

In addition to religious education and development, Congregation Olam Tikvah supports involvement by its members in a number of organizations and projects dedicated to the betterment of the secular community. These efforts include aid to victims of domestic violence, providing support to our military families, blood, food and clothing drives, elementary school mentoring programs and Sukkot in April which performs needed home repairs to our elderly, disabled and low-income neighbors.

On May 23, 2010, Olam Tikvah will celebrate the Dedication Ceremony for their most recent expansion. This expansion will provide a new library/learning center, a new social hall and new kitchen and support areas for the social hall. I am confident that these new facilities will provide the resources that will allow Congregation Olam Tikvah to continue its growth.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Congregation Olam Tikvah on the occasion of this Dedication Ceremony as well as in thanking Rabbi Kalender, Rabbi Shalva and the entire congregation for their commitment to Judaism, their synagogue and the residents of Northern Virginia.

HONORING THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF THE SRI LANKA CONFLICT

HON. MICHAEL E. McMAHON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. McMAHON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the one year anniversary of the end of the civil war in Sri Lanka. Although the war ended on May 19th, 2009, much work still needs to be done to ensure peace and stability on the island. Despite a pending debt crisis, the Sri Lankan government is still expanding its military footprint, including a \$300 million loan from Russia to purchase new weapons systems. I would urge the Congress to include language in the FY11 Foreign Operations Appropriations bill similar to language included last year. This would restrict all military assistance to Sri Lanka until the government: First, suspends and brings to justice members of the military who have violated internationally recognized human rights or international law; respects internationally recognized human rights, including the right of due process for suspected ex-combatants; treats IDPs in accordance with international standards, and is actively working to resettle individuals in their former homes; provides unrestricted access to conflict-affected areas and populations by humanitarian organizations and journalists; and implements policies to promote reconciliation and justice.

I would encourage my colleagues to support this language until the Government of Sri Lanka can prove it is taking the necessary steps to secure lasting peace and stability for the island.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE RETIREMENT OF REVEREND JOHN H. RICE, SR.

HON. DEBORAH L. HALVORSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of the Reverend John H. Rice, Sr. upon the fortieth anniversary of beginning his tenure at St. Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Chicago Heights, Illinois.

Born in Starkville, Mississippi, Reverend Rice moved to Chicago Heights, Illinois at the age of four. There he spent his childhood, graduating from Bloom Township High School. After receiving his Associate's Degree in Masonry from Los Angeles City College, he returned to the area in 1959 and married Movita Tate, a classmate from Bloom Township High School. He continued his education, graduating from the Moody Bible Institute's evening school in 1967 and receiving his Bachelor's Degree in Interpersonal Communications from Governors State University in 1982.

As pastor at St. Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Reverend Rice tended to a congregation of 600 families. He spent his 40 years serving the local community, caring for the poor and the homeless. In 1986, he opened the Bethel Community Facility, which became known as the "Miracle on Portland Street" for the year-round services it provides to the homeless. The Facility provides not only food, clothing and shelter for the homeless, but also a doctor's office and several job training programs. In 1990, he opened the Bethel Annex, which provided a "rent-a-church" space for small congregations to worship and now serves as a warming and cooling center for the homeless.

Reverend Rice retires next month after a fulfilling, impressive, and inspirational career. He is truly an asset to Chicago Heights and the Southland area. It is with great pride that I celebrate the career of Reverend John H. Rice, Sr. May his retirement be as fruitful and joyous as his ministry has been.

THE RESPONSIBLE GSE AFFORDABLE HOUSING INVESTMENT ACT OF 2010

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Responsible GSE Affordable Housing Investment Act of 2010. I would like to recognize my colleagues Representatives NADLER, VELÁZQUEZ and MEEKS for their co-sponsorship of the legislation.

The bill will curtail the ability of Government Sponsored Enterprises (GSEs) such as Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to invest in future deals—like in the case of Stuyvesant Town/Peter Cooper Village in my district—that do not result in an increase in, or preservation of, affordable housing.

Since 1992, GSEs like Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac have been required to meet certain affordable housing goals each year. "Housing Goals Credit" is awarded numerically based on the types of transactions that they enter into. GSEs in turn make decisions about their investments based on whether these investments would be eligible for Housing Goals Credit.

In 2007, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac invested in a \$22 billion commercial mortgage-backed securities transaction that contained the debt on the Stuyvesant Town/Peter Cooper Village project. The deal was one of the largest commercial mortgage-back securities (CMBS) deals ever; Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac's participation as senior debt holders of \$3 billion was critical.

