

complete her Bachelor of Arts in Human Resources. She accepted Christ and was baptized at the early age of ten, under the Pastorate of the late Rev. Dr. Hylton L. James. Dr. James allowed the youth of Berean to take a part in the morning worship program and this is where her Christian journey began.

Her work experience spans from city to private corporations. She is presently employed by Vanguard Temporaries, New York and White Plains, New York as a Human Resources/Benefit Administrator and an Administrative Assistant. She loves to help others. Rarely will she turn anyone down if in need of her assistance. She is an event planner, loves to read, travel and cook.

Her past and present affiliations include the following: President and Dean of Pledges for Zeta Phi Beta, Sorority, Inc. Omicron Beta Chapter in Brooklyn; Officer and member of various youth organizations at Berean, such as the Girl Scouts, Jr. Ushers, Youth Lay League, Cherub Choir and Gregory Daffin Singers; Co-Chairperson on the Culinary and Decoration Committee for Women's Day Committee 2007; and was a student in Berean's Bible Institute. She currently serves as Assistant Financial Secretary and Luncheon Co-Chairperson for the Brooklyn Sunday School Union; she is a member of Church Women United in Brooklyn, Inc., Berean's Joint Usher Ministry, where she serves as a supervisor to the Jr. Usher Ministry, Berean Broadcaster and Sunday School Ministry. She also is a graduate of George T. Grier School of Ushering in June 2010.

Volunteering is important to Gina. She continues to do volunteer work three days a week or more at the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Epiphany, Epiphany Lutheran School. She volunteers for voter registration drives, assists seniors when in need, (i.e. shopping, going to the doctor or any other task they may ask of her). Gina loves to work with the seniors at Berean, especially on Senior Emphasis Sunday, an experience that brings joy to her heart.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Gina Parham.

HEALTHY, HUNGER-FREE KIDS ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. ENI F. H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of the "Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010," legislation to extend and improve the nation's policies and programs with respect to child nutrition.

I want to thank the Chairman of the Committee on Education and Labor, my good friend, Mr. GEORGE MILLER, and all the members of the Committee for their work on this comprehensive bill on nutrition programs for the children of America. I also want to thank the cosponsors and all the stakeholders for their support and advocacy.

This piece of legislation will make improvements in existing nutrition programs for kids by helping our nation fulfill the following objectives: reduce childhood hunger by expanding

access to the child nutrition programs; reduce childhood obesity and other health concerns by improving nutritional quality of meals; and make improvements in how the programs are administered.

Historically, child nutrition programs have served many needs in our schools and communities across the nation. For example, since 1946, the National School Lunch program has provided nutritionally balanced lunches to children across the country. Today, more than 31 million children each school day in over 101,000 public and private nonprofit schools and residential child care institutions receive nutritional lunches through this program.

Since 1966, the School Breakfast Program has provided nutritionally balanced breakfasts to America's children. Today, 11 million children in more than 88,000 public and private nonprofit schools and residential child care institutions are receiving healthy meals to start off their school day.

Nutrition programs have also been a key factor in supporting children and the family outside of school cafeterias. Programs such as the Child and Adult Care Food Program and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) provide nutrition and support to low-income families, benefiting mothers, infants, and young children across the nation.

Overall, these family nutrition programs have provided many critical services for our children. In 2009 alone, The Child and Adult Care Food Program distributed 1.9 billion meals to over 3.3 million participating children and adults. Additionally, the WIC program supported 9.1 million participants in all 50 States, U.S. Territories, and 34 Indian tribal organizations.

Emerging challenges, however, necessitate improvements. Most disconcerting is the USDA 2009 report showing an increase in food insecurity. The report shows that 6.7 million households, including 16.7 million children, across the nation lacked money and other resources for food. This is unacceptable.

Moreover, obesity rates between 1963 and 2004 quadrupled for children ages 6 to 11 years and tripled for children between 12 and 19 years old. Strong correlation between obesity rates and other chronic diseases including cardiovascular disease, hypertension, and diabetes, suggests that we have a major problem to confront. Now is the time to act.

The United States of America must take care of her children by providing the necessary resources to maintain a healthy lifestyle. As we all know, a child's health has a direct impact on their education and their future.

We must therefore address the emerging health challenges and negative trends by stepping towards improvements in our child nutrition policies and programs.

