

Merchant Association which is responsible for the Plaza Triangle located at New Lots Avenue train station. In addition to these services The Modern Meat Market donates food and attends the Annual Precinct Community Picnic.

Arthur Molinelli Jr. is truly an outstanding businessman who sets an example for other business and community leaders through his entrepreneurship, education and leadership, and dedication to community service.

Mr. Speaker I urge my college to join me in recognizing the talents, achievements, and community spirit of Arthur Molinelli Jr.

RECOGNIZING WILLIAM FOEGE,
RECIPIENT OF THE PRESI-
DENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor William Foege for receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom for developing a strategy for immunizing people against, and eventually eradicating, small pox. This award is our nation's highest civilian honor and is presented to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the United States.

Mr. Foege, a graduate of Pacific Lutheran University and the University of Washington School of Medicine, was instrumental in developing the plan to eradicate smallpox. While serving as a missionary in Nigeria where we gave vaccines to the locals, Mr. Foege experienced a critical vaccine shortage. In order to be most effective, he started actively seeking out infected people, using photos and rewards to draw people in and immunizing anyone who had come in contact with those suffering from smallpox.

The immunization strategy Mr. Foege developed became known as "surveillance and containment." It is widely credited for the eradication of smallpox, which is often deadly especially in developing countries. For example, while using this technique in India during the 1970s, Mr. Foege and his colleagues found 11,000 cases of smallpox and within a week delivered immunizations to those infected people.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives please join me in honoring William Foege for his dedication to effectively delivering immunizations to the world's most at risk populations and for being instrumental in the eradication of smallpox.

TRIBUTE TO CAROLINE WHITSON

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable educator, civic leader and a dear friend. Dr. Caroline Whitson is retiring on June 30, 2012, after serving as the 17th President of Columbia College for 11 years. Her leadership of this great institution will be sorely missed.

Dr. Whitson is a native of Arkansas, who grew up in Atlanta, Georgia, and returned to her home state to earn a B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. in English from the University of Arkansas. She also earned a diploma in international relations from the London School of Economics.

She began her career as an English professor, and climbed the ranks of academia to become a vice president for advancement, and a provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Since coming to Columbia College, Dr. Whitson has embraced the college's original mission, a dedication to the education of women. She expanded the college's Women Leadership Institute and helped found the Alliance for Women, which is a partnership between Columbia College and the Governor's Commission on Women, to prevent the latter's closure in 2004. Dr. Whitson has also instituted on campus the 4C leadership model that develops in young women Courage, Commitment, Confidence, and Competence. All of these efforts combine to support and grow women leaders in South Carolina.

Her leadership of the college has also resulted in annual fundraising that has doubled during her tenure. The endowment has grown by 40 percent, and she has established the McNair Scholars program and the Reeves Endowed Chair in Leadership Studies.

A college cannot grow without providing the necessary facilities. So under Dr. Whitson's watch, the college has added a new student union, residential cottages, and an athletic complex. She has also led the renovations of the freshman center, the Goodall Art Gallery, Edens Library and the Cottingham Theatre. She has also made environmentally friendly updates to the campus, adding solar panels to reduce the carbon footprint, and revitalizing the landscape.

Dr. Whitson has also expanded academic opportunities on campus by signing agreements for research and for faculty and student exchanges with both the State University of Mongolia and the Hiroshima Jogakuin Women's University in Japan.

Under her guidance, Columbia College has received a number of recognitions for teaching and scholarly excellence from the Theodore Hesburgh Foundation, the Carnegie Foundation, the National Collegiate Honors Council, the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, the Foundations of Excellence for the first College year, the NAIA Champions of Character, the National Communication Association, and the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Dr. Whitson has also lent her leadership skills to the community. She chaired the S.C. Independent Colleges and Universities President's Council and the Richland County Transportation Commission. She has also served as a member of the S.C. Tuition Grants Commission, Mayor Bob Coble's City of Columbia Arts Task Force, the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce, and The Nurturing Center board.

Currently, Dr. Whitson chairs the S.C. ETV Endowment Board. She is a member of the Midlands Business Leaders, Eau Claire Development Corporation, and the United Way board. She is also a member of the regional technology council, EngenuitySC, and serves on the President's Circle of the National Council for Research on Women.

