

Eddie's prowess in the halls of the State House in Augusta became legendary. He has forged coalitions, organized participation in hearings and provided key facts to legislators on labor issues. There is no doubt that Eddie's legislative skills have been a driving force behind the passage of major legislation benefiting Maine's working families, including the first in the country Chemical ID Law, Community Right To Know, minimum wage, severance pay, sexual harassment, toxic use reduction, VDT standards, workers' compensation and unemployment and training benefits.

In addition to his professional contributions, Eddie is a leader in his community. He currently serves as selectman in his hometown of Randolph, where he lives with his wife Diana and his three children, Matthew, Delia and James.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Edward F. Gorham for his life-long dedication and service to the working people of Maine.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Madam Speaker, I attended the grand opening events of the Kia Motors manufacturing facility in West Point, Georgia. As a result, I missed a number of votes. Had I been present, I would have voted the following: "Nay" on Agreeing to the Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2701) to authorize appropriations for FY 2010 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the U.S. Government, the Community Management Account, and the CIA Retirement and Disability System, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII. (rollcall No. 66);

"aye" on Motion to Concur in Senate Amendments to Medicare Physician Payment Reform Act. (rollcall No. 67); and

"aye" on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Urban Crimes Awareness Week (rollcall No. 68).

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

Mrs. MYRICK. Madam Speaker, I was unable to participate in the following votes. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall vote No. 67, on motion to concur in Senate amendments—H. R. 3961, Medicare Physician Payment Reform Act—I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote No. 68, on motion to suspend the rules and agree, as amended—H. Con. Res. 227, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Urban Crimes Awareness Week—I would have voted "aye."

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$12,507,536,462,861.04.

On January 6, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$1,869,110,716,567.24 so far this Congress.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

REVEREND DR. MAJOR A. STEWART

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Rev. Dr. Major A. Stewart as he is installed as pastor of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday, March 7th in my hometown of Flint, Michigan.

Pastor Stewart was raised in the Muskegon, Michigan, area. He confessed his call to preach the gospel in 1986, and was licensed to preach in 1992. He was ordained in December 1995. His ministry has included work as a youth pastor, associate minister, singles coordinator and assistant pastor, working in Michigan, California, Florida and Pennsylvania. His missionary work has taken him to Turkey, West Africa, and Liberia. He has also participated in a trip to Israel with the United Theological Seminary Pilgrimage Team.

In addition to his duties as senior pastor of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, Reverend Stewart also works at GM Parts World Headquarters and is an adjunct part-time instructor at Concordia University teaching accounting, business policy and marketing management. Pastor Stewart holds a bachelor of business administration degree from Eastern Michigan University; a master of business administration degree from California Lutheran University; a master of arts in Christian education from Michigan Theological Seminary; and a doctor of ministry degree from United Theological Seminary.

Reverend Stewart and his wife, Carla Brooks Stewart, are the parents of Alexandria Janine, Mikaela Ann and Karissa Danielle Stewart.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Rev. Dr. Major A. Stewart as he is installed as the new pastor of the historic Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church. Mt. Olive has been a rock of hope and guidance for 102 years and I pray that under Pastor Stewart's leadership it will continue to spread the good news of Our Savior, Jesus Christ, throughout the Flint area for many years to come.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND JAMES GLOVER, JR.

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a true military hero, a constituent and a valued friend Reverend James Glover, Jr. passed away on February 6, 2010, and we all owe him a debt of gratitude his service to our nation and his commitment to his community. Mr. Glover was a member of the Montford Point Marines, African Americans members of the United States Marine Corp, who served in World War II.

James Glover, Jr. was born August 16, 1916, in Eutawville, South Carolina, the son of a prominent Baptist minister. Although he felt a strong pull to follow his father's footsteps, the call to serve his country during World War II changed his course as a young man.

He entered the military February 28, 1942, as one of the first African Americans to be permitted in the Marine Corp and his unit became known as the legendary Montford Point Marines. As a marine, Lance Corporal Glover endured great hardships to begin a legacy that has brought honor to the United States Marine Corps and all those who have served our nation.

