

And she somehow found time to publish two successful cookbooks.

In 2001, Sylvia said goodbye to her best friend, the love of her life, Herbert Woods. In his memory, the Woods family founded the Sylvia and Herbert Woods Scholarship Fund offering collegiate scholarships to Harlem and local residents. To date, the fund has dispersed 76 scholarships and will continue to live up to its mantra: "a higher level of education should not be a high-end luxury, but a right to all those who seek it".

After the death of her soul mate, Sylvia once again turned to her faith for renewed empowerment. Growing up in a strong Christian home, she came to know God as a young child. She was a firm believer in the notion that no matter what the adversity, God would see you through. It was a value and belief system she passed down to her children and grandchildren. Sylvia was a member of Abyssinian Baptist Church for many years, and later joined Grace Baptist Church as it was more convenient for her to attend there. She was instrumental in the construction of her home church, Jeremiah Methodist, in Hemingway.

In 2007, Sylvia received a Congressional honor acknowledging her immense contribution to American society. She appeared in numerous national and international media outlets and has been saluted by President Bill Clinton, New York Governor Pataki, New York Mayors Ed Koch, David Dinkins and Mike Bloomberg, the New York Stock Exchange, among others. She was also recognized by the NAACP and received numerous awards.

Sylvia's has proudly served Presidents—including the first African American President, Barack Obama—international dignitaries, celebrities, Harlem residents and tourists the world over. It is owned and operated by three generations of the Woods family that remain committed to the work ethic, devotion, and entrepreneurial spirit of its founder. 2012 marks the 50th anniversary of Sylvia's.

A relentless fighter and champion first for her family, community, and minority/female-owned businesses, Sylvia is now reunited with her mother, grandmother, husband Herbert, adopted sister Louise Thomas and half-brother McKinley Preston, all of whom have passed on. She is survived by her four children, Van (Brenda Woods) Bedelia, Kenneth (Sylvia Woods) and Crizette; one step-daughter, Linda Woods; 18 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; two special cousins, Christine Cameron and Janie Cooper; one sister-in-law, Evelyn Woods; a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins and a nation that will forever be indebted to a woman who reminded us to never lose sight of the key ingredient for any success.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in commemorating the 50th anniversary of the founding of this esteemed Harlem institution. May it continue its long run of excellence for another 50 years and more.

#### TRIBUTE TO RICHARD L. GRANT

### HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 31, 2012*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Richard L. Grant, who recently retired as the Vice President and Region Manager of Boise White Paper Alabama Operations on May 31, 2012. Mr. Grant knows the value of

hard work, as well as the importance of loyalty to one's company.

Mr. Grant began his career after graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Studies at the University of Maine in 1977. After graduation, he began a long journey, ultimately taking him from the East coast to the West and finally down to Alabama.

He began work with Boise as the Pulp Mill Day Supervisor in 1987 in Wallula, Washington. He then became the Power and Utilities Superintendent from 1988 to 1989 at Smurfit Newsprint Corporation in Oregon. In 1989, Mr. Grant moved to the Alabama Operations, where he held a variety of positions from 1989 to 2008 which included: Operations Manager, Production Manager, Paper Machine Superintendent, Recycle General Superintendent, Utilities Superintendent and Region Manager of the Alabama Operations, before being promoted to Vice President in November of 2008.

In addition to being a leader in safety, Mr. Grant has made many outstanding and lasting contributions to Boise and his community. He has been a leader in the development of people's character, mentoring many of the key managers within the Boise Paper family. These contributions to the company will be greatly missed.

Rick has been a tremendous and positive force in his community and the Boise Paper Company. He has set a high standard of leadership that will be difficult to replace.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of South Alabama, I would like to extend a job well done, as well as our very best wishes to the Rick and his wife, Sissie, for all their future endeavors.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 31, 2012*

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 531 I inadvertently voted "aye" when I intended to vote "no" on the Fitzpatrick Amendment to H.R. 4078. I would like the record to reflect this error, and to reiterate my opposition to efforts to undermine the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. Sarbanes-Oxley has been an important bill that improves corporate transparency and helps to ensure confidence in our financial markets, and I continue to support this vital legislation.

#### HONORING REV. WILLIAM F. HARRELL

### HON. PAUL C. BROWN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 31, 2012*

Mr. BROWN of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a Southern Baptist minister in Georgia's Tenth Congressional District, Rev. William F. Harrell. After serving as Senior Pastor of Abilene Baptist Church for the past 31 years, Rev. Harrell, or Brother Bill, as he is lovingly referred to by his church congregation, is entering retirement.

