

HONORING MS. SALLIE HICKS

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 22, 2010

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker. Today I rise to pay tribute to the life and legacy of the late Ms. Sallie Hicks, a constituent in the Congressional district I represent who was known for her contagious, spiritual and endearing personality. It is with both profound sadness, but also an enduring sense of gratitude that I recognize her for the tremendous inspiration she provided to the South Florida community.

Ms. Hicks was born on April 6, 1913 in Chipley, Florida to the late Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hicks. She was the second child of 14 siblings. Her early years were spent in Chipley until her family moved to Live Oak, Florida where she attended Suwannee County Public Schools.

Affectionately known as "Dr. Sally", Ms. Hicks was employed by the Mary Elizabeth Hotel. Upon retiring, she began a second career as a caregiver at Betty's Sunshine and Sunset Daycare. Soon thereafter, she established her own daycare in her home. She created a loving home, gave guidance, potty trained, and provided health information. Most importantly, all of her children were loved. She was the surrogate grandmother to more than 15 children.

Moreover, Ms. Hicks was a faithful member at Greater Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church since the early 1950s.

Ms. Hicks was blessed with a loving family who took pleasure in every aspect of her life and her interests. I offer my heartfelt condolences to her two daughters, Eveline and Cathia; granddaughter, Kimberly; and great-granddaughter, Evelyn.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and all the members of this esteemed legislative body to join me in recognizing the extraordinary life and accomplishments of Ms. Sallie Hicks. She will be missed by all who knew her, and I appreciate this opportunity to pay tribute to her before the United States House of Representatives. While she will indeed be missed, her legacy, as well as the outstanding contributions she made to Greater Bethel A.M.E Church and the South Florida community will live on.

**A TRIBUTE TO CATHERINE KEEN,
29TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR—2010**

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 22, 2010

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Catherine "Cathy" Keen of Glendale, California. Each year in March, in recognition of Women's History Month, we pay special tribute to the accomplishments made by our Nation's most distinguished women.

Cathy has served the Glendale community primarily in the area of child advocacy, spending many years as an officer in the Parent-Teacher Association, PTA, at the elementary, middle school, high school, and council levels,

including president of the Glenoaks PTA for two years. She was awarded the California Golden Oak Service Award by the State PTA, the highest level of award bestowed by the PTA. She also served as president of the Glenoaks Elementary School Foundation in 1994.

Cathy is active in Las Candelas, a philanthropic group which works to improve the lives of emotionally disturbed children. Cathy served as president of Las Candelas for two years and has chaired their biennial benefit twice, raising \$140,000 for programs for emotionally disturbed children. In 1993, she was a finalist for the Glendale News Press Woman of Achievement, nominated for her help with the family of a dying child.

She chaired the Glendale Healthy Kids, GHK's popular "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" for nine years and also served on the Board of Directors of GHK for six years. She served as president of the Board of GHK and filled in as executive director when they were without one. Cathy personally published the GHK newsletter for five years and received the GHK Volunteer of the Year Award.

Cathy is currently serving as president of the Kiwanis Club of Glendale, the second woman in eighty-nine years to hold this position. In Kiwanis, she has served as Chairman of Youth Services for two years, overseeing nineteen Kiwanis projects to help our community youth, and has served on the Board of Directors. Cathy also publishes the weekly KiwaniNews and is a regular reporter for the news when not serving as president.

I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring a remarkable woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Catherine Keen. The entire community joins me in thanking Cathy for the meaningful impact she has had on the 29th Congressional District.

A TRIBUTE TO TYNE L. NEWMAN**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 22, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Tyne L. Newman for her achievements in television, the arts, and her community.

Tyne L. Newman was born in Queens, New York and is the middle of three children. Growing up, she had aspirations of becoming an actress/director and wanted to work in television. As an adolescent, she attended Salvation Bedford Day Camp where she met actor Emmanuel Lewis. Enthused and inspired she knew exactly what path in life she wanted to take and began writing her first screenplay. Hard work in the South Ozone Park community as a youngster earned her Salute to Youth award in tribute to the late Congressman Joseph Addabbo.

Tyne attended John Bowne High School and received her bachelor's and master's degrees in communications/business. After college, she began working at Brooklyn Community Access Television (BCAT), known today as BCAT TV Network. She began as a production assistant and worked her way up to her current position as Production Manager.