Lance Corporal Glover and his fellow Black Marines succeeded despite enduring segregated training conditions at the Montford Point Camp, which is now part of Camp LeJeune, North Carolina. They were subjected to racial abuse and discrimination, yet persevered and earned the respect of the other Marines.

Lance Corporal Glover served honorably in the Pacific theatre in the 51st Defense Battalion authorized in 1942. As a member of the 27th Marine Depot Company, a combat support unit, he helped supply the front lines with food and ammunition. Under sometimes heavy enemy fire, he loaded and unloaded supplies, resupplied frontline units, and evacuated the dead and wounded.

He was honorably discharged from the Marines on December 1, 1945 and returned to his beloved home in South Carolina where he pursued his calling in the ministry. Reverend Glover was called to pastor Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Orangeburg, SC in 1971. While ministering to his flock at Mount Calvary, Reverend Glover led the efforts to build a new church sanctuary. In addition, the church experienced tremendous growth under his leadership including: organizing numerous auxiliaries, clubs, and choirs. The church's educational center and children's choir have been named in his honor.

Reverend Glover resigned as pastor of Mount Calvary after 26 years of service in 1997, to devote all of his time to his home church, Spring Hill Baptist Church in Eutawville, South Carolina. He was appointed pastor of Spring Hill Baptist Church in 1973 following the rich legacy of his father, Reverend James S. Glover, Sr., and grandfather, Reverend John Glover. Because of the growth of the congregation while serving as the under-shepherd of Spring Hill Baptist Church, Reverend Glover also lead the efforts to build a new church sanctuary and educational building in 1990. He retired as pastor of Spring Hill

Baptist in January 2002, after 29 years of dedicated service, and presently serves as pastor emeritus. In March 2002, Reverend Glover received the "Living Legends Award" from the Orangeburg Ministers' Fellowship Conference.

Reverend Glover was married to his beloved wife, Lillian, for 45 years. The couple had five (5) children, fourteen (14) grandchildren, and twenty-five (25) great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me congratulating and expressing our deep and abiding gratitude and appreciation to Rev. James Glover, Jr., posthumously, for his leadership, valor, and enduring service to his country. He was a tremendous role model and has left a legacy of service and sacrifice that will live on as part of our nation's rich history.

RECOGNITION OF THE GERMAN VILLAGE SOCIETY ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the German Village Society for fifty years of dedication to preserving the unique, historical charm of the German Village community. German Village is one of the pre-eminent historic districts in the United States and is the first neighborhood in Ohio recognized by the White House as a "Preserve America Community."

Fifty years ago, community organizer Frank Fetch worried that the historical neighborhood south of downtown Columbus was deteriorating rapidly. He held a meeting to discuss ways to revive the neighborhood. This initial meeting led to the formation of the German Village Society, a group of devoted, preservation-minded residents intent on saving and restoring their neighborhood's historic charm.

Under the guidance of its charter members and with the dedication of local volunteers, German Village's historical preservation continues to this day. Residents donate more than 10,000 hours of their time annually to the community. Due to their passion and dedication to German Village, the entire 233-acre neighborhood is now on the U.S. Department of the Interior's Nation Register of Historic Places.

The German Village Society continues to enhance its reputation as one of central Ohio's best communities in which to live and work. The Haus Und Garten Tour event is recognized on the American Bus Association's "100 Best Events" list. The Society also hosts many free programs including Shakespeare in the Park, a summer series of Shakespeare's plays performed outdoors, and a weekly farmer's market. German Village is also home to the 23-acre Schiller Park, an anchor to the neighborhood for over 140 years, and numerous independent restaurants and businesses.

With the continued support of local residents, the German Village Society continues to enrich their neighborhood and promote "living" history. On January 10, 2010, the German Village Society celebrated its 50th anniversary. I am proud to recognize and honor

the German Village Society and all of its dedicated volunteers for five decades of meaningful work to strengthen and preserve the thriving historical neighborhood of German Village.

HONORING DR. FRANKLIN ODO

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Franklin Odo for his 12 years of service as Director of the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Program. The Asian Pacific American Program assists the Smithsonian's 19 museums and research centers with the collection of Asian Pacific Americans' artifacts, programs, research, and outreach. The program gives Asian Pacific American communities across the Nation access to the Smithsonian.