At the time of the deal it was clear that the Stuyvesant Town property was overleveraged—the debt on the property was larger than the rental income it was receiving. After the transaction closed, over the course of several years, the new owners of the property engaged in aggressive tactics to convert affordable units to market rate so that they could increase their rental income—yet the GSEs received affordable housing goals credit for this investment. The investment on the part of the GSEs secured completion of the deal and the GSEs were incentivized to make it because of the housing goals credit they received.

The GSEs should be incentivized to invest in projects that actually do increase or preserve affordable housing. That is what my bill will do. It will require the Federal Housing Finance Agency to rewrite its rules for distributing housing goals credit so that Freddie and Fannie cannot receive credit for investments like the one they made in the Stuyvesant Town project. It would also require the GSEs to use the same underwriting standards for investments in the secondary market that they do for their direct investments which are much stricter. That way, the GSEs won't invest in the secondary market in projects where the rental income is insufficient to cover the payments on the debt on the property.

Madam Speaker, this bill addresses a critical component of GSE decision-making when it comes to their investments: whether or not they will receive housing goals credit. It does not prohibit them from making investments, it merely says that if those investments do not lead to an increase or a preservation of affordable housing, the GSEs cannot receive credit for them.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, on Tuesday, May 18, 2010, I missed three recorded votes on the House floor. I ask that the RECORD reflect that had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall 273, "yea" on rollcall 274 and "yea" on rollcall 275.

IN HONOR OF DR. DONALD F.
CROSSAN

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor but a heavy heart that I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Donald F. Crossan, a Delaware native who devoted his life to his community and his career to academics at the University of Delaware. Dr. Crossan will be missed by many throughout our state, but his legacy lives on in the lives he touched through his service as a professor and community member, and with the agricultural academic scholarship endowed in his name.

Born in 1926 and raised in Wilmington, Don was a Veteran of the Second World War, an avid outdoorsman, and had visited all seven continents over his lifetime. Don's interest in plants, animals, and the outdoors was established early in his life. As a boy, he learned about hunting and fishing in the nearby ponds and fields and acted as an Assistant Boy Scout Leader. After graduating from P.S. DuPont High School in 1944, Don enlisted in the Army Air Corps and was stationed in Guam, serving as a tail gunner. Upon returning home, he married his 'girl next door,' Ruth Swanson, and went on to earn his Bachelor of Science at the University of Delaware and his Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Plant Pathology at North Carolina State College.

Don spent his entire 39-year career at the University of Delaware, working as a Professor, Vice President of University Relations and Business Management, Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station. Don's academic and administrative contributions truly embodied the tradition of excellence held by our state's flagship university; his knowledge, his expertise, and his dedication enhanced the curriculum of the College of Agricultural Sciences, as well as its focus on service to the University and the broader community. Among the numerous academic and community awards he received are both the University of Delaware's Medal of Distinction and its Outstanding Alumnus Award, the Arthur Trabant Women's Equity Award, and the New Castle County and State of Delaware Farm Bureau Awards for Outstanding Service to Agriculture.

An integral part of our economy in Delaware, agriculture is ingrained in our state's history and Don's leadership and involvement in this issue has extended well beyond the walls of the University. As the first Chairman of the Delaware Farmland Preservation Foundation, Don fought to ensure that agriculture would always remain a part of the fabric of our culture. He sat on a number of boards—including those of the National Corn Breeders Association, the Delaware Agricultural Museum, the Delaware Nature Education Society, the Newark Senior Center, and Longwood Gardens—and was Chairman of the Coastal Zone Industrial Control Board under three different Governors. Moreover, because of Don's direct leadership in the preservation and permanent protection of more than 60,000 acres of Delaware farmland, former Governor Ruth Ann Minner declared July 26th, 2001 as Dr. Donald F. Crossan Day.

Don was a loving husband to his wife, with whom he enjoyed entertaining family and friends in the Swedish tradition. With Ruth at his side, their recent travel to Antarctica saw them reach their goal of visiting all seven continents. Don will be missed immensely by his wife and their family, including his sister, Delores, his children, Connie, Donna and Eric, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

We in Delaware are grateful for the contributions of Dr. Donald F. Crossan as both a scholar and dedicated community member, and I am honored to be able to recognize and pay tribute today to the life of such a good friend and leader.

