

the Red Planet last month. But these missions are not cheap and they take years to design, test and fly. They also require highly specialized teams of engineers and scientists to make them work and to interpret the data they return to Earth. And without missions to work on, this talent pool cannot survive.

That is why I am committed to ensuring that funding for NASA includes sufficient resources for a robust planetary exploration program that will provide for continued investigation of Mars, while also allowing us to visit the many other fascinating places in the solar system, like Jupiter's moon, Europa, which was photographed in detail by *Voyager 2* in July 1979.

We cannot cede our leadership in space exploration and the incredible advances that come with it. I will continue to use my seat on the Appropriations committee to argue for a planetary exploration program that secures our continued place at the head of the table of space-faring nations.

TODAY WE REMEMBER
SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, it has been eleven years and we shall never forget the impact that September 11, 2001 made on every American.

Today, eleven years since tragedy struck the shores of America at the hands of Osama bin Laden and his followers, we should all pause for a moment and reflect upon not only the solemnity of this day, but also the strength of American ideals to overcome adversity and persevere.

Today, we should all remember the thousands of people needlessly murdered in New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia on that faithful day; the brave first responders who rushed into harm's way without concern for the consequences; the thousands of brave men and women that have made the ultimate sacrifice in the course of the war of terror; and the thousands of security, intelligence, and law enforcement officials that continue to work tirelessly to keep our Nation safe and secure.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
BISHOP NORMAN N. QUICK

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of our dear beloved spiritual leader, Bishop Norman N. Quick who passed away on Wednesday, August 1, 2012. The celebration will begin on Tuesday, August 7, as the local Jurisdiction of the Church of God In Christ presided by Bishop Frank O. White, General Board Member and Interim Jurisdictional Prelate will host the first Celebration of Life Service; and on Wednesday, August 8, the National Jurisdiction of the Church of God In Christ, presided by Bishop Charles E. Blake will host the final Celebration of Life Service. Bishop Quick will lie in state for viewing at

Childs Memorial Temple Church of God In Christ, where both celebration services will be held.

It is with great sorrow that my wife Alma and I join Harlem and the Church of God In Christ Worldwide Ministry in mourning the death of our beloved Bishop Norman N. Quick who left an unforgettable and indelible mark in all of our spiritual hearts and minds. I am truly thankful for his decades of service to our community, and for the many personal memories that I will cherish forever. Bishop Norman N. Quick was a renowned and outspoken evangelist of the word of Christ, who grew his ministry nationwide and internationally, mentoring young pastors from as far as Africa, Asia and throughout the Caribbean, creating a legacy of evangelists and educators whose ministry will live through his teachings forever. Great men like our beloved Bishop are precious gifts we temporarily have in this world, but their assistance and contributions are far remembered and everlasting. Although he will be missed, his legacy now lives through his flock and through his children and that is a great comfort to all who knew this amazing servant of God.

Bishop Norman N. Quick was installed as Senior Pastor of Faith Temple Church of God In Christ in October 1973, after the death of another historic renowned Evangelist, Bishop Dr. Alvin Alexander Childs, who passed away on Saturday, August 11th of that same year. In 1974, Bishop Quick renamed the church to Childs Memorial Temple Church of God In Christ in honor of Bishop Dr. Alvin Alexander Childs, who also left an unforgettable and indelible mark on Harlem and in all of our spiritual hearts and minds.

Under the leadership of Bishop Quick and First Lady Sister Verline Quick, Childs Memorial Temple grew larger in its spiritual teachings and ministerial work throughout the West Harlem and "Sugar Hill" community. Childs Memorial Temple offered spiritual and compassionate support through its religious services and social programs. In 1976, Bishop and Sister Quick founded The Childs Memorial Temple Bible Institute for the purpose of promoting their study of the Bible, training Christian Workers and carrying the Gospel to the unsaved.

In 1982, they also established the Childs Memorial Temple Christian Academy, which has, and continues to provide a wholesome and religious education for hundreds of children in the community. Within the cathedral, the United Homeless Organization provides social services such as housing, job placement, and nutritious meals to individuals in need and rejected by society. Childs Memorial Temple houses Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops that serve both the community and the church.

At a time when drugs, housing abandonment and despair ravaged throughout the neighborhood and community at large, Bishop Quick was one of the founding pastors and churches to form Harlem Congregations for Community Improvement in 1986, where he actively served on the Board of Directors. His success was as much a result of his enormous charming personality and character, as it was of his spiritual work ethic. Bishop Quick's incredible hospitality and personable nature was symbolic of Harlem's rich collective composition that will be remembered forever.

