

elected President of her residence hall, the Bethune Annex Residence. When Ms. Cooper graduates, she plans to continue her education at Howard University Medical School. She hopes to live her dream of one day becoming a doctor.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Ms. Frankee Cooper.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF
LAWRENCE "LARRY" G. HUEBNER

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Lawrence "Larry" G. Huebner who passed away on November 28, 2010 at the age of 79. Larry Huebner was an extraordinary man who lived each day to the fullest and whose contributions to the game of tennis as a player, teacher, and advocate are unmatched in the community. He is survived by his wife of 56 years Gretchen, daughter Karin, sons Jim and John, and five grandchildren.

Larry Huebner graduated from Fresno High School in 1949 and went on to attend the University of California, Los Angeles, where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business. While attending UCLA, Larry won an NCAA doubles title in Men's Tennis and was captain of two Bruins National Championship teams. After graduating from UCLA, he joined the U.S. Navy, where he volunteered as a ship Chaplain and would later become a Lieutenant while stationed in Hawaii. During Larry's service in the Navy, he played in high-level exhibition tennis matches while developing friendships that would last a lifetime.

After his service in the Navy, Larry returned to Fresno, California, where he joined his father, Jim Sr., to manage Huebner Sports. In 1963, he helped found the Fig Garden Swim & Racquet Club, continuing his passion for the sport of tennis and giving the community a welcoming place to enjoy the game. Larry's passion for tennis was passed on to his children as he won national senior parent/child doubles championships with all three of his children in 2003.

In recognition of those momentous victories, Larry and his wife Gretchen were flown to the 2004 U.S. Open in Flushing Meadows, New York. It was at the 2004 U.S. Open that he was presented with a heavy, 10-inch-high crystal Tiffany trophy which is still displayed with pride at the Huebners' home in Fresno. In 2007, Larry and his daughter Karin played together in what would be his final competitive tournament. Larry and Karin would win the Super Senior Father-Daughter grass court title at the Longwood Cricket Club in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts.

Larry's health took a turn for the worse in May 2010 when he was diagnosed with stomach cancer. Despite his diagnosis, he continued to give back to the game of tennis in his final days. Two weeks before Larry had made his final serve, he was giving lessons to a 10-year-old girl. It was Larry's love for the game of tennis that bonded his family together and will always remain his legacy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering the life of this remarkable

man as we offer our condolences to his family and celebrate his memory and service to our community and California.

IN HONOR OF BISHOP MARSHALL
S. MCGILL

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, in recognition of Kingdom Metropolitan Worship Center's 15th Pastor Appreciation & Church Anniversary Celebration, I rise today to honor my friend and constituent, Senior Pastor Bishop Marshall S. McGill.

Bishop McGill is the Founder and Senior Pastor of Kingdom Metropolitan Worship Centre, a non-denominational church located in Columbus, Georgia. Through Bishop McGill's faithful stewardship, the church has become one of the most progressive congregations in Columbus.

He is a native of Dayton, Ohio. He was educated in Biblical Counseling and Pastoral Care in Ohio and Alabama, respectively. In addition, Bishop McGill received his Doctorate of Humane Letters.

For over twenty years, Bishop McGill has been blessed with a loving wife, First Lady, Pastor Teresa Y. McGill, from Huntsville, Alabama. Along with committing their lives to God, they have raised four wonderful sons, who serve in the ministry with their parents.

He is the Founder and Superintendent of Kingdom Christian Academy and Preparatory School—a school for students in grades K–12 with three locations in the Columbus area. He is also the Founder of Bainbridge Christian Centre in Bainbridge, Georgia, as well as the Overseer of Grace Church in Barcelona, Spain. He also is the Founder and President of The Good Samaritan Counseling & Resource Institute.

Bishop McGill is a sought-after International Conference Speaker and Teacher. As part of his global ministry he has been called to Europe, Ghana, India, Israel, South Africa, Spain, and Swaziland. He is overseer of "Go Ye Nations" in Nagercoil, India, with over 200 pastors and missionaries under his leadership and care. India also is home to the "Marshall McGill's Children Home," an orphanage and school for disadvantaged and physically impaired children.

Locally, Bishop McGill has served as Chaplain for the City Council of Columbus. Currently, he is the active Chaplain for the Columbus Marshal and Sheriff Departments.

Bishop McGill possesses an incredible love for children and young adults, a desire to help the needy and to empower people to reach their full potential. His dedication is evident as he is often quoted as saying, "We have often failed generations of the past because we failed to educate and train up leaders qualified to carry the torch for tomorrow."

Madam Speaker, Bishop McGill has ministered on both local and global levels, striving to improve the world for the next generation. His spiritual guidance is an asset to our community and to the world and he is a constant reminder of what it means to be a child of God.

