

HONORING ETERNITY HAYNIE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Eternity Haynie. Eternity is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Eternity's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Eternity has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Eternity can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Eternity Haynie for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

HONORING GARNETT RHODES

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

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Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following.

Whereas, One hundred years ago a tenacious man of God was born in Taliaferro County, Georgia on March 11, 1911; and

Whereas, Mr. Garnett Rhodes was born to Mr. Chapman and Mrs. Mary Jane Frazier Rhodes, he grew up farming in Taliaferro County, Georgia and continued to farm in Greene County, Georgia and Athens, Georgia until he turned 90 years old; and

Whereas, Mr. Rhodes has shared his time and talents as a Husband, Father and Motivator, giving the citizens of Georgia a person of great worth, a fearless leader and a servant to all who want to advance the lives of others; and

Whereas, Mr. Rhodes has been blessed with a long, happy life, devoted to God, and credits it all to the Will of God; and

Whereas, Mr. Rhodes along with his family and friends are celebrating this day a remarkable milestone, his 100th Birthday, we pause to acknowledge a man who is a cornerstone in our community; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mr. Rhodes on his birthday and to wish him well and recognize him for an exemplary life which is an inspiration to all;

Now Therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby proclaim March 11, 2011 as Mr. Garnett Rhodes Day in the Fourth Congressional District. Proclaimed, this 11th day of March, 2011.

IN HONOR OF MARC JOHNSON, 2011
SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the distinguished educational leadership of Marcus Johnson, Superintendent of Sanger Unified School District in California's Central Valley, who has been honored as the 2011 Superintendent of the Year by the American Association of School Administrators.

A California native, Marc Johnson lives in the small community of Reedley, where at age four he moved with his parents and where his home sits ten miles away from his office. He is a graduate of Reedley Community College, California State University, Fresno and Fresno Pacific University, where he received his Masters degree and completed his credential programs.

Marc Johnson embarked on his career with Sanger Unified School District, first serving as an assistant superintendent of human resources and later as an associate superintendent in the district. In 2003, Marc assumed a new role of Superintendent, overseeing a highly diverse student population of 10,800 students. He entered amidst turmoil for the rural school community and one year later was faced with the challenges accompanied with an entire school district being designated for program improvement by the State of California. With boundless energy and enthusiasm, Marc proved from early on that his leadership was promising. By 2006, he led the district out of the state improvement status and on a path to reorganization that would later earn him accolades from colleagues and admirers of his professional endeavors across the country.

Under the leadership and guidance of Marc Johnson, Sanger Unified School District has been transformed into a professional learning community focused on student learning, high quality instruction and teacher collaboration. The Sanger district now boasts some of the highest overall achievement gains in the state of California, including: 13 schools have been designated as State Distinguished School; 12 schools have been designated as Title I Academic Achieving Schools; two schools have been named National Blue Ribbon Schools and all 13 elementary schools have been honored for their outstanding character development programs.

Dick Sheppard, editor of the Sanger Herald, called Marc Johnson, "the guy who pulled the district out of darkness into light." This could not be a more true statement and characterization of the person who commits to visiting the 1,000 classrooms in the district twice annually, using the first occasion each year to affix a pin of appreciation he has selected on each teacher in front of his or her students.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to rise with me today to congratulate Mr. Marcus Johnson on the occasion of his special recognition as the 2011 Superintendent of the Year and, on behalf of the students, parents and teachers of Sanger Unified School District, thank him for his leadership and unwavering dedication to raising education standards in our community.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEWEST
APPOINTEES TO THE DEPOSITORY
LIBRARY COUNCIL**HON. ROBERT A. BRADY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate the five newest members appointed to the Depository Library Council by Public Printer William Boorman. The Council is composed of 15 members, each of whom serves a 3-year term. Its purpose is to advise the Public Printer on policy matters relating to the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP), which is administered by the Government Printing Office.