Under his leadership, Abilene Baptist has grown to nearly 2,900 members, and the min-

istry includes a region-wide television program, entitled "Strength for Today." Its building stands as a stunning landmark, and the reputation of its members is a powerful testimony to the greatness of God. The church's success and strength is due, in large part, to Rev. Harrell's faithfulness and care in serving the community of the Central Savannah River Area and first and foremost, our Lord Jesus Christ. He has served a total of 39 years in ministry, holding a number of positions in the Augusta Baptist Association, Georgia Baptist Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention.

For this reason, and on the occasion of his retirement, it is my honor to acknowledge Rev. Bill Harrell, for his outstanding career and significant contributions to Christian ministry. Furthermore, I extend my sincere appreciation to a servant leader in whom I value his friendship and hold in the highest regard. Rev. Harrell is a man who is certain of his calling, consistent in his ministry, and committed to doing the work of the Lord.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I applaud the great work of Rev. William Harrell and congratulate him on the occasion of his retirement.

#### HONORING THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA MEN'S GOLF TEAM

### HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 31, 2012*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the University of Alabama's men's golf team which placed runner up to the National Champion Team from the University of Texas, on June 3, 2011. The Crimson Tide's record of accomplishment this season is the best in the history of the University's golf program.

Although the Tide was behind all day, they fought hard to come back. Senior Hunter Hamrick, from Montgomery, was able to put points on the board for the Crimson Tide with a 6 and 5 win. Sophomore Bobby Wyatt, from Mobile, played a dramatic hole with a birdie chip on 18 winning his match 1 up. Sophomore Cory Whitsett tied the final match with a birdie on 17. And, on 18, Texas player Dylan Frittelli needed to sink a 20-foot-putt to beat the Crimson Tide in the final match.

With such an outstanding performance, the Alabama golf team completed their most successful season in the school's history by placing runner-up at the NCAA Championship. The team also won its third SEC Championship, the school's second regional title, as well as finished first in the stroke-play portion of the NCAA Championship over Texas by 10 shots.

The 2012 men's golf team members are Hunter Hamrick, Lee Knox, Tom Lovelady, Trey Mullinax III, Scott Strohmeyer, Justin Thomas, Cory Whitsett, and Bobby Wyatt.

The coaching staff consists of Head Coach Jay Seawell, Assistant Coach Scott Limbaugh, and Team Chaplain Stephan Bunn.

On behalf of the people of Alabama and my colleagues in the Alabama Delegation, I wish to extend personal congratulations to Coach Jay Seawell, the coaching staff, and the men of the University of Alabama Men's Golf Team for their tremendous accomplishment.

HONORING NATALIE DELL AND  
CHRISTA HARMOTTO FOR MAK-  
ING THE USA OLYMPIC TEAM

### HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 31, 2012*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring two outstanding athletes selected to the United States Olympic Team from the 9th Congressional District of Pennsylvania: Natalie Dell and Christa Harmotto.

Natalie Dell, raised in Clearville, PA was a standout track star throughout her high school career. Upon attending Penn State University, Dell decided that she had reached her full potential in track and field and wanted to pursue another competitive sport. She chose to begin rowing where she quickly fell in love with the sport. After graduation, she continued to hone her strength and technique and joined the Riverside Boating Club in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Although Natalie was less experienced than the rest of her peers, her talent and status advanced rapidly as she soon became a member of the U.S. National Rowing Team. Her rigorous training and the perfection of her skill proved to be well worth the effort. Dell achieved a position on the 2012 Olympic Women's quadruple skulls boat and is the first alumnus from Penn State to row for the USA National Rowing Team. Her six day per week, two-a-day training has aptly prepared this courageous woman to represent the United States and the 9th district of Pennsylvania.

The second great Olympian from our district is Christa Harmotto. Harmotto was brought up in Hopewell Township, PA where she excelled at sports from a young age. In high school, as a multiple year letterman for volleyball and basketball, Christa won the Pennsylvania Gatorade Player of the Year. She then transferred her high school success to that at Penn State, where she chose to continue her pursuit of volleyball. Her student athlete career was one of great success and achievement, as she acted as an integral member of a two-time national championship team, while simultaneously attaining All-American status for four straight years. A prominent figure on the squad as a middle blocker, Christa makes her Olympic debut in 2012. I am positive she will fight valiantly and work hard for her side in their journey to win the gold medal.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate these two heroes of Pennsylvania's 9th district. With their effort and determination, these two women are destined to do great things for our country and the 9th district of Pennsylvania. I am very proud of their hard work and determination to win for the United States Olympic Team. I hope you join me in wishing them and the rest of our Olympic athletes well in their respective competitions at this year's Games.