HONORING THE LONG AND DISTINGUISHED CAREER OF CONGRESSMAN IKE SKELTON OF MISSOURI

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, on the eve of his retirement, I rise today to honor the long legislative career of a true Missouri statesman and a close personal friend, IKE SKELTON.

From his first day in Congress in 1977, and from the chambers of the Armed Services committee to union halls all over his home state, IKE always served the people of Missouri's Fourth District with intelligence and conviction. I came to the House 20 years ago, he was already an institution in these halls, and in the years since IKE has become a mentor and dear friend to me.

IKE, as many of you know, has always been very fond of his fellow Missourian, Harry Truman. At the age of 17, IKE attended Truman's inauguration, and the battle flag of the USS *Harry Truman* hung in his office. And I know I do not need to tell many of you, but, boy, IKE could give 'em Hell! He was always a true Missouri gentleman, of course. But when the chips were down, nobody fought harder for our men and women in uniform. As chair of the Armed Services Committee, he never forgot the many sacrifices our troops make to protect our families and our Nation.

You can hear this dedication to our soldiers ring out in IKE's farewell address. As he well reminded us, "Men and women in uniform are not chess pieces to be moved upon a board. Each and every one is irreplaceable. Issues of national security and war and peace are too important to lose sight of the real men and women who answer our Nation's call and do the bidding of the commander-in-chief."

That is IKE—A true statesman, and one who's always cognizant of what's really important. Like his hero, he has always been well-grounded and plain-spoken—qualities too often missing in this institution. IKE calls it as he sees it, no more and no less. President Truman once said that "America was built on courage, on imagination and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand." IKE listened well, and he brought those qualities to this chamber in earnest for 34 years.

Thank you, IKE, for your leadership and your friendship. And thank you for all your hard work for the people of Missouri and for our Nation. We will miss your wisdom, your good humor, and your tenacity in the coming Congress. And I will miss you very much. I wish you, and Patty, a long and happy retirement.

MIDDLE CLASS TAX RELIEF OF
2010 (H.R. 4853)

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the Middle Class Tax Relief Act of 2010 (HR. 4853). This important legislation will extend middle class tax cuts, help

spur economic growth in America, and assist the vast majority of Americans, many of whom are struggling through a recovering economy.

In January 2001, when I was sworn-in as a new member of Congress, President Clinton was ending his second-term, and the Federal Government was projected to run a 10-year surplus of \$5.6 trillion. During the eight years of the Clinton administration, the U.S. economy created 21 million private sector jobs and incomes of middle-class families were rising. It was a time of economic prosperity. Tax rates allowed America to grow, fully pay for the cost of the Federal Government, and reduce the national debt. These years proved that responsible fiscal policymaking and a strong economy were not compatible with the Republican governing ideology we see today.

Only weeks into my first-term, President George W. Bush Republican leaders in Congress made cutting taxes and massive increases of federal spending their priorities. In 2001 and 2003, Republicans in Congress passed the Bush tax cuts at a cost to the federal budget of \$2.3 trillion. I voted against these tax cuts because they were fiscally irresponsible and unnecessary. During the Bush presidency, I also voted against the preemptive war in Iraq and the Medicare Part D giveaway to the pharmaceutical industry. Combined these irresponsible policies added \$4 trillion to our national debt in less than 10 years.

Today, our country is slowly recovering from a severe economic recession, private sector jobs are starting to be created, and families across America are fighting to get ahead. President Obama and Democrats in Congress have taken aggressive actions to create and save jobs while preventing a second Great Depression from crippling our economy.

The 2001 and 2003 Bush tax cuts are scheduled to sunset at the end of this month. Republicans included a sunset in those laws because exposing the real cost of making them permanent threatened congressional support. In other words, the cost of the tax cuts were so fiscally unsustainable that Republicans were forced to allow them to expire, placing their fate in the hands of a future Congress.

With these tax cuts about to expire and the federal budget in crisis, it is time for honesty with the American people and responsible policymaking. At a time when federal taxes are the lowest share of GDP since 1950 and the budget deficit is at \$1.3 trillion, we should all have concerns about our country's fiscal future. At the same time, we have a fragile economy and high unemployment which is squeezing middle-class families. Congress has hard choices to make on taxation, spending, and entitlements that will impact our economy, our federal budget, and the long-term security of our families.

To protect the economy until robust job growth returns, I will vote in favor of the Middle Class Tax Relief Act of 2010 (HR. 4853), which extends the middle-class tax cuts on taxable earnings of up to \$250,000 and up to \$200,000 for individuals. Under this legislation, 97 percent of American families and small businesses will receive a tax cut. It includes an extension of marriage penalty relief, the earned income tax credit, and the \$1,000 child tax credit. In addition, the bill also permanently extends the reduced rates on capital gains and dividends for middle income families.

