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HONORING QUINN CHAPEL AME
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HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, on May 28 Quinn Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church will celebrate 135 years of Christian service in my hometown of Flint, Michigan.

Mrs. Nancy West opened her home for a prayer service in 1875 and Quinn Chapel was formed. Named after Bishop William Paul Quinn, the congregation dedicated their first sanctuary 2 years later. Over the years Quinn Chapel has occupied different structures, dedicating the current edifice in 1958.

For the past 135 years, Quinn Chapel has provided leadership, inspiration, guidance, and strength to individuals and families in the Flint area. The Ministries of Quinn have encouraged the priorities of higher education, healthcare, business and professionalism in the congregation. The Ministries include: The After School Program; The Young People's Department; The Scholarship Committee; The Commission on Christian Social Action, The Commission on Health; The Commission on Public Relations; The Commission on Christian Education; The Commission on Mission and Welfare; The Commission on Membership and The Debutante Cotillion.

The keynote speaker at the 135th Anniversary celebration is Roland Martin, award-winning journalist and nationally syndicated columnist. Named by Ebony Magazine in 2008 and 2009 as one of the 150 Most Influential African Americans in the United States, Mr. Martin is a commentator for TV One Cable Network, host of "Washington Watch with Roland Martin," a CNN Analyst and Senior Analyst with the Tom Joyner Morning Show. He has authored several books, received numerous awards both in the United States and the United Kingdom and was inducted into the Texas A&M University Journalism Hall of Honor in 2008.

Madam Speaker, under the leadership of Reverend Stanley U. Sims, Quinn Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church continues the long tradition of Spirit-filled enthusiasm for worship, love, service, and "assisting them to become all that God created them to be." I pray that the ministers, staff, and congregation of Quinn Chapel will continue their work and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ for many, many years to come.

RECOGNIZING PETTIS NORMAN

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a truly remarkable man and exceptional citizen of Dallas, Texas, Mr. Pettis Norman. I am very privileged to consider Mr. Norman a dear friend, and it is an honor to recognize him before this Congress and the entire country.

Pettis Norman has always been a man of strong character and deep emotional conviction. He was born to Fessor and Eloise Norman in Lincolntown, Georgia and spent his formative years in North Carolina. As the youngest child in a large family, he learned early on the value of his own personal integrity, and to this day, it remains one of his most admirable qualities.

Mr. Norman received a degree from Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, North Carolina, and it was there that he became active in the civil rights movement. He participated in lunch counter sit-ins that ultimately spread to cities and states across the country. These sit-ins marked a turning point for the movement and served as a spark for the African-American community to organize, be heard, and protest peacefully. Mr. Norman took part in these with a deep sense of integrity and the simple belief that all people should be judged on the depth of their character and not the color of their skin.

After Mr. Norman graduated from college, he moved to Dallas, Texas to play for the Cowboys in 1962. To this day, he is regarded as one of the greatest tight ends the team has ever had, and his resolve on the field has yet to be matched. Truly, the city fell in love with Mr. Norman just as Mr. Norman fell in love with Dallas, and I believe that the city has gained so much because of him. As a football player, Coach Landry held him in high regard, and still says that trading Mr. Norman to the San Diego Chargers was one of the most difficult decisions he ever made.

Mr. Norman returned to Dallas after two seasons in San Diego to settle into a permanent home. He has been active in civic life ever since, and he is still highly regarded in the community. The people of Dallas consider him an all time favorite, and I believe that it is his moral character and steadfast nature that so endear him to the people he meets.

Madam Speaker, Pettis Norman was an amazing football player and is an outstanding citizen today. I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in honoring this great man who has done remarkable things throughout his life and still considers his personal integrity his most variable trait.

MR. SHANE KENNEDY

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Mr. COLE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Shane Kennedy for his quick thinking and level-headedness during the severe tornado outbreak in Oklahoma on May 10th.

Kennedy, a co-manager at the Country Boy IGA in Norman that was leveled during last week's tornado outbreak, left his place of employment, observed the oncoming tornado, and returned to the store to direct 40 customers and employees to seek shelter in the store's freezer. While the store sustained irreparable damages, none of the 40 patrons suffered significant injuries. As two tornadoes ripped down Highway 9 and through the Country Boy IGA, Kennedy led the group in prayer until the storm system passed.

Madam Speaker, had it not been for Kennedy's foresight and resolve, this severe storm

could have ended in great tragedy. But his fortitude and strength protected these 40 lives from grave danger.

