credibility." In the meantime, I hope we can pass this legislation and protect Americans from harm and humiliation when they choose to travel.

TOM KONGSGAARD POST OFFICE
BUILDING

SPEECH OF

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 6237, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1351 2nd Street in Napa, California, as the "Tom Kongsgaard Post Office Building".

Tom Kongsgaard was a Napa County Superior Court Judge from 1958 to 1984. As a judge, he missed only one day of work throughout his entire career. He served two terms on the California Judicial Council, was a member and chairman of the Judicial Performance Commission, and was a member of the Board of Directors of the California Judges' Association.

Tom attended Georgetown University before enlisting in the Navy during World War II. He was a Naval officer in the Pacific Theater, and was stationed at Mare Island Naval Shipyard in Vallejo by the end of the conflict. He returned to school and studied at U.C. Berkeley, then received a law degree from Stanford. Tom had a passion for public service and justice.

He is survived by his two daughters, Mary Williams and Martha Goldman; his son, John; seven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

A retired Napa district judge said of Tom, "He was a prince of a man and a towering leader in this community, both on the bench and off. He was a role model for all."

I am honored to bring this bill to the floor and hope that Tom Kongsgaard's legacy will live on, encouraging others to serve their community to the best of their ability.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast votes on the following legislative measures on November 15, 2010. If I were present for rollcall votes, I would have voted "yea" on each of the following:

Roll 566, November 15, 2010: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended: S. 3689, To clarify, improve, and correct the laws relating to copyrights.

Roll 567, November 15, 2010: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree: H. Res. 1713, Recognizing the 50th anniversary of Ruby Bridges desegregating a previously all-White public elementary school.

Roll 568, November 15, 2010: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree: H. Con. Res. 328, Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the successful and substantial contributions of the amendments to the patent and trademark laws that were initially enacted in 1980 by Public Law 96–517 (commonly referred to as the Bayh-Dole Act) on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of its enactment.

HONORING MARVIN SCOTT FOR
HIS FIFTY YEARS OF EXCELLENCE
IN BROADCAST JOURNALISM**HON. PETER T. KING**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. KING of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Marvin Scott and his fifty years of excellence in broadcast journalism.

Marvin began his foray into journalism as a 14-year-old in the Bronx, chasing celebrities and fire trucks and selling his pictures to local newspapers. Today, he is a seven time Emmy award winner in the category of outstanding journalistic achievement. He has covered 16 presidential nominating conventions, 8 mayoral elections, and 8 gubernatorial elections. Among those he has interviewed include former Presidents Jimmy Carter, Gerald Ford, and George Bush Sr., as well as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Israeli President Shimon Peres, Henry Kissinger, Rev. Billy Graham, Astronaut Gordon Cooper, Larry King, Sophia Loren, Tony Bennett, Charlton Heston, and Jerry Lewis.

Among his assignments, Marvin was in Wiesbaden, Germany after hostages were released from a hijacked TWA jet, and covered the McDonald's massacre in San Ysidro, California in which a gunman killed 21 people. Over his remarkable half a century of dedication to journalism, Marvin has not simply covered history, but has been a part of the important stories and events of our time. He was the first American reporter since the demise of the Soviet Union to go to sea aboard a Russian warship. His investigation into cheating on New York citywide tests led to legislation making it a crime.

According to Marvin, the most difficult story that he has had to cover was the terrorist attacks of September 11th. In his own words: "I wasn't reporting something that was happening in some far-off place, but it was here and I was a part of the story, feeling the same anger and pain as our viewers." On the anniversary of 9/11 he gained an exclusive by flying over Ground Zero in the back seat of an F–15.

I want to thank Marvin Scott for not only being a truly outstanding broadcast reporter and newsmen, but for being a great storyteller and true personification of New York. Most importantly, I am proud to call Marvin and his wife Lorri my friends.