

Before being called to the ministry, Rev. Kisner educated young people as a professor at Boston State College, Boston University and Palm Beach Atlantic College. He is currently an Adjunct Professor at Palm Beach Atlantic University's School of Ministry. He has demonstrated his love for his fellow man by serving as Assistant Director of Social Services in the Boston, Massachusetts Department of Public Welfare and, later, as the Assistant Director of Medical Care for that agency.

Rev. Kisner's love for the law led him to become a Prosecutor and Law Director for the city of East Cleveland, Ohio and an Associate and Partner in two Cleveland area law firms. In Washington, DC, he joined one of that city's prominent firms and eventually opened his own practice. While in Washington, Gerald Kisner served as Director of the Office of Private Sector Development, again demonstrating his love for humanity. Still in Washington, his legal experience served him well as Deputy General Counsel for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Moving to Atlanta, Georgia, Rev. Kisner became Executive Director of the English Avenue Community Development Corporation, continuing his service to government and people in need. Since November 1995, he has been pastor of the Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church in West Palm Beach. Over the course of his career, he has received many prestigious awards, including the Bishop Wilfred Wood Award from Howard University, the Dr. Martin Luther King Service Award from the Urban League of Palm Beach County and a Spiritual Enlightenment Award. In 1999, he was inducted into the Board of Preachers of Martin Luther King International Chapel at Morehouse College.

Madam Speaker, Gerald Kisner is a remarkable human being and a person who sets a fine example for us all to follow. I am fortunate to count him as a friend and I am pleased to join his family, many friends and colleagues and all who love and respect him in honoring him today.

IN HONOR OF THE WAIT NO MORE
ADOPTION AND FOSTER CARE
PROGRAM

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor "Wait No More", an adoption and foster care awareness program that is a part of Focus on the Family and displays exceptional service to our nation's children.

Focus on the Family has long believed that all children deserve to know the joys of a permanent, loving family. At its very core, Wait No More believes in the value of all human life, and this guiding principle led to the creation of the Wait No More program.

The goal of Wait No More is to raise awareness of, and recruit families for, waiting children in foster care. Its mission is straightforward—"Finding Families for Waiting Kids". While the need for orphan care and adoption exists all around the world, Wait No More focuses on the needs right here in our own communities.

Wait No More held its first recruitment event in November of 2008 in Colorado Springs, a

community within my district in Colorado. That one event has since blossomed into numerous other recruiting events around the country, drawing over 4,300 people from Los Angeles, California to Cincinnati, Ohio, to Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

To date, over 2,400 families have benefited from Wait No More through its services of adoptive and foster family recruitment, post-placement support, and local foster care agency engagement. Of those, more than 1,100 families have initiated the process of adoption from foster care.

Furthermore, based in no small part to the efforts of Wait No More, the number of children who are waiting for placement in Colorado has dropped from over 800 to less than 400.

By the end of today, 850 children will have entered the foster care system, many of whom have suffered from abuse or neglect. By week's end, 4,250 children will find themselves on the beginning of their journey through the foster care system. However, due to the extraordinary efforts of the dedicated individuals at Wait No More and Focus on the Family, new families across the country are now waiting with open arms to welcome these children home.

I consider it a great privilege to represent the district that is home to Wait No More. I rise today to show my gratitude to Wait No More for its efforts in bringing hope to children and families both in Colorado and across the nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF DOROTHY
ANITA NEWHOUSE SMITH

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to pay recognition to Dorothy Anita Newhouse Smith who will celebrate her 100th birthday on December 27th.

Ms. Smith was born in Cleveland, Ohio, to the late Grace and Boudin Newhouse, immigrants from Holland. In 1917, before World War I, her family bought a farm in Brecksville, Ohio and she spent her childhood raising vegetables for their truck farming operation and graduating as Salutatorian of her high school class. She began working at Union Carbide where she met her husband Charles Smith of Alabama.

Dot and Charles eloped on May 27, 1939. In 1942, they had their first child, Charlie, and in 1945, Cheryl. In 1946, they moved to Union Springs, Alabama. Dot devoted her life to her husband and children and served as a volunteer for PTA, Union Spring Elementary School room mother, Boy and Girl Scout leader, Sunday School teacher and Civil Air Patrol leader after the war ended.

Her husband died at the age of 74, and Ms. Smith eventually moved in with her daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and Jim Cunningham, in Franklin, Alabama. She lived there until 2001 when she moved to Monarch Estates in Auburn.

