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HONORING FREEHOLDER  
BERNADETTE P. MCPHERSON

**HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2011*

Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my dear friend, Freeholder Bernadette P. McPherson, for her service to our community as an elected member of Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Bernadette has dedicated herself in service to her community, and I am pleased to recognize her as she completes another chapter in her distinguished career.

In 1999, Bernadette was elected Councilwoman in the Borough of Rutherford, serving as the first female Fire Department Liaison. She also served as the Borough's Mayor from 2000 until 2007.

Bernadette was first elected to the Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders in 2002, serving as the Board's Freeholder Chairwoman from 2002 through the 2006 term. She currently chairs both the Law and Public Safety Committee and the Organization and Internal Affairs Committee. Freeholder McPherson is also a member of the Budget and Finance, Cultural and Historic Affairs, Veterans Liaison, and New Jersey Legislature committees.

Bernadette graduated Magna Cum Laude from LaSalle University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and English in 1983. She attended both Seton Hall Law School and then Temple University School of Law where she earned her J.D. in 1986.

Bernadette has lived in Rutherford since 1987 with her husband David, an outstanding and highly-regarded attorney, and their four wonderful children.

Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate my dear friend and constituent, Freeholder Bernadette McPherson, on her final Freeholder meeting. I join with all her family and friends, as well as the grateful residents of Bergen County in thanking her for innumerable contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING MR. ROBERT E.  
MOORE FOR HIS HONORABLE  
SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2011*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Robert E. Moore, who was born in Greenwood, Mississippi. He graduated from Amanda Elzy High School in 1962. From 1966–1969, Mr. Moore was active in the United States Marines Corp where he obtained several medals and commendations. He participated in operations in Danang, Vietnam and in Swanee in the vicinity of An Hoa. Mr. Moore went on to participate in other operations, including Operation Prairie II, Operation Prairie III, Operation Prairie IV, Operation Hickory, Operation Cimarron, Operation Buffalo, Operation Hickory II and Operation King Fisher.

Mr. Moore has received several service medals: National Defense Service Medal, Vietnamese Campaign Medal, Vietnamese Campaign Medal, Presidential Unit Citation and Purple Heart Medal for a gunshot wound to the abdomen during the Vietnam Conflict.

After completing his military obligations, Mr. Moore attended Jackson State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology. He furthered his education at the University of Southern Mississippi with a Masters of Science degree in Social Work.

Mr. Moore was elected to the Leflore County Board of Supervisors in 1986 and was recently elected to another four year term. He has worked as a college professor and Director of Social Work at Mississippi Valley State University (MVSU). In 1994, he became the Director of University Center for Economic Development at MVSU and retired in 2006.

In his spare time Mr. Moore enjoys reading, hunting, and community development activities. He is an active member of the American Legion Post 200, the Greenwood Voter's League, and various mentoring programs in Leflore County.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Robert Moore for serving our country honorably.

HONORING TED SHERRY

**HON. CHARLES J. "CHUCK"  
FLEISCHMANN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2011*

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great appreciation for a long and accomplished career of public service to honor Ted Sherry on his retirement from the Department of Energy in his role as Manager of the Site Office at the Y-12 National Security Complex. Ted served with great distinction in support of our country's national defense and nuclear security as a submarine officer in the U.S. Navy and for the last 5 years as manager of a National Nuclear Security Administration premier manufacturing facility in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Under his management, Y-12 has dramatically increased the dismantlement of components for nuclear weapons, supported Nuclear Nonproliferation Programs through uranium recovery missions around the globe, and opened the Highly Enriched Uranium Materials Facility, our nation's central repository for highly enriched uranium.

As a testament to Ted's many achievements, he earned the NNSA Administrator's Gold Medal Award and is widely regarded as one of NNSA's best managers. Ted has made many significant accomplishments throughout his 25 year career with the U.S. government and so today we proudly salute Ted Sherry, an American patriot.

RECOGNITION OF CHIEF GREGORY  
STEWART, UNION CITY POLICE  
DEPARTMENT

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2011*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Chief Gregory Stewart. Chief Stewart is retiring from the Union City, California Police Department on December 30, 2011.