At the BCAT TV Network, Tyne has worked on two State of the Borough addresses and

three candidate debates—most recently with former council member District 39 and now Public Advocate Bill deBlasio, and former council member District 20 and now New York City Comptroller John Liu. In addition, Tyne has produced over 160 episodes of "Brooklyn Elected Officials."

During an internship at Public Broadcasting Service (PBS), Tyne was privileged to work with actor Ben Vereen on "Broadway: The American Musical."

Tyne has been a faithful member of Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church since her early childhood and currently works on the Pulpit Community, Combined Choir, Youth Ministry and the Arts/Culture Ministry. Tyne also directs, produces and writes plays for the children in her Brooklyn church community. She has a special love for children and choreographs dance moves for gospel music for their enjoyment.

In 2006, Tyne met Everton Griffith and in 2008 they were married. They currently reside in Westchester, New York.

Tyne enjoys being an active participant in her community and spearheaded a campaign to "Rock the Vote" by organizing local community members in the Van Siclen/Dumont area block, registering a noteworthy amount of individuals to participate in the presidential election of 2008.

Tyne currently owns/operates her own videography business entitled Tru Vision Entertainment. Ms. Newman has been the recipient of numerous honors and enjoys acting, singing, writing, skiing and shopping.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Tyne L. Newman.

RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sunday, March 21, 2010

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to the reconciliation procedure that will transform over one-sixth of our nation's economy and increasingly cause reliance on the federal government for healthcare and education. Beyond my procedural and political problems, I have major concerns with the elimination of the Federal Family Education Loan program because it will destroy an important tool for need-based graduate student aid—the School as Lender program. Overhauling the federal student loan program will have unintended consequences in the form of lost private sector jobs and lost opportunities for graduate students in Illinois' Sixth Congressional District. Millions of dollars in financial aid for thousands of students across the country will be lost. I also fear the program will add to our nation's already record deficit.

Procedurally, the proposal has not received a hearing or markup in the United States Senate. At least nine Democrats in the Senate have written with concerns on the proposal's effect on job losses in the private sector.

The elimination of the School as Lender program ignores the needs of graduate students. Schools obtain credit to make loans and use the proceeds from their origination to support financial aid. Proceeds from the sale of loans must be returned to graduate students in the form of need-based grants. A

2005 Government Accountability Office (GAO) report stated, "School lenders either used money to lower borrowing costs and/or provide need-based grants to its students." Without School as Lender, many students will now be forced to take out more loans and student debt.

Within my Congressional District, one of the pioneers of the School as Lender program, Midwestern University, uses its School as Lender program to provide need-based grants to students who would otherwise not be able to pursue the University's graduate programs in osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, dental medicine and other health sciences. Decreasing access to education for low-income students would further inflame the shortage of the healthcare workforce as Congress considers a massive healthcare takeover. Over the past three academic years, Midwestern University has paid out over four million dollars in School as Lender scholarship monies to more than 1,500 students. Midwestern lacks profit motives to continue the program—they simply desire to maintain an affordable option to attract graduate students.

Additionally, the savings from the transition to fully federal funded student lending has been overpromised and any savings will be overspent. Updated Congressional Budget Office (CBO) scores show the initiative is projected to increase deficits rather than decrease our debt. According to CBO, after evaluating the fair value of providing credit assistance to students including the cost of market risk and the present value of future administrative costs, the lending overhaul increases the deficit even more significantly. The House-passed (H.R. 3221) measure promises \$77 billion in new spending compared to only \$40 billion in savings from the President's proposal. This accounting is necessary to factor all of the risks that loans and loan guarantees impose on taxpayers and the cost of market risk.

Through the School as Lender program, Midwestern is able to break down cost barriers that keep many low-income students from seeking graduate degrees. I urge my colleagues to rise against this overreach that would prohibit graduate students from access to a valuable scholarship opportunity while further burdening our children with an increase to our record national debt.

TRIBUTE TO RUSS WIESLEY

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 22, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Russ Wiesley for his commitment to improving the educational system in Iowa and for recently being elected as president to the Iowa Association of School Boards' board of directors. The IASB, encompassing 361 school districts, 10 area education agencies and 15 community colleges, is a private, non-profit organization that serves as a major advocate for Iowa's school system.

Born and raised in Cedar Falls, Mr. Wiesley attended the University of Northern Iowa as well as Drake University, earning a degree in

pharmacy. Upon graduation, he went on to work in various pharmacies, eventually opening his own.