In addition to being the founding director of the Asian Pacific American Program at the Smithsonian Institution, Dr. Odo was the first and only Asian Pacific American curator at the National Museum of American History. Dr. Odo has dedicated his life to documenting, preserving, and presenting the histories of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. He has written numerous critically acclaimed books on the Asian American experience, taught at prestigious universities across the Nation, and brought to the Smithsonian cutting edge exhibits on Chinese Americans, Native Hawaiians, Korean Americans, Filipino Americans, and Japanese Americans.

As an educator myself, I understand and respect Dr. Odo's work. Whether as a professor or a curator, Dr. Odo has made teaching his priority. Through his work and vision, Dr. Odo has managed to engage thousands of people in the history, culture, and important contributions of Asian Pacific Americans. He is able to translate scholarly work into publicly accessible formats. Dr. Odo has helped many of us tell our story and ensure that these important lessons continue to pass on from generation to generation.

Franklin Odo has been an activist and academic, and will continue to be a leader in our community. We hold a debt of gratitude to Dr. Odo for his incredible contributions.

STRATEGIC DESIGNATION OF THE PORT OF PORT ARTHUR

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, today the Second District of Texas is proud to honor the Port of Port Arthur for their designation as a Strategic Seaport by the Department of the Army's Military Surface and Distribution Command. They join the nearby Port of Beaumont and the Port of Corpus Christi as the only Strategic Seaports on the Gulf Coast.

The Port of Beaumont is U.S.'s busiest shipper of military cargo, being home of the 842nd Transportation Battalion. The Port of Port Arthur has handled their overflow since November 2007, totaling 9 ships. Now after this

honor, Port Arthur can continue to work on overflow while also receiving shipments directly.

The convenient connection between these two ports allow for the ability to quickly and efficiently mobilize and deploy military forces as well as equipment and supplies. The Sabine-Neches Ship Channel is the only one in the Nation with two Strategic Ports, making it the most vital military shipping portal in the U.S.

This designation for the Port of Port Arthur is shared with only a small percentage of U.S. seaports. Port Arthur beat out 11 other Gulf Coast ports, including ones in Houston and New Orleans, for the designation. The Port of Port Arthur hopes to add jobs for those associated with the shipping industry, which would be an outstanding benefit for all of Southeast Texas.

The Port of Port Arthur has worked since 2000 to upgrade their facilities to meet the military's qualifications. They have worked hard to strengthen the port's ability to serve more customers and there's no more important customer than our nation's military.

The Second Congressional District of Texas commends the Port of Port Arthur and their employees for their hard work and dedication to make this designation possible. Port Arthur can now stand shoulder to shoulder with the finest ports in the world.

NATIONAL EATING DISORDERS AWARENESS WEEK

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, this week we observe National Eating Disorders Awareness Week; an opportunity for all Americans to educate themselves about unhealthy eating habits and arm themselves with the tools they need to stay healthy.

Unfortunately, in today's society, girls are especially prone to eating disorders. One organization in particular that has done a great deal of research on eating habits and how they relate to girls' body image and self esteem is the Girl Scouts of the USA, through their Research Institute.

For the past decade, the Girl Scouts Research Institute has been a crucial center for research and public policy information on the healthy development of girls. Their most recent survey, Girls and Body Image, indicates that now, more than ever, young girls struggle with their body image and have unrealistic standards of beauty.

Specifically, the survey found that body dissatisfaction leads to unhealthy eating and dieting habits. More than half of girls (55 percent) admit they diet to lose weight, 42 percent of girls know someone their age who forced themselves to throw up after eating, 37 percent know someone who has been diagnosed with an eating disorder, and 31 percent admit to starving themselves or refusing to eat as a strategy to lose weight. Findings from the survey show girls feel pressure from mainstream media to have an ideal body type.

I am committed to working with Girl Scouts to advocate for media messaging to be more "girl-positive." This will lead to the healthy development of girls in terms of self-esteem and