Chief Stewart began his career with the Union City Police Department in November of 1975. After beginning his career as a Public Services Cadet he was then appointed to the position of Reserve Police Officer in 1977. Soon after, he was hired by the Alameda County Sheriff's Department as a Deputy. After his work at the Sheriff's Department he returned to the Union City Police Department and began his duties as a police officer on May 1, 1978.

He quickly ascended the ranks of the Police Department. On December 16, 1986 he was promoted to Sergeant; to Lieutenant on October 1, 1996; to Captain on December 25, 2000. After years of exemplary service to the city and its citizens he was appointed as the Department's seventh Chief of Police on December 21, 2006.

During his career, Gregory Stewart served with distinction in a number of assignments. These have included Patrol, Investigations, Field Training, Supervisor of Patrol, Traffic, Crime Prevention, Research and Analysis, team leader of the Specialized Emergency Response Team as well as Field Operations and Support Services Commander.

Chief Stewart developed an affiliation with Union City's Youth and Family Services department, which led to a cooperative effort to apply the philosophy of the "Boston Cease Fire" program which aimed to reduce teen violence. He also implemented the "Crime Free" program, a citywide effort to improve the quality of life for Union City residents.

Chief Stewart has continually displayed astuteness, veracity, diligence, and objectivity in executing his duties as Chief Police. Throughout his tenure, these traits have earned him the respect and admiration of his subordinates, peers, other Law Enforcement professionals, and the community of Union City.

Thank you Gregory Stewart for 35 years of dedicated service in Law Enforcement and for 33 years as a sworn officer with the Union City Police Department. Your commitment and leadership have been exemplary and will leave a lasting legacy.

HONORING JUSTIN ADINOLFI

**HON. CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2011*

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to note with great sadness the passing of Justin Adinolfi, a leader and inspiration in my home town of Cheshire, Connecticut.

Justin was born and raised in Connecticut and spent most of his life there. After receiving his undergraduate degree from Boston College and his MBA from William & Mary, Justin

helped countless corporations while serving as a consultant at Anderson Consulting (later Accenture), DH Andrews and Cognizant. He started and ran a business of his own where he continued his work.

Justin was also a pillar of our community of Cheshire. He was a member of our town's council as well as our Planning and Zoning Commission. He served actively on the boards of several important institutions in our community, including the Cheshire Education Foundation and MidState Medical Center. He was active in his church as well, serving as a Eucharistic Minister at St. Bridget's Church in Cheshire.

To me, Justin was a mentor and friend. When I moved to town in 2005, Justin took me under his wing to help me understand who and what was important in Cheshire. His public service became an example for me, and for many others. His hallmark, to me, was his approachability. He made you feel instantly comfortable, and people felt good knowing a "regular guy" was such an important community leader.

Mr. Speaker, Justin's achievements at work and his community only begin to tell his story. The rest of his story will live on through his family—his wife Jane and his wonderful children, Justin, Charlotte and Thomas. We grieve with them today.

Justin was taken from us too soon. I was proud to consider him a friend and I will miss him.

On behalf of this entire House, I pass on my sincerest condolences to Jane, Justin, Charlotte and Thomas, as well as his siblings, nieces, nephews, in-laws, friends and neighbors whose lives he touched so deeply. He will be missed by all of us.

#### RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS

#### HON. ANN MARIE BUERKLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2011*

Ms. BUERKLE. Mr. Speaker, the National Institute of Health estimates that over 15,000 American Women will die from ovarian cancer and an additional 22,000 new women will be diagnosed with the disease this year alone. Each year, ovarian cancer is a heartbreaking tragedy and a threat to the lives of thousands of women.

To that end, Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the remarkable inspiration of one mother who is taking up her daughter's passionate fight against ovarian cancer. In my district of New York, Frieda Weeks has dedicated her efforts to promoting research, awareness, and community support through "Hope for Heather."

"Hope for Heather" is a not-for-profit organization in memory of Heather Weeks, who lost her life to cancer at age 24. Heather was an advocate for women's cancer awareness, who was committed to educating all women on the symptoms of ovarian cancer and raising funds to find a cure.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage all of my colleagues to join me in raising awareness of ovarian cancer, and today I honor Heather, whose dream remains alive and strong today within the central New York community.

