

national memorial in honor of the passengers and crew.

When he found out that diabetes was becoming an epidemic in the military and throughout Pennsylvania, Jack secured over \$150 million for research, prevention, education, and outreach programs.

Jack led our Pennsylvania delegation for almost 36 years with passion and dedication. The legacy that he has left will surely live on as a symbol of the great work that one man can do, and is something that we can all strive to achieve. The Pennsylvania delegation is honored to pay tribute to his life this evening and say good-bye to a dear friend and colleague.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON).

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I thank my good friend, Mr. KANJORSKI, for yielding and this opportunity to take time to remember and to recognize the life and the public service of Congressman John Murtha.

As a freshman, and being here 14 months, I had the opportunity to just get to know the Congressman when I joined this chamber a little over a year ago. And I will say that Congressman Murtha, as the dean of the delegation, and someone who had been here almost four decades, yet despite that, he reached out to an individual who was a freshman, a rookie, and whenever I saw Congressman Murtha, he was always quick to ask how things were going, how people were treating me, and was there anything he could do for me. He had that bipartisan approach. He was first and foremost from Pennsylvania, as opposed to identifying as a party.

Congressman Murtha, as I had gotten to know him, we had some common ties. I found out he had such a sense of public service. As Mr. KANJORSKI mentioned, he certainly will be missed by the people of Cambria County and throughout his entire congressional district. And his sense of public service really I believe grew out of his experiences in scouting. Congressman Murtha was an Eagle Scout. And within scouting, learned those principles of leadership and citizenship and service, and went on to serve as a decorated war hero in the United States Marines, and continued that service right up until just 1990 in his service, retiring as a colonel.

□ 1930

And today, we remember Congressman Murtha in his public service as he went on to be the longest serving Member in the United States House of Representatives from Pennsylvania.

All of our prayers go out to Congressman Murtha's wife and his family at this time as we take this time to pause and give thanks and honor the life of Congressman John Murtha.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Mem-

bers may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H. Res. 1084.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered.

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the passing of the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. Murtha), the whole number of the House is 433.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE TO ATTEND FUNERAL OF THE LATE HONORABLE JOHN P. MURTHA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Speaker on February 16, 2010, appointed the following Members of the House to the committee to attend the funeral of the late Honorable John P. Murtha:

The gentleman from Pennsylvania, Mr. KANJORSKI

The gentlewoman from California, Ms. PELOSI

The members of the Pennsylvania delegation:

Mr. HOLDEN

Mr. DOYLE

Mr. FATTAH

Mr. PITTS

Mr. BRADY

Mr. PLATTS

Mr. SHUSTER

Mr. GERLACH

Mr. TIM MURPHY

Mr. DENT

Ms. SCHWARTZ

Mr. ALTMIRE

Mr. CARNEY

Mr. PATRICK MURPHY

Mr. SESTAK

Mrs. DAHLKEMPER

Mr. THOMPSON

Other Members in attendance:

Mr. LARSON (CT)

Mr. BECERRA

Mr. CROWLEY

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

Mr. RANGEL

Mr. DICKS

Ms. KAPTUR

Mr. LEVIN

Mr. MOLLOHAN

Ms. SLAUGHTER

Mr. TAYLOR

Mr. ANDREWS

Mr. MORAN (VA)

Mr. BISHOP (GA)

Ms. CORRINE BROWN (FL)

Ms. ESHOO

Mr. KENNEDY

Mr. BERRY

Ms. KILPATRICK (MI)

Mr. KUCINICH

Mrs. MCCARTHY

Mr. PASCRELL

Mr. REYES

Mr. ROTHMAN

Mr. CAPUANO

Mr. HOLT

Mr. WEINER

Mr. RYAN (OH)

Ms. MATSUI

Mr. COHEN

Mr. COURTNEY

IT IS TIME TO PASS HEALTH CARE REFORM

(Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. I would like to thank my dear friend, Mr. KANJORSKI, for offering a privileged resolution.

My simple words are that this House was privileged to have a man like John Murtha walk these halls and this floor. I know that as he is honored on Wednesday night with a Special Order, we will gather to celebrate and commemorate a life well lived not only for his family, but for his country and for the people that he loved and the military that he served and respected.

Madam Speaker, I come as well today to speak very quickly about the President's issuance of a health care reform package. Everywhere I have gone in my district there are people crying out for relief, and that relief comes in terms of no preexisting disease, lower premium costs, the insuring of 36 million, and the opportunity for people to go into an exchange and find the insurance that they can subscribe to, including that which covers those of us in Congress. We have to stop those who are dying, 45,000, who live without insurance. It is time to pass health care reform now.

CONGRATULATING THE DAILY PRESS ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a small town newspaper on its 100th anniversary. The Daily Press in St. Marys, Pennsylvania, was started in February 1910 by founders John A. Dippold, John S. Speer, and William A. Timm. Owners have changed, the paper has moved and it has merged with the Elk County Gazette, but it has remained in continuous operation into its centennial year with more than 5,300 subscribers.