With 13 years of experience on the Waukees school board and six for the IASB, Mr. Wiesley has risen to be a key figure for supporting the development and training of Iowa's students and school administrators. A former Marine and Vietnam War veteran, the leadership role is nothing new to Mr. Wiesley, who has held prominent positions during his time as a member of the Iowa Pharmacists Association, the Dallas County Empowerment Board of Directors, the Urbandale Jaycees, the YMCA, the American Legion, the Waukees Veterans of Foreign Wars, the First Marine Corps Division and 2/1 Associations, the Military Order of the Purple Heart and Waukees United Methodist Church.

Madam Speaker, individuals such as Russ Wiesley should be recognized for their sincere dedication to educating our nation and for their devotion to creating a better community. I sincerely appreciate the work that Mr. Wiesley has done and wish him further success in his educational endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. GAY TOLTL KINMAN, 29TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR—2010

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 22, 2010

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Gay Toltl Kinman of Alhambra, California. Each year in March, in recognition of Women's History Month, we pay special tribute to the accomplishments made by our Nation's most distinguished women.

Gay has been active with both the City of Alhambra and the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce. As vice president of the Housing and Urban Development Committee for the City of Alhambra, Gay assisted the Alhambra Historical Society in obtaining a grant for the Alhambra Historical Society Museum. Gay also served as president of the Civil Service Commission for the City of Alhambra. While a member of the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce, Gay formed the committee to plan for a Chinese New Year Festival Parade, which still takes place today, and then was chair of the parade. Gay also served as Chair of Transportation on the Government Affairs Committee for the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce.

Gay has been involved with Soroptimist International of Alhambra, San Gabriel, and San Marino. As president of the chapter, Gay helped bring in a record of nine new members, established the Friendship Link exchange where members of SI Burnley, England visited, helped establish the link between Alhambra Curves and La Casa de San Gabriel Community Center, and was the chair of various committees. She also founded the Soroptimist Camino Real Region's Friendship Grant Committee, which provides hospitality and professional education every two years for a Soroptimist from another part of the world. Currently, she is the Alhambra, San Gabriel, and

San Marino chapter's co-vice president of programs, chair of the Woman of Distinction Award Committee, and co-chair of Reading is Fundamental, which buys books for third graders in the Alhambra and San Gabriel School Districts.

In addition to Soroptimists, Gay has given her time to various organizations throughout Alhambra. For the Alhambra Historical Society, she has served as president and publicity chair. As a board member for the Alhambra Educational Foundation, she started the Authors Festival, which brings over eighty children's authors, storytellers, and illustrators to the Alhambra Unified School District. As chair of the Alhambra Red Cross Council, she helped restore the presence of the Red Cross in Alhambra and taught volunteer training classes. She has been secretary for the Alhambra Toastmasters, a volunteer for Meals on Wheels, and is currently head usher at Alhambra's All Souls Church. In addition, she helped design Alhambra's float for the Tournament of Roses Parade.

On top of all this, Gay has been active outside of Alhambra with the YMCA West San Gabriel Valley, the Special Libraries Association of Southern California, the Los Angeles County Deputy Commissioner of Civil Marriages, the League of Women Voters Greater Pasadena Area, and the Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens.

I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring a remarkable woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Dr. Gay Toltl Kinman. The entire community joins me in thanking Gay for the meaningful impact she has had on the 29th Congressional District.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF TALLADEGA

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 22, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to pay recognition to the people of the city of Talladega, who are celebrating their city's 175th anniversary this year.

Talladega, Alabama, was incorporated on January 9, 1835. Talladega is home to the Talladega Superspeedway, Talladega College, and many other historic sites, to name a few, and is also known for its fascinating history and deep traditions.

On March 25th, a four-day celebration of the founding of Talladega will begin. Included in the festivities are a historic play—presented by Talladega High School; USA Powerlifting, Alabama State Championship; a 5K run benefiting Hope Academy; a national championship celebration parade for Talladega College; a BBQ cook-off; a burial of the time capsule; and concerts by American Idol contestants Bo Bice and Ruben Studdard, to list a few.

All of us across east Alabama are proud of this important occasion for the citizens of Talladega. We look forward to seeing the city continue to thrive and grow, and congratulate local citizens and Mayor Brian York on their 175th anniversary.