For the wealthiest 3 percent of Americans, I do not support extending the Bush tax cuts. The cost of extending these cuts would cost the American taxpayer \$700 billion dollars over the next 10 years. History shows that tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans are the wrong way to strengthen the economy and do not create jobs. President Bush had the worst jobs record of any President since the Great Depression, actually shrinking the private sector by and losing 4.6 million American manufacturing jobs over eight years. At a time when we have soaring budget deficits, our country simply cannot afford to borrow the \$700 billion cost of these tax giveaways just to give the most fortunate Americans another tax break.

The passage of H.R. 4853 will help millions of middle class families all across the nation weather the economic storm, while letting the tax cuts for wealthiest Americans expire. Congress has an obligation to work to sustain this economic recovery, help the private sector create jobs, and ensure the long-term fiscal well-being of the Federal Government. This is a critical time for our country and I believe we must work together to provide tax relief to the middle class families hit hardest by the recession. I urge my colleagues to join me in voting for the Middle Class Tax Relief Act of 2010.

A TRIBUTE TO JASMINE DANIELLE VELAZQUEZ

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Jasmine Danielle Velazquez.

Jasmine Danielle Velazquez is a natural born leader. Growing up in Bushwick, Brooklyn in her grandmother's three-family house, she realized at an early age the effects of economic disparities. She saw her grandmother at her ripe age of 70 remain a staple in the community, making sure that the community was treated with dignity and respect by all its inhabitants and visitors. Jasmine noticed that families were simply doing what it took to survive and experienced the real meaning of "it takes a village to raise a child."

That village helped Jasmine stay on a focused track. She was accepted into a specialized middle school in East Harlem, Manhattan East Junior High School, where she developed her love of the arts and leadership, becoming Vice President of the Student Body in 8th grade. Jasmine went on to attend a prestigious Catholic school in the Bronx, Mt. St. Ursula. Catholic school was a very unique experience. Although Jasmine was not used to the structure of Catholic education, she blossomed academically.

At the age of 17, Jasmine had an unexpected life altering decision to make—she was pregnant. Jasmine decided that she would not become a statistic as another African American/Latina teen mother. She gave birth to her daughter, graduated from high school early, and enrolled into Fordham University.

During her tenure at Fordham, Jasmine was incredibly active. She became the President of the Black Student Union her junior year, where she advocated for students' rights. Jasmine was awarded the W.E.B. DuBois Award for Academic Excellence as well as the Senior

Leadership Award for Outstanding Leadership. She received her Bachelor's of Arts at Fordham University, majoring in African and African American Studies as well as Communications and Media Studies in 2008.

Jasmine was accepted into the esteemed Teach for America program where she taught as a Special Education Teacher at P.S. 165 in Brownsville, Brooklyn. Jasmine currently teaches at Geoffrey Canada's Harlem Children's Zone Promise Academy Upper Elementary/Middle School, where she is a Learning Specialist teaching students with special needs in small groups. Jasmine loves her job and wants to advocate for families on a larger scale.

This year, Jasmine ran for District Leader/State Committeewoman in Brooklyn's 50th Assembly District, which covers Greenpoint, Williamsburg, Fort Greene, and Clinton Hill. She ran against longtime incumbent Linda Minucci who has been serving as District Leader for over 26 years. Jasmine did not win the race, but she will continue advocating for people in her community and advance her political career.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Jasmine Danielle Velazquez.

HONORING BILL BANKS

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I wish today to honor one of the most well-known and respected attorneys from my district.

Bill Banks recently passed away at the age of 82. He practiced law in Knoxville for more than 50 years, and I do not know another person who respected and honored the profession more than Bill.

He graduated from the University of Tennessee Law School in 1950 when there were many fewer attorneys than there are today. As the legal profession grew and more law practices opened, Bill became a leader among his peers.

I have nothing but fond memories of him from my own time as a lawyer and judge in Knoxville.

Bill's love of the law and government was not just limited to his practice. He also served on the Knox County Election Commission for many years and was instrumental in the transition from paper to machine voting in Knox County.

He also served admirably in the Korean War as an officer with the United Nations War Crimes Commission. His work during the war earned him a citation for meritorious service.

Those who knew Bill knew a humble and kind man devoted to his family and faith. He was a long-time member of Washington Pike United Methodist Church.

His community involvement included the Knoxville Elks Lodge, where he rose to the rank of Exalted Ruler and Trustee. He was also an active Mason and was a member of the Burlington Masonic Lodge, the Scottish Rite and Kerbel Temple in Knoxville.

I had the privilege of knowing Bill Banks personally and considered him to be a good friend for almost 40 years.