

of friends who will gather in an expression of appreciation for Joseph W. Cotchett—a lion of the courtroom, a lover of life, a benefactor, a patriot and a great American.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BETHLEHEM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the congregation of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church of Bay Minette, Alabama upon the occasion of their 100th Anniversary which they celebrate this week.

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church was founded in 1910, when a group of concerned Christians realized a need to fellowship in a church of their own, rather than having to travel to a neighboring community. The name of Bethlehem Baptist was adopted and Reverend Issac Jones was named the first pastor.

Initially, before they had a building, the congregation met under a brush arbor and in the homes of various members.

Over the last century, the faithful congregation of Bethlehem Baptist encountered many trials and tribulations, including a fire that destroyed their first building, yet they never lost their faith or their love for their church. Their present sanctuary was built in 1963 and has been enhanced over the following 47 years, adding on an annex, two classrooms and an office complex.

In August of 2000, the Bethlehem Missionary Baptist congregation was the proud host of the Eastern Shore Baptist Convention.

I wish to extend my congratulations to Pastor Jimmy Price, and all the congregation of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church as they proudly celebrate their 100th year, and I wish them every success as they look to a future of continued service to the Lord and their community.

CLEARWATER COAST GUARD AUXILIARY FLOTILLA CELEBRATES ITS 60TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary was established by Congress in June 1939 to support the Coast Guard with its boat safety mission. This June, the Clearwater Chapter, Flotilla 11-1, celebrates its 60th anniversary of service to the boating public throughout the Tampa Bay area.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary and Flotilla 11-1 provide invaluable support to the active duty Coast Guard through a variety of non-law enforcement programs. These include search and rescue missions, marine environmental patrols, youth programs, public education and safety patrols. As the Coast Guard's homeland and national security responsibilities continue to expand, the men and women of the auxiliary have stepped up to increase their part se-

curity patrols to provide for the defense of our nation's and in our case Florida's coastline and waterways.

Clearwater Flotilla 11-1's service to the Clearwater area actually predates the Coast Guard's presence in the city. Today, though, the auxiliary provides direct and continuing support to Coast Guard Air Station Clearwater and to Coast Guard Station Sand Key. Their missions include search and rescue "call outs", back up marine radio coverage and near shore patrols as part of the America's Waterway Watch Program. Last year alone, the Flotilla conducted more than 300 vessel safety checks, made 130 visits to recreational boating programs and conducted 11 boating safety classes. In addition to supporting the Coast Guard on the water, the Flotilla also supports the Coast Guard from the air. Its three aircraft flew 250 sorties last year totaling more than 1,000 hours and included 24 separate search and rescue cases.

Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that Flotilla 11-1 will join together this Saturday in Clearwater to celebrate its history and for the community to come together to thank the men and women of the auxiliary for their selfless volunteer service to our area.

Flotilla 11-1 operates under the leadership of Commander Jim Rudolph and Vice Commander Jerry Osburn. With their breadth of responsibilities, the Flotilla draws upon many, many dedicated officers and volunteers with specific expertise in a large number of areas. The auxiliary's officers include: Barbara Masson, communications; Val Lewis, communications services; Debbie Mallory, finance; Kimberly Clark, information systems; Teresa Kasper, materials; John Caddigan, marine safety and environmental protection; Karen Miller, member training and publications; Harry Bickford, navigation services; Don Smith, operations; Jeff Lawlor, public affairs; Ann Bennett, public education and program visits; Peter Palmieri, personnel services; Scott Signorini, secretary and records; and Dale Folsom, vessel examinations.

It is my hope that my colleagues will join me in thanking the men and women of Clearwater Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 11-1 for their 60 years of service to our community and for a job well done.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. GRAYSON. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 273, 274 and 275, I would have voted "yes" if I had been present. I missed the votes because of a long flight delay caused by the weather. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR SHORT LINE RAILROADS

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my support for the extension

of the Section 45G Short Line Railroad Tax Credit, which expired on December 31, 2009.

As a senior member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I appreciate the economic benefits a strong, reliable rail network provides our economy. Rail has kept our economy connected and competitive for decades and is critical to driving our economic recovery.

