

Shalla prison today and thousands to starve while Al-Bashir smiles for the camera during his re-election photos.

Mohammed Yahya said, "I know there are many good, compassionate people in this world, who will listen to us and help us."

HONORING KEVIN DOWLING

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Kevin Dowling, who is retiring from the Hayward, California City Council after 26 years of public service. Over the course of his career, he has served on many Council commissions and intergovernmental agencies, including the Hayward Economic Development Committee, City Council Commercial Center, Hayward Youth Commission, Hayward Economic Development Committee, and the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Agency.

Mr. Dowling has been a Hayward resident since 1962. He received his high school diploma from Moreau Catholic High School in 1980 and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Santa Clara University in 1984.

Before becoming a council member for the city of Hayward, Mr. Dowling served as an aide to Alameda County Supervisors Gail Steele and Alice Lai-Bitker. He was Alumni Director for Moreau Catholic High School and Development Director for Eden Information and Referral. He serves as Development Director for the Boys and Girls Clubs of San Leandro.

Mr. Dowling has been a vital part of many projects in the city of Hayward, including downtown redevelopment and neighborhood improvements. His leadership and exemplary public service have made an impact in Hayward and beyond.

He is retiring from the City Council at the end of his term on July 13, 2010. I join the city of Hayward in expressing appreciation for his many years of public service.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$12,926,785,477,772.98.

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 \$2,288,359,731,479.18 so far this Congress.

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

HONORING MR. JOSEPH RIHEL

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor the tireless service of Joseph Rihel as a dedicated volunteer for the Glen Burnie VA Outpatient Clinic. To salute his service, Mr. Rihel was awarded the 2009 Congressional Volunteer Recognition Award by the Veterans Advisory Council for Maryland's 2nd District.

Veterans of the United States Armed Forces have dedicated themselves to protecting the lives of every American. Their service to our Nation deserves the highest level of gratitude. It is important that we take the time to recognize the individuals who give of their time and talents to support veterans and ensure their comfort, care, and well-being.

A retired Baltimore City firefighter and reservist in the U.S. Navy, Mr. Rihel continues to serve his county and community as a volunteer at the Glen Burnie VA Outpatient Clinic. Mr. Rihel has driven more than 20,000 miles transporting veterans to their clinic appointments and back home. To date, he has given more than 1,700 hours of volunteer time to the Disabled American Veterans Transportation.

Time and again, Mr. Rihel has gone above and beyond expectations. When an illness disrupted the regular driving schedule, he worked overtime to keep the office moving. After a major snow fall, he cleared the snow off the vans, then moved them to a snow-free area so that Veteran patients and other drivers could access them safely. Mr. Rihel's colleagues describe him as "phenomenal."

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Mr. Joseph Rihel. His compassion and dedication to veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces are an inspiration to us all, and are deserving of the utmost gratitude. It is with great pride that I congratulate Mr. Joseph Rihel on his exemplary service as an advocate and a volunteer.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF RICHARD SMALLWOOD

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Richard Smallwood, a beloved husband, father and friend who lived life with a sense of joy.

Mr. Smallwood served in the Seabees division of the U.S. Navy. After his service he met and married the love of his life, Donna Reese. Together, he and Donna raised their six children with an abundance of love and devotion. He instilled within them a positive attitude, a strong work ethic, and an unwavering commitment to family and service. He worked for many years at Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, the City of Parma Recreation Department, and he also ran a family business; a gift store called the Treasure Isle.

A modest man, Mr. Smallwood never sought the spotlight, but his volunteer work did not go unnoticed. He was honored numerous times

by the City of Parma and other organizations for his efforts. Mr. Smallwood was an active member and leader within many community organizations and initiatives, including Proud of Parma, the Parma Chamber of Commerce, the Parma Amateur Athletic Association, and the Parma Rib and Rock. He was also an avid softball and volleyball player and enjoyed traveling.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Richard Smallwood, a man who will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. I offer my condolences to his wife of 41 years, Donna; to his children, Dave, Terri, Scott, Bruce, Vicki and Sherri; to his daughters-in-law, Barb, Karen and Mary; to his sons-in-law, Ken, John and Bob; to his 21 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren; and to his extended family members and numerous friends.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 245, I inadvertently voted "no," but intended to vote "yes."

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL FRANKLIN L. "BUSTER" HAGENBECK

HON. JIM MARSHALL

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Mr. MARSHALL. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today not only as the Representative of the 8th District of Georgia but also as the Chairman of the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy at West Point, to honor the service and accomplishments of Lieutenant General Franklin L. "Buster" Hagenbeck, the 57th Superintendent.

LTG Hagenbeck distinguished himself through exceptionally meritorious service to the Nation during more than thirty-nine years of active military service in peace and war, culminating as the Commanding General and 57th Superintendent of the United States Military Academy, West Point.

Madam Speaker, during LTG Hagenbeck's tenure as Superintendent, West Point was recognized as the number one college in the Nation by Forbes Magazine (2009) and the number one liberal arts college by US News and World Report (2010). West Point also won twenty-four national championships in athletics and earned twenty-eight competitive scholarships (Rhodes, Truman, Fulbright, East-West, Gates, and Rotary).

LTG Hagenbeck instituted the first significant change to the cadet program since 1987 by establishing a measured leadership development experience during the summer of senior year. In only one year, he achieved a substantial improvement in the battlefield tested leadership qualities of West Point graduates based on feedback from battalion commanders. Through the establishment of Centers of Excellence at West Point, LTG

Hagenbeck also developed an integration between Army applied problem sets and West Point research and intellectual capital, drawing from across West Point to stand up the National Military Academy of Afghanistan and graduate the first class into the Afghan Army in 2009.