Ms. Smith has lived through wars, the Great Depression and seen so many historic events as they have taken place. Her son, Charlie,

and grandson, Todd, passed away years ago. Her daughter Cheryl, her granddaughters, Leigh Reed and Heather Hodges and her six great-grandchildren, Casey and Tyler Ellison, Trey and Anne Carter Reed and Michael and Hunter Hodges, visit regularly and still enjoy her stories of growing up in Ohio and the family stories of relatives in Holland.

I wish Ms. Smith a very happy birthday and many more.

HONORING ASHBEL T. ("A.T.")
WALL, II

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ashbel T. "A.T." Wall, II for his stewardship in Rhode Island's Jail Diversion and Trauma Recovery Program—Priority to Veterans. His contributions have been vital to the success of this program. His work with this important issue is simply unmatched.

Rhode Island's Jail Diversion and Trauma Recovery Program—Priority to Veterans addresses the needs of individuals with mental illness such as post traumatic stress disorder and trauma related disorders involved in the justice system. In recognition of the dramatically higher prevalence of trauma related disorders among veterans, this program prioritizes eligibility for veterans.

Director Wall was appointed director of the Rhode Island Department of Corrections in March 2000. Prior to his appointment he served in the capacity of Assistant Director of Administration since 1987. He was Interim Director from October 1999—February 2000. Director Wall is the first native Rhode Islander and first employee from within departmental ranks to lead the agency in 22 years.

As director, Wall oversees a comprehensive correctional agency encompassing every aspect of Rhode Island's adult correctional system: jails, prisons, probation, parole, transitional housing and home confinement. He is responsible for setting policy direction and supervising all operations for a department that manages about 3500 pretrial and sentenced inmates in eight institutions and 27,000 offenders on probation, parole and community confinement. The budget totals approximately \$160 million and its staff complement is 1,600.

In addition to his departmental duties, Director Wall serves on numerous state and national commissions on a wide range of topics including institutional security, prison overcrowding, racial disparity and probation and parole. He is a member of state's Information Resources Management Board, which sets policy for the state's management information systems development.

He has also served as an expert witness for the Federal District Court in the areas of correctional administration and inmate management (security issues, classification and gangs) for major litigation on conditions of confinement in Commonwealth of Puerto Rico's correctional institutions (1994–1999).

Director Wall has been instrumental in advancing Rhode Island's correctional institutions. I wish him all the best as he continues his important work on behalf our nation's heroes, our veterans. He will continue to carry

my own admiration, and that of all who have had the privilege to work with him.

RECOGNIZING THE CENTENNIAL
OF THE GENERAL VON STEUBEN
MONUMENT

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to mark the one hundredth anniversary of the dedication of the monument to General von Steuben across the street from the White House—in Lafayette Park, Washington, DC.

The monument to General Frederick Wilhelm von Steuben was dedicated in a ceremony presided over by President William H. Taft on December 7, 1910. Taking its place among the statues of three other European-born Revolutionary War heroes, the Steuben monument serves as a reminder of the tactical foresight and invaluable contributions of General von Steuben to the United States military during the American Revolution.

General von Steuben arrived in the United States from Prussia during a period of great turmoil for our young country. Facing the superior forces of Great Britain, the American military lacked experience, tradition, and proper training. It was under these circumstances that General von Steuben wrote to General George Washington prior to his arrival in 1778, stating “The object of my greatest ambition is to render your country all the service in my power, and to deserve the title of a citizen of America by fighting for the cause of liberty.” General von Steuben is credited with almost singlehandedly transforming the Continental Army from a group of untrained militias into a professional army capable of defeating the strongest military in the world.

In addition to his battlefield heroics, General von Steuben’s enduring impact lives on through the U.S. Armed Forces’ continuing reference to his “Blue Book,” which outlines a training plan that has served as the standard bearer for strategic military preparation. General von Steuben’s contributions and accomplishments continue to serve as a source of great pride and inspiration for the millions of German-Americans living in the United States today.

The Steuben Society, founded in 1919 and named in honor of General von Steuben, serves to educate the public about matters of interest to American citizens of German heritage and their families, to encourage participation in civic affairs, and to perpetuate and enhance the understanding of contributions made by German Americans to our nation. I am proud that the national headquarters of the Steuben Society is located in Patchogue, New York, which is my district and home to 130,000 German-American constituents.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize the centennial anniversary of the dedication of the General von Steuben monument in Lafayette Park, and I commend the Steuben Society for its active role in promoting the culture and contributions of German-American citizens across the United States.