Her tremendous work has earned her the honor of a "Woman of Distinction" from the

Girls Scouts of the Congaree Area, "Outstanding Advocate for Women in Business" from the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, and the Martha Kime Piper award from the South Carolina Women in Higher Education.

Dr. Whitson is married to Turner Whitson, and the couple has one daughter, Dr. Heather Whitson. They have a son-in-law, Dr. Ben Maynor, and two grandsons, Jacob and Christopher.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and our colleagues to join me in thanking Dr. Caroline Whitson for her years of service to higher education and to her community. Her work has improved Columbia College and the greater Columbia Metropolitan area. While her public role will be greatly missed, I look forward to her continued good work on behalf of women's education and improving the status of women worldwide.

HONORING CHARLES M. JONES

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker: Our Nation recently lost one of its most patriotic Americans, Mr. Charles M. "Chuck" Jones, on May 16, 2012. Chuck had been a close friend of mine for many, many years and was one of the finest men I have ever known.

Chuck joined the Navy as a teenager toward the end of World War II and continued his service for 22 years on troop ships and submarines. He served during the Korean Conflict and the 1962 Naval blockade involving the Cuban Missile Crisis, but his service to our Country did not stop here.

Later in his career, Chuck served as the Veterans Service Officer for Knox County, Tennessee, from 1985 to 2012. He was involved in various military organizations over the years and helped spearhead the movement to bring to our area what is now known as the Ben Atchley State Veterans Home, which opened in 2007. In fact, a road near the Veterans Home was renamed in his honor and will be known from hereafter as Chuck Jones Drive.

Along with his exemplary military career and outstanding work in our community, Chuck Jones had a profound impact on my staff and me personally. My Knoxville Office Manager, Jenny Stansberry, worked closely with Chuck on Veterans issues, and I echo her sentiments.

After his passing, she said:

I feel very fortunate to have worked so closely with a man whom I admired tremendously. His accomplishments in serving our Country are only outdone by the character and integrity Chuck displayed every day of his life. I will miss our working relationship, but more than that I will miss our friendship.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my Colleagues and other readers of the RECORD to join me in celebrating the remarkable life of Chuck Jones. He was truly a great American and I feel this Country is certainly a better place because of his life.

A TRIBUTE TO PAUL B. MITCHELL

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Pastor Paul B. Mitchell, senior Pastor and visionary for Changing Lives Christian Center in the East New York section of Brooklyn, NY.

Pastor Mitchell was born in Kingston, Jamaica and is the sixth of seven sons to his parents Alfred and Myrtle Mitchell. Pastor Mitchell and his family migrated to United States in 1971. He can recall at the very young age of six, his parent's diligence and tireless work effort to provide for him and his brothers. Admiring their work ethic, determination and zeal to make a happy home for the family was the motivation needed to fuel and fulfill the calling on his own life.

Pastor Mitchell served as a successful banker for over fourteen years, working with well-known institutions like JP Morgan Chase, First Card and EAB were fundamental in preparing him to take on the leadership role that he now holds today. On January 1, 2003, Pastor Mitchell was called to serve a new role, as a Pastor.

In addition to his work with his congregation in the East New York section of Brooklyn, Pastor Mitchell is known all over the Tri-State area through radio and TV. Currently, he can be heard on WLIB 1190 AM every Sunday morning and can also be viewed on BCAT Television, Manhattan TV, and on Trinity Broadcasting Network (T.B.N.). Pastor Mitchell ends all of his sermons with this phrase, "if you work the word the word will work for you." Truly the "Change Your Life" Broadcast is changing lives through the taught word of God.

Pastor Mitchell ministers directly to the hurts, issues and challenges that people face in a very practical and relevant way. He believes that the human spirit, which houses the purpose for which we've all been created, must be nurtured naturally and spiritually. He believes that everyone is intrinsically designed with a gift that has the power to propel them into their destiny. The goal of the Changing Lives Christian Center is to meet each person at the point of their need and equip him or her for success, by teaching them how to live successful Christ centered lives. Pastor Mitchell is a man of integrity and uprightness. He's a giver of himself. Most importantly he is a man of God that seeks to honor and obey God in all his ways.