Time and again, Oklahomans have risen to the challenge in the face of adversity. I am once more impressed by the strength and resiliency of Oklahomans through Kennedy's swift and skillful response to protect his fellow Oklahomans.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Kennedy deserves our thanks and appreciation. As an American and an Oklahoman, I am proud to be able to represent Mr. Kennedy, and wish him well.

RECOGNIZING PROGRESSIVE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. ON ITS
15TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Progressive Financial Services, Inc. as they celebrate their fifteenth year of doing business in Tempe, Arizona.

As our economy recovers, Progressive Financial Services, Inc. has successfully weathered the downturn and managed to create and maintain jobs in our community, building a workforce of more than 200 employees. This, in addition to the company's future plans to add more jobs, embodies the current mission in the United States Congress to stimulate the economy and provide work for its citizens. Therefore, my office would like to thank and congratulate Progressive Financial Services, Inc. and wish the company continued success in the future.

As a former mayor, I am pleased to have such a vibrant and prosperous business in my hometown of Tempe and within my district.

I urge you, Madam Speaker, to join me in rising to applaud the employees, management team of Progressive Financial Services, Inc. for their achievements and growth over the last fifteen years.

HONORING CAPTAIN JOSEPH
GUYTON

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay special tribute to a dedicated American and true patriot for whose service to this country as a Captain in the United States Army deserves our sincere gratitude. Capt. Joseph "Joe" Guyton of Stafford, Virginia served with the U.S. Army's 5th Stryker division in Kandahar, Afghanistan. On August 11th, 2009, while Capt. Guyton was conducting a mounted area reconnaissance his unit was attacked by an improvised explosive device. Against all odds he somehow survived, however, the attack left him with severe injuries that resulted in the bilateral amputation of both of his legs.

Currently Capt. Guyton is continuing his recovery with the aid of his loving wife Amy at Walter Reed Medical Army Center. He amazes and inspires us all with his will to live

and a special can do attitude. As he now fights a very different kind of war, rebuilding his life without the aid of his two front legs, he now runs with his heart. His continued faith and courage in the coming years will serve as a source of inspiration to those around him and a lesson to us all. We should all offer our sincere blessings to him and his fine family that has stood with him through this ordeal. Capt. Guyton and his wife, Amy, intend to move back to where they first met at the University of Virginia to raise a family.

This poem, entitled "Stryking Deep!" was penned in Capt. Guyton's honor by a close friend, Albert Caswell.

STRYKING DEEP!

Stryking Hard!
Stryking Fast! Stryking Deep!
All in our lives, these things that which last!
All in our lives to keep!
Are but, all of those things that which count!
That, all hearts should so seek!
All in our hearts of love, like our gifts from above . . . that which so makes our Lord so weep!
All along our life's path, our Full Measure upon this earth as asked . . . to climb mountains, steep!
For there are only so many minutes, before out life's path is complete!
To leave behind, all in our lives . . . those things which last, oh how so very sweet!
For from This Great Old Dominion . . . Have but come, such great patriotic sons of distinction! Such Fine Virginians!
The likes of Washington and Lee, Marshall and Jefferson . . . all of these ones!
Who for our Country Tis of Thee, did what must so be done!
As when a Cavalier, went off to war . . . To Strike Out, and So Very Deep . . . for our Nations Freedom, to ensure!
Yea, he wasn't no regular Joe! For Strength In Honor, was his code!
Marching into the face of death . . . for us . . . the things he bore!
Remember, you sleep well this night!
All because of such men of light, who our Freedom's so ensure!
Who So Face Death! And To Us So Bless! Can you, but not ask for more?
As when that day came, as all in the midst of hell . . .
Near death, as he so lay . . . close to death that day! As when his fine heart would so swell!
As when he made that choice, to Stryk Back and Stryk Deep . . . and listen to his inner voice!
All in his loss, all in his pain! Looking down, as his strong legs so no longer so remained . . .
As upon, his most courageous face . . . the tears began to rain!
As his new war had begun, for this one of Virginia's finest Southern Sons . . .
To Teach Us, To Reach Us, To All Hearts . . . To So Beseech Us!
Stryking all of our Hearts, so very deep! With his courage and faith, that he would so keep!
Because, men like him . . . who with their hearts, towards Heaven run . . .
Our lives, will never be the same! And Capt. Joe Guyton, is his name!
And if I ever have a Son, I but hope and pray he could be like this one . . .
Moments, are all we have! All in our lives, To Stryk!
For What Is True! For What Is Deep! If its Heaven we wish to keep!
For such noble things in life, to so live and die for . . . is what is right!
For only from such hearts of Magnificence, can come light!