Key to the rail network are short line railroads, which keep 13,000 small and rural rail customers connected to the main line railroad network and the global economy. However, short line railroads must invest heavily in repairing and maintaining track, more than any other segment of the rail industry. To address this, Congress enacted the Section 45G short line railroad tax credit, which encourages short line railroads to invest in critical track maintenance. These improvements are necessary to improve the efficiency of our national rail network and keep our economy moving. This tax credit expired on December 31, 2009.

Without an extension of this tax credit, short line railroads are unable to initiate long-term plans, and have halted much needed infrastructure projects across the country—projects that create good-paying jobs on and off the tracks. The Section 45G credit generates approximately 3,305 full-time jobs annually and supports tens of thousands of jobs in America's steel and timber industries that make railroad ties or steel rail.

Madam Speaker, it makes economic sense to provide certainty to this industry and extend this tax credit. Short line railroads are too important to our economy. As a cosponsor of H.R. 1132, legislation to extend the credit through 2012, I urge swift action on extending the Section 45G short line railroad tax credit and urge my colleagues to support it.

HONORING JANET DAVIS

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Janet Davis, president and CEO of the TIC Federal Credit Union, who is the recipient of the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award from the Georgia Credit Union Affiliates.

As one news report put it, it takes five pages to list what Janet Davis has done for the Columbus area and her profession. Therefore, it should come as no surprise that she's the youngest recipient in the history of the award.

Janet has served as president and CEO for 18 years. Her leadership has brought tremendous growth and success to the credit union—including an increase of \$152 million in assets during her tenure. In fact, TIC is currently the ninth largest credit union in the state. This is a real testament to her dedication and ability.

Janet's own words perfectly sum up what she believes is her greatest accomplishment—giving back to her community. Janet said she "takes joy in helping to create a workforce that is in tune with the community and its needs."

Fortunately, giving back to the community doesn't stop at the end of her work day. For Janet, her talents touch many organizations and individuals. She has provided leadership

for the Rotary Club, Better Business Bureau, Columbus Literacy Alliance, Columbus Chamber of Commerce, Columbus Partners in Education, Columbus Hospice and Columbus State University, her alma mater.

This award isn't presented annually because it's reserved for an individual whose career and leadership stands as the ultimate example for others. In that case, there is no better person to receive such an award than Janet Davis.

Because Janet embodies everything that's great about America and serves as an example of the kind of folks we need to keep our communities strong, I ask the House to join me in congratulating her on a distinguished career and sending best wishes for many more years of valuable contribution to the Columbus area.

HONORING EXCEPTIONAL PARENTS UNLIMITED

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Exceptional Parents Unlimited upon the celebration of the 20th anniversary of their annual fundraiser "Fiesta! A Celebration of Children." The annual event will be held at the Clovis Memorial Building on Friday, May 7, 2010.

Exceptional Parents Unlimited, EPU, was founded in 1976, as a support group for the parents of children with Down's syndrome. The name Exceptional Parents Unlimited was chosen because EPU was designed to provide services to children with all different special needs. Since it was established, EPU has developed a wide range of programs and services in response to the expressed needs of the families in the community. EPU has become a national leader in providing and promoting comprehensive, family-centered services through five major programs including early intervention, family support, supporting the development of the parent-child relationship, providing parent education and training, as well as assisting in preventing child abuse. EPU has also created a successful Family Resource Center, providing training and support to families through the Parent Training and Information Center Grant and the Family Empowerment Center Grant.

Currently, EPU provides direct services to more than three thousand families. They provide services in English, Spanish and Hmong, reflecting the most common languages spoken in the Fresno area. The services provided by EPU include home visits as well as locations in urban and rural centers. The EPU staff has grown to one hundred employees including experienced management personnel, a Chief Financial Officer, a Human Resource Director, a Development Director, a Director of Evaluation and Data and five program managers.

EPU has been recognized by many organizations over the years. In 1998 EPU was honored with the Daily Points of Light Award by the Points of Light Foundation, a foundation that honors individuals and volunteer groups with a commitment to connect Americans through service to meet critical needs in their communities. In 2003, EPU was honored with

the Central Valley Excellence in Business Award by The Fresno Bee, the Fresno Economic Development Corporation and the Fresno Chamber of Commerce.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Exceptional Parents Unlimited. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing EPU many years of continued success.

