

Kenny Smith and to celebrate his 25 years of service to the First Baptist Church of Vienna.

Born in Atlanta, Georgia, Pastor Smith earned his Bachelor's Degree in 1977, his Master of Divinity Degree from Howard University in 1987, and his Doctor of Ministry Degree from Virginia Union University School of Theology in 1992.

In December 1986, Pastor Smith arrived in Vienna, Virginia, with his wife, the Reverend Dr. Mary Smith, and he assumed leadership of the First Baptist Church. A relatively small church at the time, the membership of First Baptist was fewer than 200. Under his guidance and stewardship, First Baptist has witnessed significant growth and now has more than 30 active ministries, which provide spiritual guidance for its members and the entire community. I have had the pleasure of worshipping at First Baptist Church of Vienna on many occasions, and I always have been moved by Pastor Smith's words of inspiration and faith.

Like so many men of faith, Pastor Smith does not confine his dedication to within the walls of the sanctuary. He has ministered to the poor and disadvantaged in Nigeria, Ghana, Haiti, Coahoma, Maryland, South Carolina and Biloxi, Mississippi. First Baptist Church of Vienna contributed more than \$53,000 to aid the victims of the Haitian earthquake and donated 1,000 bottles of multiple vitamins to aid the medical effort. Partnering with a sister church, Pastor Smith and the First Baptist Church family assisted with the finance of two Habitat for Humanity homes, contributing in excess of \$42,000 for each home. He has established a Federal Credit Union with assets of more than \$1 million, which provides members with safe and fair financial services.

Pastor Smith has long been recognized as a leader in faith and community service. He serves or has formerly served as president of the Baptist General Convention, president of the Fairfax County Branch of the NAACP, moderator of the NOVA Baptist Association, adjunct professor at Howard Divinity School and Wesley Theological Seminary, board member of the First Baptist Church of Vienna Federal Credit Union, board member of the Vienna Church Coalition for Housing, board member of Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia, and as a trustee of Virginia Union University.

His many accolades from the community include the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity (Omicron Kappa Kappa) 2006 Citizen of the year award; the James F. Jenkins Pillars of Faith Award (2005); Outstanding Service Award, Fairfax County Branch, NAACP (2004); the Dean's Pastor's Award, Howard University School of Theology (1999); the Outstanding Achievement in Religion Award, Howard University Alumni Club of Northern Virginia (1999); the Religious Affairs Award, Fairfax County Branch, NAACP (1998); the Outstanding Leadership Award, Northern Virginia Baptist Association (1998); Community Service Award, Horizon Community Outreach Group (1996); the Golden Eagle Award, Fairfax County School System (1994); the Award of Merit presented by the Old Dominion Bar Association (1994); the 1992 Human Rights Award presented by the Fairfax County Human Rights Commission (1993); the D. B. Barton Award in Pastoral Theology (1987); and the Joseph H. Jackson Award (1986) for

Academic Excellence. He also was selected for Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities (1986/1987).

Pastor Smith does not only preach his faith; he lives his faith. He and his wife, Reverend Dr. Mary Smith, lead by example in their dedication to God, the community, and mankind, and I am proud to call them my friends.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Rev. Dr. Kenny Smith on the occasion of his Silver Anniversary as Pastor of First Baptist Church of Vienna and in wishing him continued success.

HONORING MARY DONOVAN

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mary Donovan, a valued Marin County employee who is retiring after over 36 years of service. As the Program Manager II of the Employment and Training Branch within the Department of Health and Human Services and the Director of the Workforce Investment Board of Marin, Ms. Donovan's skilled management and expertise has made a significant contribution to the effectiveness of this department.

In September, 1975, Ms. Donovan began her career with the County as an Eligibility Worker and earned repeated promotions over the years. Along the way, she was recognized for her calmness under pressure, delegates work well, has ability in a leadership role and her truly amazing ability to change roles, assume new tasks, learn new programs, and gain the respect of all around her. In 1994, she was named Program Manager II and continued to make full use of all these skills.

In her years of work within the County Ms. Donovan has managed many social service/public assistance programs including Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Food Stamps, MediCal, County Medical Services Programs, Job Training Partnership Act, Workforce Investment Board, and CalWORKs Welfare to Work. While serving on the newly formed Marin Child Care Commission, she provided key expertise in the navigation of the new CalWORKs program.

Originally from Pittsburg, PA, Mary Donovan was the oldest of 13 children. She is very family oriented with three children, all of whom were born in Marin. Jared, the oldest, works in Washington, DC; Logan is an actor in Southern California, and Margo works to travel. Mary, too, plans on traveling as well as enjoying a healthy lifestyle.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking Mary Donovan for her years of service and wishing her well in retirement.

HONORING CAPTAIN ERWIN J. KORCZYNSKI

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, on January 5th, Captain Erwin J. Korczynski passed away from

prostate cancer. Today we honor Erwin as he was a great patriot and lead a selfless life.

