

Henry Bergh stated, "mercy to animals means mercy to mankind." He knew compassion for animals leads to a better human heart and society. I am proud to congratulate the ASPCA and its over one million supporters on its 145th anniversary. They continue to be the voice of those unable to speak for themselves.

A TRIBUTE TO ALICE ADELL
MAYS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Alice Adell Mays for the many accomplishments she has attained in my district throughout her life.

Ms. Mays was born in Halifax County Virginia, about six and a half decades ago. Growing up on a farm as the second oldest of five children she was endowed with the responsibility of being the caregiver at an early age. This was never an issue for Ms. Mays, as she always had a loving and compassionate heart.

Ms. Mays was educated in Virginia and later migrated to New York City. Once settled in, she began working as an usherette for playwrights such as Neil Simon at the Eugene O'Neil Theatre and other local theatres. Presently, she is a Childcare Provider and package receiver for the community. She has not only raised her own children, but she has been a community mother for numerous years.

Later she met and married George (Gee) W. Mays. Together they reared six children; three have preceded them in death. She also has four grandchildren and one great grandchild. Through it all, her faith has gotten stronger in Christ, and she gives back to her community through her devout religiosity.

Ms., Mays was a faithful member of the Greater Friendship Baptist for many years where she served as President of the Deaconess Board and on the pastor's aide ministry. In 2003, after the death of her mother, she moved her membership to Union Baptist Church. There she works in the capacity as President of the Pastor's Aide and will willingly help other church ministries in their efforts.

Ms. Mays has many hobbies that include conversing with people from all walks of life; playing games of various sorts; and beautification of one's self, making sure her hair, nails, and makeup are done on a daily basis.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Ms. Alice Adell Mays for her dedication to her faith and the nurturing personality she has developed with all those she is in contact with.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. COLLIN C. PETERSON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2011

Mr. PETERSON. Mr. Speaker, I should have voted yes on H. Res. 463, the rule that would provide for House floor consideration of H.R. 822, a bill that would require states that allow the concealed carry of firearms to recognize concealed-carry permits issued by other

states, known as the National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Act.

HONORING THE REVEREND DR.
DAVID C. FORBES, SR.

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2011

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of my colleagues the remarkable life of service of the Reverend Dr. David C. Forbes, Sr. of Raleigh, North Carolina.

Dr. Forbes is the founding Pastor of Christian Faith Baptist Church, and he is retiring from the church after 21 years of faithful ministry. His work there culminates a lifetime of service to the cause of social justice and to the betterment of the community.

Dr. Forbes came of age during the civil rights movement of the 1960s. He embraced his place in history, helping to found the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, later led so ably by our colleague, Rep. JOHN LEWIS. Dr. Forbes quickly made his mark as a leader. He has spent the last fifty years answering the prophetic call to justice and leading others to join him.

After graduating from Shaw University with a degree in education, David Forbes spent his early career focused on the needs of young people. He taught middle school students in Wilson, North Carolina, and then headed north to New York, where he worked as a teacher, youth center director, and VISTA coordinator. Along the way, he earned a master's degree in social work from Adelphi University and transitioned to the world of higher education, spending more than a decade teaching at Virginia Commonwealth University.

It was during this time that Dr. Forbes found his calling as a minister, and, eventually, came home to North Carolina. He spent 6 years as senior minister of Martin Street Baptist Church in Raleigh before becoming the founding pastor at Christian Faith Baptist. Christian Faith Baptist isn't just a place of worship; it is an activist congregation dedicated to serving the least among us and to achieving what Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. called the "beloved community." Through David's leadership, the church has taken on many missions both locally and internationally, such as sponsoring free HIV/AIDS testing clinics; providing Saturday meals for the needy; funding scholarships for young men; and supporting the children of incarcerated parents.

Dr. Forbes' partner in all things was his wife of nearly 50 years, Hazel Baldwin Forbes, who passed away last year. Hazel shared David's passion for education and the church, and she and my wife Lisa found they had much to talk about as fellow social workers. She was also a gifted musician, and served as choir director and accompanist at Christian Faith.

Dr. David Forbes leaves a rich legacy at Christian Faith, one that will be both remembered and upheld. I speak for many North Carolinians in honoring him as a "good and faithful servant" who has helped build a better and more just world in everything he has done.

T IS FOR TENACIOUS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2011

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, T is for Tenacious.

Withelma "T" Ortiz-Macey who was recently awarded a Woman of the Year award by Glamour Magazine exemplifies tenacity.

T is a survivor of domestic minor sex trafficking, but she does not let her past trauma get in the way of her advocacy for other victims of this horrendous crime.

She shares her story with Members of Congress, advocates, the public, and other victims in order to put an end to this dastardly deed so that no one else ever has to go through the violence and trauma she endured.

T's life has not been easy.

She was abused as a child and when she met someone who she thought would love and care for her, she was made into a sex slave, her innocence crushed.

Domestic minor sex trafficking is a hidden crime, one that many do not realize occurs in communities all over our country.

Young girls are sold on the street and on the Internet for profit.

And to make matters worse, these girls are usually treated as criminals, when in reality they are victims.

These girls need specialized treatment, not to be thrown in a jail cell.

And T is working to change this.

T is an incredible young woman, and I commend her for her great work and congratulate her on her recent award.

And that's just the way it is.

DELAWARE COUNTY CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE, 125TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2011

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 125th Anniversary of the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce.

Small businesses are the backbone of our economy. This is especially true in Delaware County. The business owners and entrepreneurs help make our region what it is today. These businesses have been relying on the support and services of the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce for 125 years. They are a true asset to our community. The Chamber provides businesses with valuable benefits, seminars and programs that give our business community the tools they need to succeed.