WILL WE STAND? WILL WE STRYK!
STRYK!

I extend to Captain Guyton my gratitude and deep appreciation for his service to the Nation.

RECOGNIZING THE GREATER SEATTLE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, today I rise to offer special recognition to the Greater Seattle Business Association (GSBA) as it celebrates the 20th anniversary of its Scholarship Fund for undergraduate students. For two decades, these scholarships have provided promise and support for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered (LGBT) and Allied students with strong commitment to civil rights.

In 1990, two teachers witnessed the challenges that confronted LGBT students as they pursued a college education, including discrimination from professors, harassment by other students, and unsupportive families. These teachers took matters into their own hands and created the GSBA Scholarship Fund, the first scholarship fund for LGBT students in the United States. That year, the GSBA gave two scholarships of \$1,500 each. Since then, the Fund has grown significantly, and now grants a total of \$135,000 in scholarships each year, with the individual scholarships ranging in size from \$3,000 to \$10,000.

One thing that makes the Scholarship Fund so special is the diversity of the students it supports. GSBA scholars come from every corner of Washington State, from cities and from rural communities. They are people of color, male, female, and transgender. But no matter where they come from, these talented students have the drive and the passion to achieve great things in their lives. Indeed, former GSBA scholars have gone on to become doctors, social workers, teachers and public servants. And these scholars have continued to fight for social justice and equality for all, regardless of the careers they chose.

This 20th anniversary marks a particularly special milestone for the GSBA Scholarship Fund—the awarding of its one millionth dollar to support the education of LGBT and Allied students. The unfailing dedication of time, money, and talent by GSBA leadership, members, and volunteers have made this achievement possible. I extend my thanks and best wishes to the GSBA and its outstanding scholars on their twenty years of changing lives and creating hope.

HONORING PARAMEDIC BRET ANDERSON

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to rise today to honor Paramedic Bret Anderson for being selected as the Bartlett Fire Department's 2009 Firefighter of the Year.

Since joining the Bartlett Fire Department in 2006, Bret Anderson has been known around

the fire station for his positive attitude, his compassion, and his high regard for patients which has brought peace and comfort to many in times of crisis. After learning the ropes as a rookie and a lot of hard work, Paramedic Anderson has established himself as one of the premier first responders in Shelby County. Paramedic Anderson has displayed this knowledge and skill through several high impact incidents over the past year where his expertise contributed to positive outcomes.

I am pleased to know that experienced first responders like Bret Anderson are hard at work each day keeping the citizens of Bartlett safe. With his broad knowledge of life saving techniques, many people are alive today due to his quick action and high regard for the people he is treating. Paramedic Anderson has my deep gratitude and respect as he continues to selflessly serve our community each day by providing swift medical treatment wherever lives are on the line.

Please join me in honoring Bret Anderson and wishing him and his wife Farrah and their two children Zack and Taylor the best on this well-deserved award.

HONORING BOB REYES

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bob Reyes upon his retirement as the Principal of Fresno High School. After almost 40 years in education, Mr. Reyes will retire in June 2010.

Mr. Reyes spent the first 26 years of his career with the Kerman Unified School District. He served as a classroom teacher for 13 years and then moved into the administration office as an assistant principal at Kerman High School. After 8 years he was promoted to principal and spent 5 years leading Kerman High School.

Mr. Reyes was hired as the principal of Fresno High School in 1997. Over the past 13 years, Mr. Reyes has provided tremendous leadership to the school. The school's academic performance index scores have grown 149 points since 1999, and there has been a significant improvement in the test scores for the California Standardized Test in more recent years. In 2002 Mr. Reyes implemented the International Baccalaureate, IB, Program at Fresno High School, a program that prepares students to be independent learners with a focus on higher education. The program is accredited and graduates are looked upon highly by colleges and universities around the world. The IB Program has grown from the original "Great 8" in 2002 to a current enrollment of over 500 students.

Mr. Reyes recently started the Parent Institute for Quality Education to encourage more parental involvement. Over 200 parents have graduated from the program this year, which is the highest number in the San Joaquin Valley. Beyond the school, Mr. Reyes is active within the community, working to improve community relations by closely working with the Historic Fresno High Neighborhood Association.

Through his years of dedicated service, Mr. Reyes has received many awards from numerous organizations, including the "Heart of