

Adair, founder and Senior Pastor of the landmarked Mount Morris Ascension Presbyterian Church. Eugene and Thelma through God's unyielding hand contributed their talent, energy, generosity and educated minds in service to the children and families of Harlem, New York City and beyond. They are responsible for organizing many of Harlem's first Head Start programs, including the Mount Morris New Life Children's Day Care Center.

In 1976, Dr. Thelma C. Davidson Adair became the first African-American woman to be elected Moderator of the Presbyterian Church 188th Assembly. Her efforts and involvement with the Presbyterian Church have been nationally recognized by foreign and national heads of states and United States presidents.

An expert in early childhood education, Adair is Professor Emeritus of the City University of New York's Queens College, where she taught for 31 years. She also taught religious education at Union Theological Seminary, was a lecturer at the University of Ghana and Columbia University, and trained members of the U.S. Peace Corps for service in Africa, South America and the Caribbean.

Through all her tremendous efforts and achievements, Dr. Adair has been duly honored, receiving countless awards and numerous Honorary Doctorate Degrees. Her impressive resume of accomplishments does not speak to the deep connections the community feels for her as a mother to all. Dr. Adair shares her wisdom and love with so many people in unofficial contexts, providing mentorship and friendship to Harlem's youth. Her role as a community leader does not end when she leaves the church and her life of service to the world in the face of very real social challenges sets an example for us all.

The Arthur Eugene and Thelma Adair Community Life Center, Inc. Head Start serves over 250 children and their families annually in five Head Start Centers in Harlem. Dr. Adair's publications on early childhood education have become an authoritative guide for early childhood educators throughout the United States. Today, Dr. Adair is an ordained elder in the Mount Morris Ascension Presbyterian Church of New York City, the church founded by her late husband the Reverend Arthur Eugene Adair.

Her numerous awards and degrees include: The Thelma C. Adair Award on Presbyterian Senior Services; Barber-Scotia Alumni Award for Meritorious Service in the Field of Education; Columbia University, Teacher's College Distinguished Alumni Award; United Negro College Fund Distinguished Award for Outstanding Service and Commitment of Higher Education; and Woman of the Year Award.

Her current affiliations include: Chair, Presbyterian Senior Services; Advisor, Church Women United, National Board; Board of Visitor, Davidson College; Advisory Council, National Council of Churches; Member, Harlem Hospital Community Advisory Board.

During her prestigious career of service, Dr. Adair has worked closely with leaders, including the late Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Presidents John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson and Jimmy Carter, to bring about social justice and economic empowerment. She even was a part of President William Jefferson Clinton's delegation that attended the historic inauguration of South African President Nelson Mandela.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in tribute of the living life, legacy, leadership and love of our

beloved Village Mother of Harlem, Dr. Thelma C. Davidson Adair's 90 years of service to a very grateful nation.

IN HONOR OF BERKS COUNTY
CHAPTER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
SPORTS HALL OF FAME

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 7, 2011

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the seven new members of the Berks County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame and to honor them on their outstanding athletic careers.

Charlie Engle has been an outstanding softball pitcher for 60 years and he famously pitched a no-hitter in 2010 at the age of 79. For his career, he has pitched 13 perfect games and 18 no-hitters. In addition to pitching in more than 2,000 games and receiving 31 MVP awards, Charlie led the Honey Brook Comets to county, district, state, regional and national American Softball Association titles in 1968 and 1969.

Doreen Kase Larson, one of the top swimmers in Berks County history, won seven District 3 gold medals, setting records in the 100-yard and 200-yard freestyles. She also won five PIAA golds, three in the 100-yard and two in the 200-yard freestyles, setting marks in both events. She was inducted into the Berks County Aquatic Hall of Fame in 2000.

Mike Reedy was a basketball and baseball standout, helping to lead the 1977 Wilson Bulldogs to the Berks County basketball title. He is fourth on the school's career scoring list. Mike also batted .531 in baseball and went on to standout careers in both sports at Albright College. He has been inducted into the Wilson and Albright Sports Halls of Fame.

Mike Reitz was an All-State football player for the Wilson Bulldogs, leading them to its first undefeated season in 1967 when he rushed for 1,274 yards to set the school career record of 2,257 yards. He was also the Berks heavyweight champion in wrestling. Mike went on to play college football at Penn State and Maryland. He has been inducted into the Wilson Sports and Berks Football Halls of Fame.

Joe Stallone, an outstanding gymnast, won 48 gold, silver and bronze medals in PIAA competition and was the national high school champion in rings and vaulting. After graduating from Holy Name in 1976, Joe went on to an All-American career at Penn State. He has coached at many levels, including the USA Olympic Festival team three times, and he directed the U.S. Junior National team to four world titles.