Particularly during this time of economic uncertainty, the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce provides an immeasurable benefit. As the bridge between business and government, the Chamber has helped create a business friendly environment. By showcasing the incredible benefits of Delaware County, the Chamber is demonstrating why they are poised to lead us into a new era of growth.

On behalf of the region's residents, I congratulate the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce on its 125th anniversary. I want to

thank the Board, staff and members for their service to southeastern Pennsylvania and for making our region a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family. I wish them all the best for continued success in the future.

NATIONAL RIGHT-TO-CARRY RECIPROCITY ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 822) to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a national standard in accordance with which nonresidents of a State may carry concealed firearms in the State.

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Chair, I rise in strong opposition to H.R. 822 because it threatens to undermine our states' ability to enforce their own gun laws and endangers the safety of our citizens, especially those that serve in law enforcement.

If this legislation passes, it would mean that the Republican-controlled Congress will automatically give anyone the right to carry a concealed, loaded weapon into Minnesota's neighborhoods. This reckless bill is opposed by mayors, governors, domestic violence prevention advocates, and major law enforcement organizations, including the Minnesota Chief of Police Association. As members of our law enforcement community will attest, the best way to prevent gun violence is to keep guns off the street and out of the hands of criminals. Gun traffickers routinely take advantage of gun show loopholes and negligent background checks to divert guns from the legal market into the criminal market. This legislation makes it even more difficult to trace illegal guns and keep them out of the hands of those that could inflict harm on our Minnesota law enforcement officers, families, and friends.

H.R. 822 takes away Minnesota's right to police its own communities and enforce its own stringent gun laws. As with every state and municipality across the country, Minnesota has developed its laws to adequately meet the needs of its residents. This legislation unfairly forces states with strict gun laws to recognize conceal-and-carry permits issued by any other state, even if those states' permit requirements are lax in comparison. This is unjust and ultimately dangerous, especially for communities faced with high crime rates.

The sobering statistics from the U.S. Census report speak volumes: of the 129,741 murders that were reported between 2000 and 2008, nearly two-thirds of the victims were killed by a firearm. Equally frightening is the deadly role firearms play in domestic violence incidents. According to the American Journal of Public Health, abused women are five times more likely to be killed by their abuser if the abuser owns a firearm. Research also shows that between 1990 and 2005, firearms were used to kill more than two-thirds of spouse and ex-spouse homicide victims. These numbers are tragic. Instead of empowering our local law enforcement officers to prevent such heinous acts, H.R. 822 ties their hands by making it harder to determine whether some-

one carrying a gun is doing so illegally. I oppose this legislation in order to preserve the safety of our communities and prevent the gun violence that has claimed hundreds of innocent lives.

A TRIBUTE TO CARL LUCIANO

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Carl Luciano, a Brooklynite who has offered decades of service to my community through education and social welfare programs.

Mr. Luciano is a lifelong Brooklynite, educated in the New York Public school system. It was the streets of Brooklyn that gave Mr. Luciano the passion for the work that he currently does. He is presently working with Councilmember Darlene Mealy and has had the fortunes of working with many other officials in the Brooklyn community.

The Lord has allowed Mr. Luciano to work under three other elected officials. The blessing in working with all of these elected officials is that they all share the same passion as Mr. Luciano towards education and empowerment of the community of Bedford Stuyvesant. Through education, a youth can change their personal lives and the lives of others living in their community. It is Mr. Luciano's way of paying it forward—the service he offers Brooklyn constituents.

Mr. Luciano has resided in Bedford Stuyvesant for over forty years. He has witnessed the good and bad of his community. In his spare time he devotes attention to youth intervention, willing to communicate with anyone interested in learning the power of community through unity. He has planted this seed in various platforms for the past eleven years. Mr. Luciano's strength comes from his spiritual grounding and guidance through his relationship with Christ Jesus.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Carl Luciano for his accomplishments in Brooklyn.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2011

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 26, 1995, when the last attempt at a balanced budget amendment passed the House by a bipartisan vote of 300–132, the national debt was \$4.8 trillion.

This week it hit \$15 trillion. Today, it is \$15,026,993,847,879.10. We've added 10 trillion dollars to our debt in 16 years. This is \$10 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARTIN HEINRICH

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2011

Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. Speaker, I unfortunately missed votes which included roll call votes 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, and 836.

If I had been present, I would have voted in opposition of rollcall vote 829, the Previous Question on the Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2838.

If I had been present, I would have voted in opposition of rollcall vote 830, H. Res. 455—Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2838—Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2011.

If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of rollcall vote 831, H.R. 3321—America's Cup Act of 2011.

If I had been present I would have cast the following votes on amendments to the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2011: rollcall vote 832 (Cummings Amendment): "yea;" rollcall vote 833 (Thompson Amendment): "yea;" rollcall vote 834 (Napoli-tano Amendment): "yea;" rollcall vote 835 (Bishop Amendment): "yea;" rollcall vote 836 (Slaughter Amendment): "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2011

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I was meeting with the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Interior. Due to time constraints, I was unable to make it to the House floor to vote for Amendment No. 2 to H.R. 822 offered by Rep. MCCARTHY of New York. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on this amendment.

A TRIBUTE TO REVEREND KIMBERLY HEADLEY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Kimberly Headley for her extensive efforts to reform my Brooklyn district through public outreach services.

Reverend Headley was born and raised in East New York, Brooklyn. She started junior high school at age 12 and was promoted from the 7th to the 9th grade. After high school, Reverend Headley entered Bernard M. Baruch College at age 16 where she studied Public Administration. Upon graduation, she entered the workforce as a junior press secretary to then Comptroller Elizabeth Holtzman. She stayed in the administration until Alan G. Hevesi became Comptroller.

Reverend Headley has always demonstrated a willingness to go above and beyond what is expected of her. In her earlier years, while her father was district leader and