Captain Erwin J. Korczynski was born in Chicago, Illinois on March 30, 1942. He was the product of first generation Polish American parents. His mother and father owned the Elm Hotel Restaurant in Chicago's Wicker Park Neighborhood from 1937 to 1947. His father also served as the Chief Chef on the Ann Rutledge train car operated by the Alton Railroad. Here he had the distinct honor of preparing meals for President Harry S. Truman aboard the Armed Forces Troop Trains. From 1947 to 1958 his parents became the owners of Helen's Food Shop, in the Gragin neighborhood of Chicago.

Captain Erwin J. Korczynski learned the value of public service while in Boy Scout Troop 153, eventually earning membership in Order of the Arrow by the Boy Scouting elite. He graduated from Chicago's Henry D. Lloyd Elementary School as a member of the class of 1956, and graduated from Chicago's Lane Technical High School in the class of 1960. During his time at Lane Tech he "lettered" on six separate occasions, as well as winning many state championships during his four-year athletic endeavors.

Captain Erwin J. Korczynski marched in the Chicago Cavaliers Drum & Bugle Corps from 1956 to 1963 and served as a lifeguard at the Knollwood Country Club before Northern Illinois University. He was selected as Lifeguard of the Year for saving the life of a young swimmer. He later enrolled in the Priesthood at St. Ambrose Seminary in Davenport, Iowa, followed by his novitiate for the Christian Brothers at St. Mary's College in Winona, Minnesota.

In 1963, one year prior to graduation, he wanted to demonstrate his selfless commitment to serve our country during the Vietnam War, so he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and was attached to Marine Attach Squadron, VMA 131. He attained the rank of Sergeant and was honorably discharged from active duty on December 1st, 1969.

Erwin then went on to receive Eastern Airlines Flight Academy training in Miami, Florida, obtaining the rank of Captain and was awarded a Type Rating in a Boeing 727 series 100-200-225. As Captain, Erwin flew for Eastern Airlines, Evergreen Airline of McMinnville, Oregon, Emirates Airlines of Dubai, UAE, Saudia Airlines of Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, Air Lanka of Colombo, Sri Lanka, USAfrica of Cape Town, South Africa, and Eva Airlines of Taipei, Taiwan.

From 1990 to 1991, Captain Erwin J. Korczynski acted as Pilot-in-Command, flying twenty-five missions during Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Captain Erwin J. Korczynski must be saluted for his bravery, courage and aeronautical abilities. He volunteered to fly in the Persian Gulf, and so did with the highest level of distinction. For the second time in his life, he demonstrated his selfless commitment and patriotism to serve our country.

Mr. Speaker, Captain Erwin J. Korczynski is the shining example of the citizen-soldier. He supported our military actions while maintaining his civilian obligations and participated in the Civil Reserve Air Fleet (CRAF) Operation during Operation Desert Storm. Although an honorably discharged United States Marine, Captain Erwin J. Korczynski was not an activated reservist during this conflict and instead served as a volunteer.

His loving brother, Major Edwin J. "Ski" Korczynski, USAF/CAP, and Precinct Captain to Alderman Richard F. Mell, Chicago's 33rd Ward, summed up his identical twin brother's call to duty in a letter he sent to President Bush, stating that "from the first day of conflict, his brother cast his vote for our American traditions through his dedication and deeds, not merely a slip of paper." Through his actions, Captain Erwin J. Korczynski exemplified the ideals of the Colonial Army's soldiers who answered our fledgling Nation's call.

Captain Erwin J. Korczynski's dedication to service and patriotism kept him from retirement. Instead, equipped with his thirty-five plus years of aviation experience, he shared his knowledge and skills with young, soon-to-be airline pilots. Captain Erwin J. Korczynski sought out and obtained his certification as a commercial airline Check Airman and Flight Instructor.

His remaining years, from age sixty thereafter, were spent as Airline Check Airman and Flight Instructor at the Gulfstream Flight Academy for Gulfstream Airlines based in Miami, Florida. Gulfstream Captain Erwin J. Korczynski trained hundreds of career starting airline pilots who admired and respected him for his zero tolerance flight and pilot standards. These new pilots coined the stories of his Marine Corps days, his Eastern Airline era, his six airline career and his world circles, as "Erwinisms"

Mr. Speaker, our nation will forever be indebted to Captain Erwin J. Korczynski's patriotism and unfailing bravery. He was a loved son, brother, soldier, and instructor who's dedication to serving our country will inspire generations to come. He is survived by his identical twin brother Edwin, wife Henrietta, daughters Elizabeth and Lieutenant/Navy JAG Kriesten, sons Ryan and Christian, granddaughter Emmalyn, daughter to Ryan and Diana, and all his friends.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. DOROTHY
TRAVIS MOORE

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. Dorothy Travis Moore an educator, author, minister, foster parent, mother, wife and visionary. In 1996, she founded Ceria M. Travis Academy, where she is CEO and President. The institution named in honor of her mother was started utilizing her personal savings to fund her passion to serve both the community and children. The school serves approximately 900 students enrolled at three campuses. Travis Academy began by educating central city boys in grades 6 through 8 with one student and one teacher. The school incorporated a girls program 10 years ago and has now expanded to grades K4 through 12.

