

methods in order to reach out to each individual student. Because of her careful attention to each student's individual needs, she is an exceptional educator.

John Gorball has had an outstanding teaching career spanning forty-one years and is this year's recipient of the Crystal Bell Award from the Hanover Community School Corporation. John has taught at Hanover Central for forty years and has served in many capacities during his tenure. He is the well-known band director at the school, and his passion for music has been a remarkable asset to the music education program. For many years, John also served as a basketball coach, which was another way for him to relate to his students. John understands that leading by example is imperative for a teacher, and he continues to be a positive role model for his students.

This year's recipient of the Crystal Bell Award from the School Town of Highland is Brenda Richardson. Brenda has taught family and consumer science at Highland High School since 1989. Throughout her tenure, Brenda has brought many new and innovative programs to Highland High School. Brenda spearheaded the Exploratory Teacher Program, which allows high school students to assist elementary teachers in working with reading and math groups. She also started the Random Acts of Kindness Club, which teaches students the importance and value of compassion by surprising others with a kind gesture. Through her positive outlook and strong belief in the development of character, Brenda is an outstanding role model for the students at Highland High School.

Kerry Zajicek is this year's recipient of the Crystal Bell Award from the Lake Central School Corporation. Kerry has been a teacher for thirty years and is currently teaching geometry and pre-calculus at Lake Central High School. Kerry continues to be a tremendous asset to Lake Central High School and is involved in numerous endeavors outside the classroom. He has volunteered much of his time to the Lake Central Theater Guild, providing support to the students and performing in many plays himself. He has also selflessly given much of his time to the Lake Central Teachers Association. Kerry is always ready to lend a helping hand, and for his constant, selfless, volunteerism within the Lake Central School Corporation, he is worthy of the highest praise.

Jeff Graves, this year's recipient of the Crystal Bell Award from the School Town of Munster, "lives and breathes chemistry." He has taught chemistry and AP chemistry at Munster High School for forty years. Jeff's success in teaching chemistry stems from his brilliant effort to develop methods that help students comprehend difficult concepts. His ability to maintain the interest of the students is to be commended. Additionally, Jeff put much time and effort into the initiation of the Chess Club and Bowling Club. Throughout his tenure, Jeff has been able to positively influence many students at Munster High School.

This year's recipient of the Crystal Bell Award from the North Newton School Corporation is Glennda Sanders, who has been a teacher with the corporation for fourteen years. Glennda is widely known for her energetic nature and her ability to create activities that fit the specific needs of each individual student in her classroom. In addition, she has played an instrumental role in the planning

and presenting of the Morocco Elementary School talent show and science fair. Glennda's positive outlook and enthusiasm allows her to continue to touch the lives of countless students within the North Newton School Corporation.

Shannon Anderson, a second grade teacher at Monnett Elementary School, is this year's recipient of the Crystal Bell Award from the Rensselear School Corporation. Shannon has been an extraordinary educator for the past fifteen years. She continues to go above and beyond to meet the needs of her students. For example, Shannon learned Spanish and Sign Language in order to meet the needs of certain students. She has also initiated many innovative programs including: Spanish Camp, Club Invention, Read-a-Thon, Math-a-Thon, the Eddie Eagle, and the Gun Safety Program, to name a few. For her unwavering dedication to her students she is truly an inspiration.

This year's recipient of the Crystal Bell Award from the Tri-Creek School Corporation is Betty O'Neill. Betty has been nurturing young minds for twenty years and is currently a fourth grade teacher at Oak Hill Elementary School. Betty continues to incorporate and educate her students about the community of Lowell. For example, Betty initiated a walking tour of the town for the students, and directed the writing and performance of a play about the town's history. Additionally, Betty has been a leading force behind the Response to Intervention Initiative in the Tri-Creek School Corporation and has worked diligently with students who are most in need. Because of her innovative teaching skills and her willingness to provide support to the Tri-Creek School Corporation, she is an extraordinary educator.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my distinguished colleagues to join me in commending these outstanding educators on being named 2010 Crystal Bell Award winners. Their years of hard work have played a major role in shaping the minds and futures of Northwest Indiana's young people, and each recipient is truly an inspiration to us all.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed the following recorded votes on the House floor the legislative week of Monday, April 26, 2010.

For Monday, April 26, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 221 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 4543), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 222 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1103), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 223 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 4861).

For Tuesday, April 27, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 224 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1131), "no" on Rollcall vote No. 225 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 5017), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 226 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 5146).