HONORING DAN AND DEE DEVLIN

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Dan and Dee Devlin, who through their 42 year marriage embodied the deepest love for each other, their family, their community, and the greater world around them. Earlier this year, tragically, these two wonderful people died within weeks of each other.

It's not often that one meets a couple who are so completely one. I count it as a great honor to have known Dan and Dee Devlin and I extend to their family and many friends my deepest sympathies and those of the whole House of Representatives.

I first met these two wonderful people in 1996 when COL Dan Devlin came to Monterey, Calif., to assume command of the Defense Language Institute, our Nation's premier foreign language training center. Colonel Devlin personified DLI's thoughtful, disciplined, and cosmopolitan commitment to our Nation's defense. At DLI, he built a stronger and more vibrant academic and military institution. He boosted student achievement by enhancing the teaching environment for DLI's native speaker faculty, focusing on professional growth, curriculum development, and performance-based merit pay. These efforts positioned DLI for its rapid response to the post 9/11 wave of new language training demands.

Dee was born January 16, 1947, in Williston, ND, to Roman and Ardell Daniel. A few months later, on April 21, Dan was born to Robert and Marion Devlin in nearby Northwood, ND. They both graduated from Ray High School in 1965 and North Dakota State University in 1969. After dating for 6 years, the high school and college sweethearts married in Ray, ND on June 4, 1968.

Upon graduation, Dan began his military career as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. His Army service included duty as an intelligence officer, a DLI student of Russian, commanding officer of the 6th Psychological Operations Battalion, Airborne, deputy commander of 4th Psychological Operations during the first Gulf War, and just prior to his DLI assignment, chief of Psychological Operations and Civil Affairs for the Joint Staff in the Pentagon.

Following a distinguished 31 year military career, Colonel Devlin retired from the Army in 2000 and became, once again, simply Dan. He continued to work in the language field as a DoD civilian employee.

Dee held numerous civil service positions as she accompanied Dan in his military career both at home and abroad: library technician in Garmisch, human resources specialist at the American Elementary/High School in Munich, and administrative officer at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey. Above all, Dee

was the light of a family that grew to include Daniel Devlin, Jr. and his wife, Tara, their daughters Reilly and Elliott, and son, Robert Devlin and his wife, Lara.

Madam Speaker, Dan and Dee Devlin represented the best of our Nation and humanity: family, faith, public service, and an appetite for life that made the world a better place for everyone they touched. May God bless them and their memory.

HONORING GERALD VIRGIL MYERS, LAKE LAND, FL

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Gerald Virgil Myers who, on July 6 of this year, will celebrate his 92nd birthday. Mr. Myers is a dedicated father, grandfather and veteran. Today, we celebrate his life, career and this momentous occasion.

Gerald Virgil Myers is part of our "Greatest Generation"; he served our country honorably in World War II earning both the silver and bronze stars for his service, as well as the Purple Heart.

He served in the 80th infantry division, which was responsible for discovering and liberating the Buchenwald concentration camp. He recently returned to Germany to attend the 65th anniversary celebration honoring this occasion.

Mr. Myers also served in the Battle of the Bulge. He returns to Luxembourg annually to participate in the festivities marking the end of the conflict. Mr. Myers has even been named an honorary citizen of Luxembourg.

In his post military career, Mr. Myers made a living as a sales manager for Quaker Oats and Allied Feeds. He retired to Lakeland, Florida where his son, Gary and daughter, Ronna live close by. He is a grandfather to literally dozens of grandchildren and great grandchildren; most of whom live nearby as well.

In his spare time, he does his part to keep our Nation's history alive. He frequently visits local school groups and shares with them stories of his service to our country. He also enjoys crafting his own stained glass.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Myers on the occasion of his 92nd birthday and thanking him for his dedicated service to our great Nation.

ANTITRUST CRIMINAL PENALTY ENHANCEMENT AND REFORM ACT OF 2004 EXTENSION

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce legislation that extends expiring provisions of the Antitrust Criminal Penalty Enhancement and Reform Act of 2004 and reviews its efficacy. I am pleased to have as cosponsor of this bill the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, JOHN CONYERS, JR.