Dr. Travis Moore is a veteran educator with over 35 years of experience and known nationally for her work with at risk students, both as a teacher and administrator. She was formerly a National Educational Consultant with the National School Safety Center. She fostered more than 11 children and has welcomed into her home international students from England, Mexico and Africa. She is the

author of six books with the most recent project entitled "From Violence to Victory—The Passion to Educate."

Dr. Dorothy Travis Moore is a licensed minister and member of New Testament Church of Milwaukee. During the past 29 years, she has served in various capacities including Youth Fellowship Director and Sunday School Teacher. Currently she serves on the Associate Minister's Team. Dr. Travis Moore loves to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and served as Director of Christian Education for the Wisconsin Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship. She is an international speaker at women's conferences, workshops, seminars and churches in the United States, the Caribbean and Europe.

Dr. Travis Moore received a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse, earned her Master of Arts Degree from Ball State University, Muncie Indiana and received Master's and Doctorate degrees in Christian Counseling from Grace Theological Seminary.

Dr. Travis Moore's honors include: "Top Principal of Leadership," "Who's Who Among Executives and Professionals in the United States," "The University of Wisconsin Distinguished Alumni Award," the prestigious "Rubies Award" from the Women of Excellence at Greater St. Stephens Full Gospel Baptist Church in New Orleans, LA, "The Women Who Shape Our World Award in Education" and the "2007 Pamela Bates Porch Outstanding Educator Award" from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Mr. Speaker, this is why I pay tribute to Dr. Dorothy Travis Moore, a trailblazer who celebrates 15 years as CEO/Founder of Ceria M. Travis Academy and over 35 years of educating our youth. She has stated that her greatest joy is in serving the Lord and has truly followed one of her favorite Bible verses "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." I am proud to call Dr. Dorothy Travis Moore a lifelong friend to me and my family and proud that she works and educates children in the 4th Congressional District.

HONORING THE ARMY NATIONAL
GUARD

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, they are our neighbors, cousins, sisters, and friends. They are called upon to protect America at home and her interests abroad and do so with swiftness and dedication. From humble beginnings to one of the largest military forces in the world, the National Guard is the oldest component of the Armed Forces and I rise today to celebrate their 375th birthday.

Three regiments were established on December 13, 1636 by the Massachusetts General Court in Salem. The early colonies knew the freedoms they sought must be defended. Seeing a great need for the protection of able-bodied men, but having not the money to pay mercenaries, the North, South, and East regiments were organized with the promise to keep a ready state of mind and preparation to fight when needed. Almost four centuries later,

the National Guard operates still by these same watchwords: ready and prepared. From the Mexican War to the Global War on Terror, the men and women of the National Guard have answered this nation's call to service.

For 375 years, the citizen-soldiers of the Army National Guard have protected and defended this great land in times of war, times of peace, and times of calamity. We are ever-thankful for their dedication and watchful eye as they work to protect freedom and freedom's cause. I rise today to honor the National Guard and ask my colleagues to join with me in celebrating the three and a quarter centuries of swift and noble response.

IN HONOR OF FORMER GEORGIA
STATE SENATOR ROBERT
LOFTON BROWN

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, last week the state of Georgia lost one of its most committed community leaders, beloved public figures and dynamic elected officials with the death of former Georgia State Senator Robert Brown. Senator Brown was a close friend, confidant, and someone who I greatly admired not only for his notable legislative achievements on behalf of the people of Georgia but more importantly for his measured disposition, kind-hearted nature and uncompromising desire to help needy families and low-income communities.

On Wednesday, December 14, 2011, Senator Brown's family members, friends, colleagues, and his constituents will pay tribute to his legacy of achievement and outstanding efforts on behalf of working families during funeral services at Greater Zion Hill Baptist Church in Macon, Georgia.

Although we are all saddened by the unexpected and sudden passing of our friend and colleague, we can all take solace in remembering the positive, enduring impact that he had on our lives and the profound accomplishments that he achieved throughout his exemplary public service.

Senator Brown was born on January 30, 1950 to Joe Brown and Ruby Lofton Brown. He spent his formative years in Greenville, Georgia before moving to Macon to attend and eventually graduate from Mercer University. Following college, Senator Brown permanently settled in Macon and began to gradually establish himself as one of Middle Georgia's most respected political leaders.

While he will be remembered as a wise and thoughtful public figure, Senator Brown had to overcome many obstacles and conquer seemingly insurmountable challenges in his ascension to the status of becoming one of Georgia's most influential legislators. Despite two unsuccessful election attempts for a seat in the Georgia State House, he refused to give up and was eventually elected to the Bibb County School Board.

Following his tenure on the school board, he once again beat the odds and in 1991 won a highly competitive election for the Georgia State Senate. While in the Senate he was appointed as the Governor's Assistant Floor Leader before being elected to serve as that