The "Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010" is a crucial step towards addressing these challenges and reversing these trends. I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" and support this important legislation.

NEW YORK TIMES SHOWS DOUBLE STANDARD ON LEAKS

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, the New York Times recently decided to print classified State Department documents obtained illegally by WikiLeaks.

But one year ago, The Times declined to print information released during the ClimateGate scandal that showed scientists were hiding contradictory temperature data.

Regarding its decision to print the WikiLeaks documents, The Times wrote: "For The Times to ignore this material would be to deny its own readers the careful reporting and thoughtful analysis they expect when this kind of information becomes public."

In contrast, The Times said they did not publish the ClimateGate documents because, "The documents appear to have been acquired illegally and contain all manner of private information and statements that were never intended for the public eye, so they won't be posted here."

There is no better example of a double standard.

A TRIBUTE TO MS. DONNA EVELYN ANDERSON WHITE

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Donna Evelyn Anderson White.

Ms. White was born on February 23, 1960, in Manhattan, New York, where she spent most of her childhood. She attended P.S. 103 and Montauk Junior High School for her elementary education, graduated with honors from Franklin Delano Roosevelt High School and received a Bachelors of Arts in Humans Services from the University of Buffalo.

A strong love for children led Ms. White to become a teacher at the Trey Whitfield School. She started out as a substitute teacher at the school, but a commitment to the institution and its children kept her there. Now, after teaching Kindergarten for sixteen years at the Trey Whitfield School, Ms. White teaches Pre-K. Teaching has been her passion and one of her greatest joys in life; she loves helping students achieve their personal and academic goals. Ms. White is considered "the other mother" to some at the Trey Whitfield School because children can come and talk to her about anything. She strongly believes that in life, one cannot do it alone; as the old adage goes, "it takes a village to raise a child."

Ms. White has always enjoyed singing—whether at church or just for fun. She shares this passion by serving as the choir director for the Trey Whitfield School's Children's Concert Choir. This choir is seasoned! They sing from state to state and, under Ms. White's direction, bless people with beautiful music.

Ms. White recently received the Mary McLeod Bethune Award for Excellence in Education/Song Bird. For her continuous efforts in

the education for the children, this recognition was long overdue. After receiving this award and many other honors, Ms. White knows that she is not doing the work alone. God is on her side. Beyond her teaching duties, Ms. White proudly serves her community by tutoring and mentoring inner-city youth.

In addition to caring for children in the community, it should also be noted that Ms. White lives for her own children as well. She is a proud mother of two daughters: Whitney and Whynter. Whitney is a senior at Loyola University in Baltimore, Maryland, and Whynter is a sophomore at Nazareth Regional High School in Brooklyn, New York.

Ms. White owes all of her success to two women: Her mother, Patricia Robinson, and her deceased grandmother, Evelyn Jenkins. Ms. White's mother is not just a parental figure, but a best friend; her grandmother always provided guidance, telling her that, "little becomes much when you place it in the Master's hand." Both women offered constant support, encouragement and taught her how to bring out the best in others. Ms. White stands on the shoulders of these two valiant women and her life is a testament to their love.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Ms. Donna Evelyn Anderson White.

COMMENDING THE MARSHALL CENTER

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 528, which commends the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies for its valuable contributions to international peace and security throughout Post-Soviet Europe and Asia. This important measure honors the Marshall Center for promoting regional stability through a new generation of military and civilian leaders; commends its Director, Dr. John P. Rose; and strengthens the bonds between America and its allies as we work to ensure global peace and prosperity.

I thank Chairman BERMAN for his leadership in bringing this resolution to the floor and for his dedication to promoting effective foreign policy that meets the challenges of an ever-changing world.

I also applaud Congressman TANNER for sponsoring this legislation. This resolution is emblematic of his commitment to transatlantic security cooperation, a cause he has championed both as a Member of Congress and as President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, the Marshall Center, was established in 1993. It is an institute dedicated to security and defense studies tailored to advancing post-Cold War democracies in Europe and Central Asia.

As a joint partnership of the United States and German governments, the Marshall Center stands as a testament to the power of international collaboration. Alumni of the Marshall Center serve as military officers, ambassadors, government ministers, and elected of-

ficials in over 100 countries. Carried by the spirit of the Marshall Plan, which rebuilt Europe following World War II, the Marshall Center has created a new generation of leaders fully prepared to tackle the most important security issues facing Europe, Asia, and North America.