Ken Thomason, Reading High Class of 1958, was a football and wrestling standout. He was an All-Central Penn League and Big 33 selection in football and went on to play for the semi-pro Reading Keystones. Ken was also a District 3 champion in wrestling and has been inducted into the Berks Wrestling Coaches and Berks Football Halls of Fame.

Ross Tucker, Wyomissing Class of 1997, was an All-Berks selection in football and basketball for the Spartans. He went on to start in football for four years at Princeton where he earned All-Ivy League and Academic All

American honors. Ross then played for seven seasons as an offensive lineman in the NFL with the Redskins, Bills, Cowboys and Patriots.

Mr. Speaker, in light of the outstanding athletic careers of these seven individuals, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing their outstanding achievements on the occasion of their induction to the Berks County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame.

CELEBRATING THE 89TH BIRTHDAY OF GEORGE N. ZENOVICH

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 7, 2011

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Honorable George N. Zenovich on the occasion of the celebration of his 89th year.

George N. Zenovich was born of Serbian ancestry on April 29, 1922 in Fresno, California. Raised in his beloved San Joaquin Valley, in 1955 he wed Vera Sarenca in Belgrade, Yugoslavia. To their great joy, they became the parents of two children, Ninon and Marina. George proudly served a tour of duty for our Nation as a member of the U. S. Army Air Force during World War II. Mr. Zenovich embodies what has become known as the "Greatest Generation" and indeed all that is honorable about our esteemed veterans. As journalist Tom Brokaw wrote in his 1998 book, "The Greatest Generation," he defended our country neither for fame nor recognition, but because it was the right thing to do. That sense of honor would stay with George Zenovich throughout his entire career.

A calling for public service would continue to run deep within George Zenovich. When his military service to our country concluded, Mr. Zenovich continued his education in the area of law, becoming a noted attorney; a calling which would later serve as the foundation for democratic representation of the people of the State of California.

In 1963, George Zenovich was elected to serve in the California State Assembly. As a testament to his leadership, he earned the distinction of serving in the post of Assembly Majority Leader, a position second only to the Assembly Speaker. This service marked the first time that two San Joaquin Valley legislators from the same political party had held high positions simultaneously in the state legislature. In 1968, his passion for representing those under the democratic umbrella led him to be selected as a delegate for the 1968 Democratic National Convention. Shortly thereafter, George Zenovich was elected to the position of State Senator for California, providing representation for all those in his cherished Central Valley.

During his tenure in the State Senate, George was instrumental in passing several landmark pieces of legislation. It was during his time in the California Senate that the notable California Arts Council was created by the Dixon-Zenovich-Maddy California Arts Act of 1975. This legislation was enacted to encourage artistic awareness, participation, and expression; to assist independent local groups develop art programs; to promote the employment of artists in both the public and private

sector; to provide for the exhibition of artwork in public buildings; and, to enlist the assistance of all state agencies in the task of ensuring the fullest expression of artistic potential.

George was also a tireless champion for California's agricultural workers, co-sponsoring the Alatorre-Zenovich-Dunlap-Berman California Agricultural Labor Relations Act which became the first law in the nation recognizing the right of farm workers to bargain collectively. He was also responsible for the Zenovich-Mosccone-Chacon Housing and Home Finance Act which authorized bonds for low and moderate income housing and established the California Housing Finance Agency.

However, George Zenovich's greatest passion was championing the cause of physically, mentally, and neurologically handicapped children. He sponsored funding of programs for autistic children, established the Diagnostic School for Neurologically Handicapped children in Fresno in 1973, and chaired the Select Committee on Children and Youth. As a legislator his passion for California was truly remarkable.

In order to further fulfill his quest for justice, in 1979 Mr. Zenovich accepted the coveted position as an associate justice for the 5th District Court of Appeals where he balanced the scales of justice for those in Fresno, Tulare, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Kern, Tuolumne and Stanislaus counties. It was during this time that the appellate court expanded from three justices to eight, and this court has now grown to include ten associate justices.

As a testament to George N. Zenovich, in 2008 Fresno's new 5th District Court of Appeals building was named the George Zenovich Court of Appeals. Always a humble man dedicated to his ancestry, George Zenovich shared this honor with Armenians who settled in the Central Valley area more than a century ago.

The leadership and commitment Mr. Zenovich has demonstrated has never wavered nor has his honor in service. I respectfully ask my colleagues to join me in bestowing best wishes to The Honorable George Zenovich as we acknowledge all that he has done during his lifetime for those throughout the great State of California.

THE QUALITY HEALTH CARE
COALITION ACT OF 2011

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 7, 2011

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, today I am pleased to introduce H.R. 1409, the "Quality Health Care Coalition Act of 2011." This bill will strengthen patient safety and quality of care by clarifying the application of the antitrust laws to negotiations between groups of health care professionals and health plans and health care insurance issuers.