The FDLP provides public access across the United States to the published information of all three branches of the Federal Government through partnerships with more than 1,220 libraries nationwide—public libraries, university and college libraries, law libraries, research libraries, libraries of state appellate courts, Federal libraries, and others—about 3 per congressional district. Federal depository libraries serve as vital links between "We the People" and our Government. Anyone can visit Federal depository libraries and use the Federal documents collections, which are filled with information on careers, business opportunities, health and nutrition, laws and regulations, statistical data, demographics, consumer information, and numerous other subjects. Today, this partnership is predominately electronic, but tangible formats are distributed where online equivalents are not available.

The five new DLC members for the June 1, 2011–June 1, 2014, term are:

Stephanie Braunstein, Assistant Librarian at the Troy H. Middleton Library at the Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, one of Louisiana's two regional depository libraries. Braunstein's outreach with the library community includes presenting at conferences, partnering with GPO to host an online list of Federal agency web sites, and contributing to Browse Topics, an online subject-based portal for government information. She currently serves as Coordinator of the Federal Documents Task Force (FDTF) of the American Library Association (ALA) and is the Louisiana Library Association Councilor to ALA.

Donna Lauffer, County Librarian for the Johnson County (KS) Library system's 13 branches. Lauffer has a strong track record in delivering government information to the public and in promoting civic engagement. Her leadership in support of government information and relevant programming in her library system led to the Johnson County Library being honored as the 2010 Federal Depository Library of the Year.

Susan Lyons, Reference and Government Documents Librarian at the Rutgers University Law School Library in Newark, New Jersey. Lyons' professional interests include digital preservation, authentication, and permanent public access to government information. She has served as Chair of the Government Documents Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Librarians (AALL), President of the New Jersey Law Librarians Association, and President of the Documents Association of New Jersey.

Mark Phillips, Assistant Dean for Digital Libraries at the University of North Texas in

Denton. Phillips specializes in digital collections, knowledge of infrastructure for digital collections, preservation techniques, and web harvesting. He currently serves on the Access Committee in the International Internet Preservation Consortium (IIPC) and the Dublin Core Metadata Initiative's, Dublin Core Library Profile Workgroup.

Arlene Weible, Government Documents and Technical Services Librarian at the Oregon State Library in Salem. Weible has a broad background in technical services and public services, and experience working in state and academic libraries. She currently serves on the National Digital Stewardship Alliance and as the regional coordinator for Oregon's intra-state shared regional, a successful shared housing arrangement that serves the depository libraries in Oregon.

In making these five appointments, Public Printer Boarman noted the talent and expertise these outstanding individuals bring to the Depository Library Council. Nearly all of us have depository libraries in our districts providing our constituents with public access to Government information. I trust all Members will join me in congratulating the appointees to the Council, and wishing them well as they embark upon their mission to strengthen and improve the Depository Library Program for the benefit of all Americans.

HONORING ALLISON DAVIS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Allison Davis. Allison is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Allison's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Allison has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Allison can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Allison Davis for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

HONORING CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE W. DALE YOUNG

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I wish today to honor a legal legend from my District on the occasion of his retirement.

Circuit Court Judge W. Dale Young has served the citizens of Blount County, Tennessee, admirably and with humor and humility for 26 years.

I served as a state trial judge in nearby Knoxville for 7 years before I was elected to

Congress, and I was in private law practice 8 years before that. I do not know another person whose integrity honors the legal profession more than Judge Young.

At a recent reception in his honor, hundreds of people lined up to thank Judge Young for his service.

The Daily Times Newspaper in Maryville, Tennessee, reported, "Kind, fair, and the ultimate gentleman—that's how friends and admirers described Blount County Circuit Judge W. Dale Young . . ."

Judge Young has a long history of protecting and strengthening families, and his favorite part of the job was the many adoptions he helped finalize. He would often pose for photos with the families and showed great compassion during the process.

Judge William Brewer said, "He is a wonderful fellow. He's a gentleman."

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD to join me in recognizing Judge W. Dale Young's 26-year service to Blount County, Tennessee.

On the occasion of his retirement, I submit the Daily Times article offering tribute to Judge Young's service.