Madam Speaker, LTG Hagenbeck commanded West Point while our Nation was at war. And it is well known within military circles that field commanders competed to bring his graduating cadets into their units. This is testimony both to the quality of the graduates and to LTG Hagenbeck's exemplary leadership as the 57th Superintendent of West Point.

On behalf of the Board of Visitors to West Point, I thank General Hagenbeck for his service. And on a personal note, let me take this opportunity to formally congratulate Buster and West Point's 1970 speed football team for thoroughly stomping me and my fellow Princeton teammates. That memorable whipping cost me a dollar a point on a bet with my father, MG Robert C. Marshall, a 1942 West Point grad.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 242, I was absent from the House.

Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

TO CONGRATULATE ROY WELCH ON HIS FIFTIETH BIRTHDAY

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Roy Welch on his 50th birthday. Born with Down Syndrome in 1960 in my home town of Bryson City, North Carolina, the doctors told his parents he would not live long enough to take him home from the hospital. Fifty years later, Mr. Welch is a standing testament to the importance of faith, strength, and the desire to live a fulfilling and fruitful life.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues today to rise with me in recognizing the incredible story of Roy Welch, and the inspiration he has provided to all of Western North Carolina. I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating the courage, character, and vitality of Mr. Welch.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF MAX PALEVSKY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Max Palevsky, a kind man who was devoted to his family and friends. He had an innovative spirit,

a passion for the arts and politics, and he had a lifelong mission to make the world a better place.

Mr. Palevsky, the son of Jewish Polish immigrants, was born and raised in Chicago during the Great Depression. His mother was a homemaker and his father worked as a house painter; neither spoke much English. During World War II, he served as an electronics officer in the Army Air Forces. Following his service, he studied math and philosophy at the University of Chicago, where he earned a bachelor's degree in 1948. Mr. Palevsky became a titan in the computer industry as a founding member of Intel Corp. He used his vast wealth to finance political campaigns, build notable art collections, help finance films and help save troubled publications like Rolling Stone Magazine.

Mr. Palevsky first became active in politics in the 1960s by supporting Tom Braden, a newspaper publisher, for California's lieutenant governor. He became active in the anti-war movement and served as a leader in Business Executives Move for Vietnam Peace. His activism against the war led to his efforts in support of Robert Kennedy's 1968 presidential campaign. He met George McGovern at the notorious Chicago Democratic National Convention and became an early supporter. He is credited with helping elect the first African-American mayor of Los Angeles, Tom Bradley, who held office for twenty years. Mr. Palevsky's bipartisan advocacy of campaign finance reform is evidence that he prioritized policy over politics.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Alex Palevsky, whose innovative mind and passionate heart led not only to great accomplishment in America's technical industries, but also led to great contributions in art and politics. I offer my condolences to his wife, Jodie Evans; to his daughter, Madeleine; to his sons, Nicholas, Alexander, Jonathan and Matthew; to his stepson, Jan; to his sister, Helen; to his four grandchildren; and to his extended family members and many friends.

HONORING THE CITY OF TERRELL

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, today I would like to recognize the community and city leaders of Terrell, Texas. Terrell has been recognized in the state and by national publications for planning excellence and innovative, sustainable city planning.

Kaufman County is not only one of the fastest growing counties in the State of Texas, but also the entire country. In 2008, U.S. Census data showed a 44% increase in the county's population from 2000. The City of Terrell is currently home to about 18,952 people, but is expected to be home to over 50,000 new residents by 2025.

I would like to recognize Mayor Hal Richards and the city council, as well as Terrell City Manager Torry Edwards and the city staff, for their efforts and contributions to ensure Kaufman County residents will have a community that is equipped to handle the growth in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING REVEREND DAVID EVERSON DAY

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, on May 16, 2010, Galveston, Texas will celebrate Reverend David Everson Day in honor of Reverend Everson's eleven years of service as the pastor of the First Union Baptist Church. I am pleased to join the First Union Baptist congregation, and all the people of Galveston, in celebrating Reverend Everson's 11 years of service.

First Union Baptist has had numerous achievements under Reverend Everson's leadership. For example, First Union Baptist's Hall Chapel was repaired and adapted to serve as a computer school and resource center for youth and adult literacy. Reverend Everson also led efforts to repair the church parsonage.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Ike, Reverend Everson worked tirelessly to meet the immediate spiritual needs of the First Union Baptist congregation while ensuring that First Union Baptist could resume its schedule of regular weekly services and ancillary activities as soon as possible. Reverend Everson continued to demonstrate exceptional commitment to his parish while leading the efforts to repair the damage the church suffered during Hurricane Ike.

Reverend Everson has contributed greatly to both the church, and the entire Galveston community, by being there for all who need a friend, comforter, and spiritual counselor. Reverend Everson not only cares for those in his congregation, he is always seeking to bring new people into the First Union Baptist congregation. The people of First Union Baptist, and all of Galveston, are certainly lucky to have such a dedicated man as Reverend Everson in their community. I, therefore, join the congregation of First Union Baptist Church and all of the people of Galveston in celebrating Reverend David Everson Day.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE OF CAPTAIN KYLE A. COMFORT

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to recognize the life of a proud American hero, Captain Kyle A. Comfort.

Captain Comfort, of Jacksonville, Alabama, died in Afghanistan on May 8, 2010, in service to our Nation. He is survived by his wife Katherine Brooke Comfort, their daughter Kinleigh Ann and his mother Ellen Comfort.

Like all those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in this conflict, words cannot express the sense of sadness we have for his family, and the gratitude our country feels for his service. Captain Comfort died serving the United States and the entire cause of liberty, on a mission to bring stability to a troubled region and liberty to a formerly oppressed people. He was a true patriot for serving our Nation, and he will be missed.