Pastor Mitchell is a loving and devoted husband and friend to his wife Yasmin of fifteen years. He is a gentle, loving and encouraging Pastor to his people. He is a dedicated and loving son to both his parents, Myrtle, 77, and Alfred, 88.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Pastor Paul B. Mitchell for his service as Pastor of the Changing Lives Christian Center in East New York, Brooklyn.

HONORING CAPTAIN FRANCIS
GARY POWERS**HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I submit these remarks in honor of Captain Francis Gary Powers, a loyal, devoted citizen of the United States, who was posthumously awarded the Silver Star last week.

A native of Virginia's Ninth Congressional District, Captain Powers grew up in Pound, Virginia. According to the official award citation, from May 1, 1960 to February 10, 1962, Captain Powers served in connection with military operations against an armed enemy of the United States. While assigned to the Joint U.S. Air Force, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), U-2 Reconnaissance Squadron, Detachment 10-10, Captain Powers was held captive in solitary confinement in the infamous Lubyanka Prison in Moscow after his U-2 aircraft had been shot down by a Soviet surface to air missile.

For almost 107 days, Captain Powers endured interrogations, harassment, and unmentionable hardships on a continuous basis by numerous top Soviet Secret Police interrogating teams. Although greatly weakened physically by the lack of food, denial of sleep and the mental rigors of constant interrogation, Captain Powers steadfastly refused all attempts to give sensitive defense information or be exploited for propaganda purposes. Captain Powers resisted all Soviet efforts through cajolery, trickery, and threats of death to obtain the information they sought.

Captain Powers was subjected to a trial and was sentenced to an additional 542 days of captivity in Vladimir Prison before finally being released to the United States in 1962. As a result of his unconquerable spirit, exceptional loyalty, and continuous heroic actions, Russian intelligence gained no vital information from him.

For his sustained courage in an exceptionally hostile environment, Captain Powers was publicly recognized by the Director of the CIA and the Senate Armed Services Committee. By his gallantry and devotion to duty in the dedication of his service to his country, Captain Powers has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

It is with great admiration, respect, and appreciation that I stand before you to honor such a courageous American. I know I speak for so many when I say, we're proud of our native son, Captain Francis Gary Powers.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION**HON. ROBERT HURT**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. HURT. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for rollcall vote No. 383 on agreeing to the DeFazio Amendment to H.R. 2578. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

RECOGNIZING CAMELOT ELEMEN-
TARY FOR BEING NAMED A
GREEN RIBBON SCHOOL**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Camelot Elementary School, in Auburn, Washington, for being named a Green Ribbon School. This honor, awarded by the U.S. Department of Education, is given to schools participating in activities to promote and encourage a healthy and environmentally sustainable learning environment.

Students and staff at Camelot Elementary have taken a wide variety of steps toward reducing energy consumption. Since 2007, the school has reduced energy usage by 50 percent. They replaced light bulbs, removed personal appliances, and placed reminders on light switches and computers. Teachers and students use green checklists in every classroom to remind each other about ways to decrease energy consumption and waste.

To address the threatened salmon population in Washington State, students raised salmon in classrooms to release into local streams. Students also published a newspaper with information and resources about conservation. To decrease the use of plastic bottles, the school organized a fundraiser for reusable water bottles.

In addition to becoming good stewards of the Earth, staff, students, and parents are taking steps to improve health and nutrition. The school raised money from the community to build a community garden on the school grounds and the school follows the United States Department of Agriculture standards to make sure students have balanced meals. Nearly 60 percent of the student body walks or bikes to school. On the weekends, the school and the Parent-Teacher Association send backpacks filled with healthy foods home with disadvantaged students.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate the students, staff, and parents from Camelot Elementary. The steps they are taking to reduce energy consumption, improve nutrition, and protect our environment and resources will continue to benefit our community for many years to come. I hope many other schools follow Camelot Elementary's example.

A TRIBUTE TO LEROY SAWYER**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and honor Mr. Leroy Sawyer, a man who has spent much of his life working for the public good.

Mr. Leroy Sawyer was born to William and Georgina Sawyer. He graduated from Stuyvesant High School with a Science Major, a Math Minor Diploma, and lettering in baseball.

Mr. Sawyer rose quickly as a member of the New York City Police Department. Though not graduating from the Academy he was placed in "plainclothes" and promoted to Detective