[From the Daily Times]

HUNDREDS ATTEND RETIREMENT RECEPTION FOR JUDGE YOUNG

(By Chloe Morrison)

Kind, fair and the ultimate gentleman, that's how friends and admirers described Blount County Circuit Judge W. Dale Young Friday at his retirement reception.

"He has just been so good to so many people and I just feel like we should turn out and let him know how much we appreciate him," Louisville resident Sandra Stricklin said at the reception, which was on the third floor of the Justice Center.

Over a period of two hours, hundreds flowed through the reception, many stopping to shake the judge's hand, give him a gift or thank him for his service.

"He is a man of high integrity and character," Maryville Police Chief Tony Crisp said after the reception. "He has done a wonderful job for Blount County."

Young is retiring after 26 years at the bench. He is 72.

During decades of service Young has touched many area residents, such as Mike Everett, who came to Friday's ceremony to honor the judge.

Everett's granddaughter, Allie, 20 months, was the last adoption that Young finalized. Allie's parents—Morgan and Glenda Everett—couldn't attend the ceremony, but Everett said it was important for him to come and bring his grandchild.

"I was involved every step of the way," Everett said about the adoption process. "She's the only grandchild I have and will probably ever have, so I've been in the middle of it."

Everett also said that he heard that adoptions were Young's favorite part of the job, and he said the judge showed care and compassion for his family.

"He was so kind to us that day," Everett said of the day Young finalized Allie's adoption. "He made pictures and sent us copies."

Judge William Brewer summed up his thoughts about Young, keeping his words simple.

"He is a wonderful fellow," he said. "He's a gentleman."

At the retirement reception, Rick McNear, with the Blount County Sheriff's Office, also had praise for the retiring judge.

"He's a gentle, compassionate caring man," he said. "(He's) a loving man."

Former Blount County Mayor Jerry Cunningham said at the reception that he's known Young since high school.

He called the judge brilliant, compassionate—a gentleman.

"He brings dignity and fairness and equity to the bench," Cunningham said. "Anything he's every done, he's done it well."

Cunningham also said that Young has a good sense of humor and that the pair have had many fun times together. "Sometimes in court, things happen that you just have to stop and laugh," he said. "Then sometimes things happen that are funny but you are not supposed to laugh and he would always manage to drop his pencil and duck down behind the bench (to laugh). We've always teased him about that."

INTRODUCTION OF THE JERUSALEM EMBASSY AND RECOGNITION ACT OF 2011

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce The Jerusalem Embassy and Recognition Act of 2011. This legislation closes a loophole that has allowed the United States Embassy in Israel to remain in Tel Aviv, despite the passage of the Jerusalem Embassy Act in 1995 and the passage of multiple resolutions (passed with overwhelming and bipartisan support) affirming the U.S. commitment to relocate the embassy to Jerusalem.

The Jerusalem Embassy Act declared that it is the official position of the United States that Jerusalem is, and rightly ought to remain, the undivided capital of Israel. On June 4, 2008, while still serving as a United States Senator, President Obama pledged that: "Jerusalem will remain the capital of Israel, and it must remain undivided." United States officials do conduct diplomatic meetings and other business in the city of Jerusalem in de facto recognition of its status as the capital of Israel, but the Embassy remains firmly grounded in Tel Aviv.

Despite this declaration of support and due to presidential waivers, the United States has failed to carry out our promise to our Israeli friends and has never acted to move the United States Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Every sovereign country has the right to designate its own capital and the United States maintains its Embassy in the functioning capital of every country. Why is it then that we continue to delay the relocation of this, our most important embassy in the Middle East?

Not only have we not relocated the embassy but our President has seemingly weakened the United States' resolve to do so. Presidential Determination 2011-6, which was transmitted by the Administration to Congress just a few months ago, renewed a legally required waiver which allows the Administration to suspend the 1995 law requiring the U.S. Embassy in Israel to move from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. While the renewal of the waiver was not unexpected or unusual, the Obama Administration once again neglected to include a key sentence that the previous Administration had included in previous determinations; specifically: "My Administration remains committed to beginning the process of moving our embassy to Jerusalem."