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE

### HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 31, 2012*

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 125th Anniversary of the

Historic Town of Eatonville, the Oldest Incorporated African American Municipality in America. Eatonville is a source of pride for the entire State of Florida and it gives me great pleasure to represent them in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Eatonville is a town rich in black history, tucked away just north of the city of Orlando and home to more than 2,000 people.

Eatonville is known as one of the first incorporated black towns and was formed after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation.

Eatonville is named for Union Army Captain Josiah Eaton. He owned the land and sold it to a group of African-American men who wanted to start their own city.

On August 15, 1887, twenty-seven registered voters—all African-American men—met and voted to incorporate their parcels of land, creating the first African-American town in America.

The city thrived in music and arts and in 1897, the Robert Hungerford Normal and Industrial School was founded. For years, the school was the most important school for blacks in the state of Florida. Boys and girls from all over the state came to Eatonville to learn about great poets, writers, painters, and composers.

It stayed a private school until 1950 when the courts gave it to Orange County as a public trust, and is now known as Robert Hungerford Preparatory High School—Orange County's first all-magnet high school.

Eatonville hosts the annual Zora Neale Hurston Festival. Indeed, the Zora Neale Hurston Festival of Arts and Humanities in Eatonville, Florida is simply a prize for Eatonville and for the State of Florida.

People come from throughout the country and from around the world to visit and to participate in this great annual event, to celebrate not only the legacy of Zora, but of the cultural contributions made by African Americans around the globe. There have been twenty-three annual festivals and I have yet to miss one!

Please join me in honoring the Town of Eatonville, and I look forward to celebrating this town and its rich history for many years to come.

TRIBUTE TO UNIVERSITY OF ALA-  
BAMA ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MAL  
MOORE

### HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 31, 2012*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Coach Mal Moore, the respected, longtime Athletic Director of The University of Alabama who was recently named the 2012 recipient of the John L. Toner Award from the National Football Foundation (NFF) and the College Hall of Fame.

The Toner Award is presented annually by the NFF to an Athletic Director who has demonstrated superior administrative abilities and shown outstanding dedication to college athletics, particularly college football.

For those who closely follow University of Alabama athletics, there is little doubt that Mal Moore deserves this tremendous honor. As

Alabama's Athletic Director since 1999, he has guided the University's sports program to a new era of success, made improvements to athletic facilities and overseen numerous conference and national championships. This year alone, under his leadership, Mal Moore has been instrumental in the Crimson Tide winning four national championships in football, women's gymnastics, women's softball and women's golf.

Long a prominent figure in the "Alabama family," Coach Moore played quarterback under legendary head football coach Paul "Bear" Bryant, beginning in 1958, and was a member of the 1961 national championship team. A secondary and, later, quarterbacks coach for Coach Bryant's Crimson Tide, Coach Moore became a fixture on the 'Bama coaching staff until Coach Bryant's retirement in 1982 when he was hired to be an assistant coach at The University of Notre Dame. In 1990, he returned to Alabama to serve as offensive coordinator under Coach Gene Stallings. All total, Coach Moore has been a part of nine of Alabama's 14 national championships.

As Athletic Director, Mal Moore directs a \$100 million budget and 21 men's and women's varsity sports teams. His record of leadership speaks for itself. Since 1999, the University has notched countless NCAA championships and even more SEC championships. Also during Coach Moore's tenure as Athletic Director, the Crimson Tide football team has won two national championships (2009 and 2011), posted six 10-win seasons, a 5-4 bowl record, appearances in four Bowl Championship Series (BCS) bowl games and SEC championships in 1999, 2009 and 2011.

Winning is not his only legacy; however, the face of the University of Alabama campus has also been transformed during Coach Moore's tenure with more than \$200 million in improvements to the athletic infrastructure. Alabama has erected new stadiums for soccer, softball and tennis; new facilities for women's basketball and volleyball; a new golf clubhouse; and improved facilities for every other sports team, in addition to the renovation of the Bill Battle Center for Athletic Student Services and Coleman Coliseum. In 2007, The University of Alabama Board of Trustees officially dedicated the facility formerly known as the Football Building as the Mal M. Moore Athletic Facility. Coach Moore also oversaw the expansion of Bryant-Denny Stadium in 2006 and 2009, pushing the venue's capacity to 101,821, which ranks fifth nationally.

Mal Moore will be officially honored at the 55th NNF awards dinner at Waldorf-Astoria in New York City on December 4, 2012. He was elected to the State of Alabama Sports Hall of Fame in 2011.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Alabama and the entire Alabama Congressional Delegation, I would like to commend Coach Mal Moore for his exemplary leadership and congratulate him for receiving the John L. Toner Award. I know Coach Moore's daughter, Heather, his granddaughter, Anna Lee and grandson, Charles, as well as his many, many friends and associates around the country share in this proud and well-deserved honor.