The Daily Press is the first and only newspaper published in St. Marys. It sells for 50 cents and is published 6

days a week, Monday through Saturday. And it still provides a service that people want—local, community, school, and church news. It has changed through the years from the use of early printers and Linotype to today's computers and Web site, but as larger newspapers are closing across the Nation, smaller community newspapers have remained strong because of the services they provide.

From potholes to politics, publisher Darlene Coder, her editor, and two reporters cover the community. They know the people, cover the organizations, and do an outstanding job of reporting the news that fits the region. I commend the Daily Press and its staff and wish them another 100 years of success.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. WOOLSEY addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. DEFAZIO addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. KAPTUR addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. PAUL) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. PAUL addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, the gentlewoman from

Ohio (Ms. FUDGE) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. FUDGE. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members be given 5 legislative days to enter remarks into the RECORD on this topic of Black History Month.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

Ms. FUDGE. I appreciate the opportunity to anchor this Special Order hour for the Congressional Black Caucus. Currently, the CBC is chaired by the Honorable BARBARA LEE from the Ninth Congressional District of California. My name is Congresswoman MARCIA FUDGE, and I represent the 11th Congressional District of Ohio.

CBC members are advocates for human rights and advocates for families, nationally and internationally. We also play a significant role as local and regional activists. We work diligently to be the conscience of the Congress, but also provide dedicated and focused service to the citizens and congressional districts that have elected us.

The vision of the founding members of the Congressional Black Caucus was to promote the public welfare through legislation designed to meet the needs of millions of neglected citizens. It continues to be a beacon and focal point for the legislative work and political activities of the Congressional Black Caucus today. To celebrate the month of February, we are proud to present a reflection on black history. Specifically, we will herald the unsung history makers in our communities.

The origin of Black History Month, just for the record, what we now call Black History Month, was originated in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson as Negro History Week. The month of February was selected in deference to Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, who were both born in that month.

The son of a slave, Carter G. Woodson was born in New Canton, Virginia, in 1875. He began high school at the age of 20 and then proceeded to study at Berea College, the University of Chicago, the Sorbonne, and Harvard University, where he earned a Ph.D. in 1912.

Woodson founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History in 1915 to train black historians and to collect, preserve, and publish documents on black life and black people. He also founded the Journal of Negro History, Associated Publishers, and the Negro Bulletin. Woodson spent his life working to educate all people about the vast contributions made by black men and women throughout history. Mr. Woodson died in 1950. Black History Month continues his legacy of educating everyone about black history, which is American history.

I am privileged to commend several amazing trailblazers within my congressional district's African American community.

David Albritton. David Albritton lived from 1913 to 1994, a pioneering African American in the Ohio General Assembly. Interestingly enough, he was also a high jumper in the Olympic games.

Albritton was born in Danville, Alabama, the hometown of Jesse Owens. Like Owens, Albritton was raised in the great city of Cleveland and became a track star at East Technical High School. Albritton also accompanied Owens to Ohio State University and the 1936 Olympic games in Berlin. During tryouts for the Olympics, he tied a world record of 6 feet, 9½ inches in the high jump.

In 1960, he moved into public service when he won a seat in the Ohio House of Representatives. In the House, he was named Chair of the House Interstate Cooperation Committee, making him the first African American in Ohio history to head a House committee. Albritton, a black hero raised in Cleveland, Ohio, is a member of the National Track and Field Hall of Fame, the Ohio Sport Hall of Fame, and the Ohio State Athletic Hall of Fame.

Then, Madam Speaker, there is Harry Smith. Harry C. Smith was born in 1863. He was a pioneer of the black press. Shortly after graduating from Central High School in Cleveland, Ohio, he founded the Cleveland Gazette. The newspaper would become the longest publishing black weekly in America, earning its nickname "The Old Reliable." It never missed a Saturday publication date in 58 years.

Like Albritton, Smith was also a member of the Ohio General Assembly. In the course of his three-term career, Smith sponsored the Ohio Civil Rights Law of 1894 that established penalties against discrimination in public accommodations. In 1896, Smith sponsored the Mob Violence Act of 1896, which was an antilynching law. Though he lost his bids for the Republican nomination for Governor in 1926 and in 1928, he broke ground as the first black candidate for the position of Governor.

□ 1945

Fannie Lewis: Fannie Lewis was a dynamic, revered, and respected member of Cleveland's City Council who passed away in 2008. Lewis was actually a native of Memphis, Tennessee, who moved north to Cleveland in 1951.

A decade after she moved to her new hometown, she began her public life as a community activist in the Hough neighborhood. Even after she was elected to council in 1979, she kept her grassroots approach to politics—looking out for her hardworking constituents. Councilwoman Lewis fought relentlessly for her ward, never giving in and never giving up on Hough.

This dedication led to the passage of the Fannie M. Lewis Cleveland Resident Employment law, which requires construction projects receiving \$100,000 or more in funding from the city to employ people who live in the city on those projects.