#### RECOGNIZING MR. SHERMAN WILLIAMS FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS AND SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

#### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2011*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable veteran, Mr. Sherman Williams, who was born March 29, 1922, to the late Jim Williams and Betty Johnson Williams in Bolton, Mississippi. Mr. Williams joined the Mt. Olive M. B. Church at an early age and was baptized by the late Reverend Mack Sanders. He attended school at Mt. Olive Learning School and later farmed for many years.

Mr. Williams served in the United States Army from December 8, 1942 to August 5, 1946 when he was released with an honorable discharge. After leaving the Army, he worked 27 years at the Tri-State Brick and Tile Company in Jackson, Mississippi.

Mr. Williams is the loving father of four wonderful children: Roosevelt Williams (preceded him in death), of Jackson, Mississippi; Edward Lee Mack and Barbara Gale Anderson both of Byram, Mississippi; and Ezell Dotson of Clinton, Mississippi. He has eleven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Mr. Williams has a host of loving nieces and nephews.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Sherman Williams for his dedication to serving others.

#### IN HONOR OF DR. JOHN BOYD NOFTSINGER

#### HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2011*

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with Representatives WOLF and RUPERSBERGER to honor the memory of a constituent, an educator, a community leader and most importantly a friend, the late Doctor John Boyd Noftsinger, Jr.

On November 10, 2011, James Madison University (JMU) lost one of their most innovative leaders and passionate advocates with the passing of John Noftsinger. John was the face of JMU on Capitol Hill and dedicated his career to public service through education.

Dr. Noftsinger was born in Roanoke, Virginia. After graduating from William Fleming High School in 1981, he officially started his career at James Madison University when he arrived on campus as a freshman that fall. We're sure when he stepped onto campus for the first time he never could have imagined the profound effect he would have on the University over the course of his life.

John went on to graduate cum laude with a double major in political science and public administration and a minor in business administration. Upon graduation, he entered the Ohio State University where he would later earn his master of arts degree in higher education administration.

In 1989, John once again found himself on the campus of JMU. He would begin a long and distinguished professional career where he would most recently serve as vice provost

for research and public service. Additionally, he would serve as executive Director of the Institute for Infrastructure and Information Assurance, professor of integrated science and technology and strategic leadership, and as the president and chair of James Madison Innovations.

In a profile of Dr. Noftsinger on the JMU website he is quoted as saying "my connections with the community were forged early in my career here and are now embedded in my philosophy of education and my work." These words exemplify John Noftsinger.

Dr. Noftsinger's dedication and hard work was not limited to the university he so loved. He was truly committed to his community as a whole and the city of Harrisonburg is better because of his hard work.

Dr. Noftsinger was a founder and served as the first president of the Shenandoah Valley Technology Council. He served as a board member for the Shenandoah Valley Partnership and Shenandoah National Park Trust. He was the past vice president and board member of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Chamber of Commerce and the former chairman of the board of directors of the Blue Ridge area food bank. He also served as a former board member and president of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Harrisonburg/Rockingham County.

Dr. Noftsinger's legacy is one that will not be soon forgotten. We will greatly miss our friend. We pray for his family—his wife Lucinda Bosley Shaheen and his three sons, Joshua, Zachary and Jacob. We join the entire JMU community in mourning this great leader.

#### ANNOUNCING THE INTRODUCTION OF THE FAITH-BASED LENDING PROTECTION ACT OF 2011

#### HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2011*

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today I introduced the Faith-Based Lending Protection Act of 2011. The bill modifies the Federal Credit Union Act to make it easier for credit unions to lend money to ministries. Specifically, the bill exempts loans to nonprofit religious organizations from the Credit Union Act's caps on the volume of loans credit unions can make to businesses.

Mr. Speaker, many churches are in crises because they cannot get access to credit. In 2006, only two churches in the United States lost their buildings to foreclosure or short sale. Last year the number grew to 95.

Like many homeowners, they took out loans when times were good, but now their income has dropped and they need to refinance. Some have balloon payments that would be impossible to pay even in the best of times. The trouble is that many lenders do not want to do business with churches. Credit unions are in an excellent position to help. Credit unions get capital from their members and loan it to their members all of whom share a common bond. They know how to keep money in their communities and they want to do more. This bill will let them.

This non-partisan language has passed the House several times—sometimes on a voice vote. Now is the time to make it law. Churches cannot wait.