HONORING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM
F. McELROY, JR.

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor William McElroy, Jr., a man who contributed greatly to Memphis, Tennessee's business and sports community. He was born in Memphis on May 19, 1929, to William and Kathryn McElroy. He graduated from Germantown High School in 1946 and later attended the University of Tennessee and Memphis State University—after which he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served 46 months with two tours in Korea. Mr. McElroy then returned to Memphis and worked as President in his family business, McElroy Insurance Agency.

William McElroy, Jr. made many contributions to the Memphis sports community. In 1958, he was involved in the creation of the University of Memphis' Tigers Football booster club, the Highland Hundred, for which he served as President in 1963 and Chairman of the Board. In 1963, he co-founded the Memphis Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame which recognizes top area high school and college football scholar-athletes. Mr. McElroy was a recipient of the National Football Foundation's "Distinguished American Award."

In the mid-1960s, Mr. McElroy was involved in the development of the Memphis Memorial Stadium which originally had a seating capacity of 50,160. In 1965, he was the driving force behind convincing Bud Dudley to move the Liberty Bowl from Atlantic City, New Jersey to the new stadium which was preparing for its grand opening. Mr. McElroy served as President in 1970 of the Liberty Bowl Festival Association and Chairman of the Board in 1971. The Liberty Bowl was such a success for Memphis that the stadium was renamed Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium in 1976.

William McElroy, Jr. remained involved with the growth of the stadium for 30 years afterwards. Today, the Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium, now called the AutoZone Liberty Bowl Stadium, has a seating capacity of over 61,000 and is home to the University of Memphis Tigers football team, the AutoZone Liberty Bowl and the Southern Heritage Classic.

Mr. McElroy's enthusiasm for sports also included baseball. He helped establish the Service Academy Spring Classic, a baseball tournament comprised of teams including the University of Memphis, the Air Force Academy,

the Naval Academy and three other teams that changed yearly.

William McElroy, Jr. was active in numerous local organizations throughout his life. He served over 50 years in the Kiwanis Club where he was named "Kiwanian of the Year" and later served as President. Mr. McElroy was on the Board of Directors and Gala Committee for the Marguerite Piazza Gala, the longest-running annual charity event of its kind in Memphis that raises money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. He was also active in the President's Circle at Christian Brothers University, the Grand Krewe of RaMet of Carnival Memphis, the Kroger LeBonheur Senior Challenge and Lindenwood Christian Church.

William McElroy, Jr. passed away on May 16, 2010, at the age of 80. He is survived by his children Trip, Mary and Susan, all of whom worked at McElroy Insurance Agency with their father. Memphis mourns the loss of Mr. McElroy, Jr. who was a leader in the community continuously involved with its improvement and overall a really nice guy. Thank you, William McElroy, Jr., for coming our way.

HONORING MR. HILTON R. SEGLER

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Hilton R. Segler, a man I am proud to call my friend and constituent. He is an accomplished public servant who has devoted his life to his community, state and country.

Mr. Segler was born in Ozark, Alabama and moved to Albany, Georgia in 1948. He graduated from Albany High School and went on to pursue several correspondence degrees in Law and Business. In 1957, Mr. Segler started working for Southeastern Liquid Fertilizer in Albany, Georgia, and then served as the Assistant to the President of Planters Chemical Company in Virginia. He then moved back to Albany in 1964 to work for the Thompson/Hayward Chemical Company and was appointed Regional Manager for the company in 1981.

Mr. Segler also has served the TIDA Farm Service Center as a salesman; his sales exceeded \$1.5 million in his first year, and \$3 million in his second year, thus proving his acuity as a salesman. In the early 1990's he purchased a pecan farm and farmed over 1900 acres of pecan trees for almost 6 years. He later started a nickel nutrient supplement company named Nipan, LLC in 2003. Products from his company have gained tremendous popularity in the last few years and are shipped all over the United States.

In 2002, Mr. Segler, along with Bucky Geer and James Lee Adams, testified to the federal board at the Risk Management Agency on behalf of pecan growers. His undying efforts helped pecan growers across the United States attain crop insurance. Mr. Segler testified before the House and Senate Committees on Agriculture in an effort to obtain larger provisions for the pecan industry in the 2008 Farm bill. Consequently, pecans were included in the Country of Origin labeling requirements and also in the crop insurance program.

He also worked to expand pecan exports to China and other agricultural economies, by