For Wednesday, April 28, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "aye" on Rollcall

vote No. 227 (on agreeing to the Hall (NY) amendment to H.R. 5013), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 228 (on agreeing to the Connolly amendment to H.R. 5013), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 229 (on motion to recommit H.R. 5013 with instructions), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 230 (on passage of H.R. 5013).

For Thursday, April 29, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "no" on Rollcall vote No. 231 (on ordering the previous question to H. Res. 1305), "no" on Rollcall vote No. 232 (on agreeing to H. Res. 1305, providing for consideration of H.R. 2499), "no" on Rollcall vote No. 233 (on motion to table the motion to reconsider the vote on H. Res. 1305), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 234 (on agreeing to the Foxx amendment to H.R. 2499), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 235 (on agreeing to the Gutierrez amendment to H.R. 2499), "no" on Rollcall vote No. 236 (on agreeing to the Gutierrez amendment to H.R. 2499), "no" on Rollcall vote No. 237 (on agreeing to the Burton (IN) amendment to H.R. 2499), "no" on Rollcall vote No. 238 (on agreeing to the Velázquez amendment to H.R. 2499), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 239 (on agreeing to the Velázquez amendment to H.R. 2499), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 240 (on agreeing to the Velázquez amendment to H.R. 2499), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 241 (on motion to recommit H.R. 2499 with instructions), "no" on Rollcall vote No. 242 (on passage of H.R. 2499).

IN RECOGNITION OF ADRIENNE TISSIER

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor an outstanding leader and treasured friend Adrienne Tissier, a life-long resident of San Mateo County and a current member of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors.

Adrienne will be receiving a much deserved public service award from the Peninsula Coalition at its 6th Annual Honors dinner on May 6. She first assumed office in January 2005 after serving eight distinguished years as a councilmember in Daly City, including two terms as mayor. In four short years she has displayed keen leadership and consensus building skills that have benefited residents of the county. She created a nationally acclaimed, first of its kind program for the proper disposal of pharmaceuticals to prevent medication errors, drug abuses and environmental harm. She's developed outreach programs in which the California Highway Patrol works with older drivers. She created the annual county-wide Disaster Preparedness Day and co-chairs the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Adult Health Care Expansion.

She has been especially active in providing transportation and mobility options for senior citizens. She is the current vice-chair of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and she serves on the SamTrans Board of Directors. She is also the board liaison to the state Commission on aging and the state Commission on the Status of Women. Supervisor Tissier was instrumental in planning the Women's Criminal Justice Summit and the Livable Communities for Successful Aging conference.

She also set up a resources day in May of 2009 for residents concerned about the foreclosure crisis.

Madam Speaker, I have been fortunate to work with Adrienne on countless issues during my career of public service. Without question, her dedication to her work has been remarkable and this award she is to receive is fitting thanks for all those late nights and trips to Sacramento that she incurred in the name of improving daily life in San Mateo County.

IN RECOGNITION OF JANICE S.
BRAMWELL

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, it has come to my attention that Mrs. Janice S. Bramwell will be retiring as Regional Director for Experience Works, Inc., after more than 30 years of service. Mrs. Bramwell has helped countless individuals in our communities, and her commitment to service will be sorely missed.

As Regional Director, Mrs. Bramwell used her lifetime of experience as a social worker to bring exceptional service to low-income seniors in Missouri and Illinois. Experience Works, Inc., formerly Green Thumb, is a non-profit organization that helps this struggling population gain the skills and training they need to find gainful employment, a service that is especially needed in this difficult economic time. During her time with this organization she has been recognized for her excellence in budget management and the job retention rate of her clients.

Together with her husband Dewey and her daughter Melissa, Mrs. Bramwell is an active member of the community. She serves as a member of the Ozark Region Workforce Investment Board, the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Missouri Senior Employment Coordinating Committee.

Madam Speaker, I trust my fellow members of the House will join me recognizing Mrs. Janice S. Bramwell for her dedicated service to the State of Missouri.

REDESIGNATING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY AS THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 24, the “Marine Corps Identity” bill. This bipartisan legislation would change the name of the Department of the Navy to the Department of the Navy and Marine Corps.

For over 200 years, the Marine Corps has fought side by side with the Navy. Yet, despite having served in every armed conflict in America’s history, the Marines are not recognized at the department level. When the parents of fallen Marines receive a letter of condolence

from their country, the Marine Corps name does not even appear on the official letterhead. For too long, recognition of the United States Marine Corps has failed to match the remarkable sacrifice of its men and women.

By adding just three symbolic words, H.R. 24 will finally honor the Marine Corps as a co-equal branch of America’s Armed Forces. For veterans in Minnesota and across the United States, and for our Marines currently serving overseas, I am proud to co-sponsor and vote to pass this important and overdue legislation.