Currently, the insurance industry, including health care insurance companies, is immune from federal antitrust laws under the McCarran-Ferguson Act. In contrast, health care providers can presently be prohibited from collectively negotiating against insurance companies. Accordingly, the playing field is terribly unbalanced.

At a hearing the House Committee on the Judiciary held last Congress on the disparate treatment of physicians and health insurers by the antitrust enforcement agencies, I heard troubling testimony revealing that health care providers find themselves in an untenable situation. On the one hand, they are directed to find new efficiencies and coordinate care with other providers. On the other hand, they risk running afoul of the antitrust laws if they coordinate too closely.

To level the playing field, I am pleased to join Rep. RON PAUL (R-TX) in introducing bipartisan legislation to allow health care providers the ability to collectively negotiate against insurance companies. The Quality Health Care Coalition Act of 2011 will give health care providers the ability to collectively negotiate contractual terms with insurers, including provisions that affect the quality of patient care.

By balancing the playing field between health care professionals and insurance companies, this legislation will help improve quality of patient care.

PRIOR CONGRESSIONAL ACTIVITY

In 2000, the House passed H.R. 1304, the Quality Healthcare Coalition Act of 1999) that Rep. Tom Campbell (R-CA) and I co-sponsored. H.R. 1304, which is similar to the bill that I am introducing today, would have created a limited antitrust exemption for physician collective bargaining, putting health care professionals on the same footing as other collective bargaining units immunized under the National Labor Relations Act. The bill passed the House by a vote of 276-136, but was blocked in the Senate. Similar legislation was introduced in the 107th (H.R. 3897) and 108th (H.R. 1120) Congresses, but were never voted on by the House.

IN TRIBUTE TO DR. ARNOLD
MITCHEM

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 7, 2011

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Arnold Mitchem, who is being honored by my alma mater, Marquette University, on April 29, 2011, as *Alumnus of the Year*. Over a 40-year career span, Dr. Mitchem, the first and only President for the Council for Opportunity in Education has been a voice for low-income, first-generation college students and individuals with disabilities.

In fact, his career began on the History faculty at Marquette University in Milwaukee. In 1969, he was named director of the Educational Opportunity Program at Marquette, serving in that role until 1986, when he relocated to Washington, DC to represent low-income and disabled students nationally. Thanks to his work, the federally funded TRIO Programs (the largest discretionary program in the U.S. Department of Education) have expanded by nearly 400 percent and now serves more than 872,000 students at 1,200 colleges and universities.

Dr. Mitchem graduated from the University of Southern Colorado in 1965. Before receiving his Ph.D. in Foundations of Education at Marquette University in 1981, he studied European History as a Woodrow Wilson Fellow at

the University of Wisconsin. He is married to his soul mate, Freda Mitchem, and has four children and seven grandchildren.

Dr. Mitchem is a member of the Executive Committee of the European Access Network as well as a former trustee of the College Board, and past-president of the Committee for Education Funding, a Washington-based coalition of national education associations. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees of Marquette University. Dr. Mitchem has been awarded honorary doctorates from eight universities, including: St. Louis University; CUNY-Lehman College in New York; DePaul University; and the University of Liverpool, England.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize my friend, Dr. Mitchem. He recruited, nurtured and continues to mentor me and countless other former Marquette University students who had the privilege of coming under his influence. Dr. Mitchem's true legacy is the millions of students who have achieved an education due in no small part to his advocacy on their behalf. The citizens of the fourth congressional district, the State of Wisconsin and the nation have benefited tremendously from his dedicated service. I am honored for these reasons to pay tribute to Dr. Mitchem.

IN HONOR OF THE BAPTIST
CHURCH IN THE GREAT VALLEY,
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 7, 2011

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate The Baptist Church in the Great Valley, Chester County, Pennsylvania on its 300th anniversary.

The history of The Baptist Church in the Great Valley is a long and storied one, extending back in time to before the American Revolution. This third oldest Baptist church in Pennsylvania was founded in 1711 by Welsh Baptists who came to the country to find freedom of worship. When the Continental Congress called for a day of prayer and fasting on July 20, 1775, David Jones, then pastor of Great Valley, was invited to preach to a gathering of troops. On that occasion, more than 3,000 men gathered at the church along with members of the congregation to hear Pastor Jones' sermon entitled, "Defensive War in a Just Cause Sinless."

In 1820, The Baptist Church in the Great Valley adopted a resolution "that in the future the women shall be entitled to vote on all questions that arise in the church," thus becoming one of the very first churches in the area to break from the then-current custom of not permitting women to be involved in church matters. In the 1830's, then pastor Leonard Fletcher and several other members of the church were instrumental in supporting the Wilberforce Anti-Slavery Society in the area.

The Baptist Church in the Great Valley has long been open to the participation of African-Americans within its membership. The first African-American joined the church in 1762, which by that time included persons of Welsh, English, German, and other European backgrounds. Over the years, the membership has