Mr. Speaker, since World War II, the security of the United States has been intimately connected to the stability of Europe and Eurasia. Many of my constituents fought bravely overseas to protect and promote this stability. We owe it to our veterans and to future generations to continue working for global security; the Marshall Center is a crucial part of this effort.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Res. 528.

HONORING THE OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE OF KATHY BECKER

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. TANNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to tell you about a dear friend of mine who has served the House of Representatives longer than you, me and the vast majority of our colleagues.

Kathy Becker's distinguished career on Capitol Hill spans more than 40 years, during which she has made important contributions not only to the districts she has served but to our country and our international alliances.

Kathy grew up near here in Federalsburg, Maryland, on the Eastern Shore and attended the University of Maryland and George Washington University before coming to Capitol Hill in May 1971. She worked almost four years for Congressman Frank Denholm of South Dakota and then—fortunately, for us—came to the Tennessee delegation, where she has served much longer than any of us elected to represent Tennessee in this chamber. She worked for 3rd District Congresswoman Marilyn Lloyd for more than 4 years and then joined the 8th District team working for my predecessor, Congressman Ed Jones.

When Betty Ann and I took office in 1989, we were very grateful that Kathy agreed to stay on the team as executive assistant, and she has been a loyal, dedicated staff member to us and an exceptional public servant to the people of west and middle Tennessee.

Kathy has been on Capitol Hill for some of history's biggest moments. She has seen eight presidential administrations, including one president who was impeached and another who resigned to avoid the same. Kathy was here when the Vietnam War ended, the Berlin Wall came down and fundamental extremists attacked our country on September 11, 2001.

One of the great honors I have had is representing the House of Representatives on the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, serving 6 years as chairman of the U.S. delegation to that body and 2 years as President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. This opportunity has allowed us to help strengthen diplomatic ties with parliamentarians from our closest allies, relationships that had been strained in recent years.

Our efforts there would not have been possible without Kathy's work staffing the U.S.

delegation here and abroad. She has helped us stay in communication with our allies and the NATO Parliamentary Assembly team in Brussels; organized important sessions to help us get to know our fellow parliamentarians more closely; and ensured we are able to best represent our country and the House of Representatives on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean. Her commitment and hard work have helped our country continue rebuilding its reputation with our NATO allies, which is especially important to the men and women in uniform who are serving our nation around the world.

In January, Kathy will retire from Federal service, and she can do so proudly, knowing that in a career that spanned more than 4 decades, she has been a part of history and has served our district and her country honorably. Madam Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join Betty Ann, our family and me in congratulating and thanking Kathy Becker for her unparalleled commitment to public service.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BERNIE AND REEVA NOWITZ

HON. PAUL TONKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, I would like to call the attention of the House to the remarkable accomplishments of Reeva and Bernie Nowitz as The Israel Center, a program of Jewish Educational Resources of New York, JERNY, prepares to honor them later this week.

Bernie Nowitz is a retired pharmacist. As the former president of Burns Pharmaceuticals in Rensselaer, New York, Bernie served my constituents faithfully for 24 years. After his retirement, he worked as a pharmacy consultant and then as a volunteer for the Schenectady Free Clinic. He has served as a board member of Jewish Family Services, and is a past president of Temple Beth El in Troy, where he currently serves on the Religious Committee.

As part of a fact-finding mission, Bernie traveled to the former Soviet Union and Austria to understand the plight of Jewish refugees. He has also traveled to Israel with the Volunteers for Israel project on two separate occasions. Bernie and his wife, Reeva, have been strong supporters of Israel since their first trip 35 years ago. They have been long-time supporters of JERNY and Hadassah as well.

Reeva Nowitz, who is also being honored by JERNY, was Vice President of Burns Pharmaceuticals, working alongside her husband. Since her retirement she has been involved with the Jewish Federation, serving as president of the Women's Division and has been on the boards of the Jewish Federation of Northeastern New York and the Daughters of Sarah Foundation. She is the current president of Temple Beth El in Troy and helped in the formation of the Albany Area Jewish Cemetery Association of Northeastern New York.

Reeva and Bernie are shining examples of Americans who actively demonstrate their commitment to their family, their community and their faith. Bernie often assists Reeva with her duties at Temple Beth El of Troy where