IN RECOGNITION OF CAPTAIN
JOHN NEWLAND MAFFITT

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. McINTYRE. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor and pleasure that I rise and ask you to join me in recognizing one of North Carolina’s great historical figures, Captain John Newland Maffitt. Captain Maffitt, a long-time resident of Wilmington, North Carolina, stands out as a distinguished member of the United States Navy. First as a naval surveyor, charting much of the Atlantic coastline, and then as a blockade runner for the Confederate Navy, gallantly carrying out his duty to his homeland, Captain Maffitt deserves to be recognized among the ranks of this nation’s outstanding military officers.

Foreshadowing his great career, Captain Maffitt was born at sea on February 22, 1819. Adopted by his uncle, he grew up in and around Fayetteville, North Carolina, where he became known as a sharp-witted, cultivated young man. Under an appointment by President Jackson, Maffitt took the position of midshipman with the Navy in 1832, just three days after his thirteenth birthday, and immediately began his apprenticeship. After demonstrating courage and a devotion to his country and her Navy, Maffitt became an officer at the young age of nineteen.

Sailing around many parts of the world, Captain Maffitt continued to gain valuable experience. In 1848, he took command of his first ship, the U.S.S. *Gallatin*, as a survey officer with the Coast Survey. For roughly a decade, Captain Maffitt, while commanding various ships, surveyed and charted many sections of the Atlantic coast, ranging from New England to the Southeast, resulting in honorable recognition from the Charleston Chamber of Commerce. The knowledge that he developed of these areas would later serve him well in his naval duties with the Confederacy.

Captain Maffitt would eventually take command first of the U.S.S. *Dolphin* and then of the U.S.S. *Crusader*, leading his crew to intercept ships illegally participating in the Atlantic slave trade. Indeed, Maffit was later recognized in the Wilmington Daily Journal on September 25th, 1863, which read, “it is a curious fact, for those who maintain that the civil war in America is founded upon the slave question, that [Maffit] should be the very man who has distinguished himself actively against the slave trade.”

When Southern states began to secede, Captain Maffitt continued his duties and protected Federal property along the Southern coast. However, as the Civil War continued,

Captain Maffitt’s superiors grew concerned about his Southern background, which lead Maffitt to resign his command in 1861. Wishing to put his services to use, he eventually took command of the C.S.S. *Savannah* of the Confederate Navy as a runner transporting rifles, cotton, and other goods around the Federal blockade. His knowledge of the local rivers and waterways from his surveying days helped him to elude the Federal Navy and survive a number Federal encounters.

Taking command of the C.S.S. *Florida* in 1862 with a new assignment, Captain Maffitt and his crew succeeded in capturing a larger number of Federal commercial ships over the next year. During this period, Maffitt’s ship covered the seas ranging from Mobile to New York and from Brazil to France.

After recovering from brief health issues, Captain Maffitt found more success blockade running as commander of first the C.S.S. *Albemarle* and then of the private ship *Owl*. He successfully completed his final assignment for the Confederacy even after the war had ended, thus maintaining his integrity and his sense of duty.

Captain John Maffitt returned to North Carolina in 1868 and passed his remaining days peacefully at Bradley Creek, near Wrightsville Beach. He passed away on May 15, 1886, and was buried in Wilmington’s Oakdale Cemetery. In his honor, on August 4th, 1943, The Liberty Ship *John Newland Maffitt* was christened at the North Carolina Shipbuilding Company to run blockades successfully, as had her namesake. Today, Captain Maffitt is also honored by a historical marker on Market Street in Wilmington.

A sure leader of his time, Captain John Newland Maffitt serves as an example across generations by acting as a man of courage, a man of duty, and a man who was devoted to serving his homeland. So, today, Madam Speaker, I wish to thank you for allowing me to honor one of North Carolina’s most distinguished naval officers, and I ask my colleagues to stand with me in recognizing a man North Carolina and the United States should be proud to call their own.

CELEBRATING THE ASCENSION OF
REVEREND DR. GREGORY ROBESON SMITH AS THE 55TH GRAND
MASTER OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND
LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED
MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW
YORK

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise with great pride to pay tribute to my dear friend, Lodge brother, and pastor of Harlem’s historic Mother African Episcopal Methodist Church, the Reverend Dr. Gregory Robeson Smith, Sr. as the 55th Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York.

Rev. Dr. Gregory Robeson Smith, Sr., a Thirty-third Degree Mason, is the grand nephew of Paul Robeson, the late great American hero, athlete, singer, actor, and advocate for international civil rights and social justice. A