HEALTHY, HUNGER-FREE KIDS
ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. CUMMINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 3307, the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. I applaud Chairman MILLER for his efforts on this legislation, and commend Speaker PELOSI and Leader HOYER for bringing this legislation to the floor. I also commend First Lady Michelle Obama for her leadership on this initiative.

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 expands access to school meal programs to thousands of children across the country. In addition to reauthorizing all expiring authorities and programs in the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act, it will also assist all 50 states in providing meals for at-risk youth after school.

This bill contains several innovations in food delivery and safety for young people at school. Importantly, S. 3307 will increase funding for school lunches, increase access to free school meals, improve school meal nutrition standards, expand food service for summer and outside-of-school programs, implement food safety requirements for food served on school campuses, help innovate the WIC program, introduce new nutrition and healthy living standards, and fund state and local initiatives to eliminate childhood hunger.

Each day, millions of our young people go hungry, or consume food that is detrimental to their bodies and their minds. For many children, the meals they receive at school may be the only balanced, nutritious meal they have all day. A healthy diet is absolutely essential to a healthy life. Through health care reform, we have already taken steps to cultivate a culture of preventive care; this is another part of our effort to ensure that our children can realize their full potential.

The First Lady’s Let’s Move initiative has also played an important role in spotlighting the steps that can improve our children’s health, including the vital role that exercise plays in a healthful lifestyle. It is now our job in Congress to continue to support the important work done through this campaign by supporting this legislation.

I am proud to support this legislation, because I know what a profound effect this will have on many children’s lives.

However, while I do strongly support the legislation that is in front of us today, I am concerned with cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program that are on the horizon. We are taking steps now that will make our young people happier, healthier, and more productive individuals, but we must not forget that the SNAP program benefits many of the same children—and their families—that we are trying to help today. For that reason, it must be our priority to fully fund the SNAP program in the coming years.

That said, I am eager to see S. 3307 passed, and I am confident that this is indeed landmark legislation that will ensure our children can be all that God meant them to be—and I urge its adoption.

HONORING THE NEW HOPE EAGLE
FIRE COMPANY

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor members of the New Hope Eagle Volunteer Fire Company: President/Fire Fighter Jim Finn; Chief Craig Forbes; Deputy Chief Frank Cosner, Jr.; Fire Fighter Keith McMullen; Fire Marshal Daryl Jurbala; Company Secretary Linda Rowe, and Fire Fighter/Safety Officer Frank Cosner, Sr.

On September 31, 2010, a giant construction barge broke free of its anchoring mechanisms and began drifting down the Delaware River toward the New Hope-Lambertville Bridge. This barge was meant to be a work platform and was equipped with a lifter and small crane, which could have caused major damage to the New Hope-Lambertville Bridge. Without the crucial decisionmaking and help of the New Hope Fire Company and its volunteers, this could have ended in disaster. They displayed incredible skill and bravery in their actions and for that they are honored.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize and honor the individuals for their bravery and quick thinking in a time of great distress. I am honored to serve as their Congressman.

CONGRATULATING RAYMOND T.
AND ROBERTA “BOBBY” WHITE

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Raymond T. and Roberta “Bobby” White. Members of the Jewish War Veterans Post 266 since November 1997, Ray and Bobby’s activism and efforts on behalf of south Florida’s Jewish War Veterans are unmatched. Drawing on their prior experiences with veterans organizations, they have proved to be great assets within Florida Post 266.

Ray and Bobby’s hard work on behalf of Post 266 was quickly noticed. Shortly after their arrival, Bobby was elevated to be commander of the Women’s Auxiliary for Post 266, as Ray was named Post commander. It was not long before Ray rose to be the commander of the Department in 2003, and he did not stop there.

While serving as the Department Commander of Florida, Ray was appointed by the National Commander to the position of chairman for the first Committee for Soviet Jewry. In this capacity, Ray organized a program of installing flag poles and flags from condo organizations, the first of which was installed for Temple Emeth on Atlantic Avenue, where services are conducted annually on Memorial Day for fallen comrades.

Together, Ray and Bobby spearheaded numerous other community projects. Not only did Ray champion continued funding for hospitals and veterans’ benefits, but Bobby instituted a program for hospitalized veterans of the West Palm Beach facility with monthly Bingo games. The vision and followthrough of Ray and