The history of Childs Memorial Temple Church of God In Christ began with the Faith

Temple Church of God In Christ under the leadership of Bishop Alvin A. Childs, which was one of the faster growing Pentecostal Churches in New York with over 3,000 members. Thousands of people received spiritual, financial and healing blessings under the dynamic ministry of Bishop Alvin A. Childs and the Faith Temple Church of God In Christ Family. Faith Temple was noted for its 11:00 p.m. radio broadcast where many people started gathering at 10:00 p.m. to hear the radio choir, many outstanding artists, Preachers and the voice of the Bishop, who was matchless as an orator and master 'pulpititeer.' In 1965, at the time of Malcolm X's death, none of Harlem's gaping Cathedrals would open the doors for his funeral. A fearless Bishop A. A. Childs dared to allow Malcolm X's slim body with bullet holes in the chest to be rolled into Faith Temple. Thousands of people lined the streets in front of the church as hundreds squeezed into the 600 seat Temple where actor Ossie Davis delivered the Eulogy. Faith Temple was a friend to all classes of people, Mayors and Governors, rich and poor and the rejected of society.

Mr. Speaker, the Village of Harlem and a very grateful nation extend our sincere and heartfelt support, love, and sympathy to the Church of God In Christ family as we celebrate the life of our beloved Bishop Norman N. Quick, who now takes his place alongside our other renowned Freedom Fighters, who have contributed and dedicated their entire lives to uplifting the spiritual morality, civil rights, social justice and education equality for all Americans despite race, color or creed.

WHITE MEADOW TEMPLE 60TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor The Congregation of White Meadow Temple of Rockaway Township, Morris County, New Jersey for the celebration of its 60th Anniversary this year.

Initially a popular vacation spot for Jews from New York City and Newark in the 1940s, White Meadow Temple was founded in 1952 as a result of an increasing suburban Jewish population in Rockaway Township. Worship quickly commenced, beginning in 1953. In the years spanning 1955 and 1989, Rabbi Jacob Weitman served as the temple's spiritual leader, overseeing an era blossoming in both membership and dedication.

In 1964 the temple's building at 153 White Meadow Road underwent major renovations to accommodate for an increasing membership. Nearly 20 years later, White Meadow Temple renovated again in 1985, this time building a new sanctuary, two kitchens and additional Hebrew school classrooms.

Strengthening the foundation that Rabbi Weitman and the succeeding Rabbi Ralph Dalin laid, today, White Meadow Temple maintains its Jewish vision and principles while also expanding its involvement in the community. The conservative temple takes pride in its reputation and as a warm, active and egalitarian congregation.

In addition to services, which occur on Shabbat, weekday evenings, and Sunday

mornings, the congregation also partakes in the Synagogue's educational and social endeavors. Encouraging participating of younger generations on a spiritual level, the Temple also holds a Junior Congregation and Tot Shabbat services. Ranging from a Nursery School and Kindergarten to Youth groups, Senior Group, and a Women's league, White Meadow Temple offers everyone a chance to get involved and find their niche both in and out of the Jewish community.

After 60 years of passionate leadership, White Meadow Temple is currently overseen by President Marc Levine and services are lead by Rabbi Benjamin Adler. May that clear commitment and involvement of the congregation in the community uphold the mission of the White Meadow Temple and continue to inspire future generations!

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating The White Meadow Temple of Rockaway Township, Morris County, New Jersey, on reaching their 60th Anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO MITLA CAFÉ

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask Congress to pay tribute to an outstanding business in San Bernardino, California—Mitla Café. This September, Mitla Café will be celebrating its 75th year as their family restaurant serving the people of Southern California.

Mitla Café is the oldest continually operating restaurant in San Bernardino, and one of the oldest Mexican restaurants in Southern California. Mitla Café serves standard Mexican fare—tacos, burritos, and fresh tortillas. They pride themselves in fresh food, which keeps the locals coming back for more. Today, the restaurant remains in its original location, off historic Route 66 in San Bernardino.

This family owned business was founded in 1937, by Lucia and Salvador Rodriguez. Until her passing in 1981, Lucia ran the restaurant with the help of her daughters Theresa, Helen, and Vera. After the death of her mother, Vera continued to manage the restaurant with the same understanding and passion for the community that her mother held. After Vera passed away in 1984, Lucia and Salvador's youngest son, Frank Montano, and his wife Irene continued the family business. Today, Mitla Café is managed by the founders' great-grandson, Steven Oquendo. The family restaurant atmosphere and exceptional food keeps residents coming to Mitla Café even after they have moved out of the area. From my own personal experience, my family and I have always enjoyed dining at Mitla Café.

To celebrate their 75th year anniversary, Mitla Café hosted an event on Saturday September 8th, which featured live music by the Scott Martin Latin Soul Band. Earlier this June, Mitla Café also hosted an anniversary event, featuring Bruce Conte and the Jazz Junkies.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating San Bernardino's oldest restaurant, Mitla Café for their 75th anniversary.

HONORING PEGGY COMBS' PROMOTION TO BRIGADIER GENERAL IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. RICHARD L. HANNA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

Mr. HANNA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Peggy Combs on her promotion to Brigadier General in the United States Army.

Brigadier General Combs is the commandant of the U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear School at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. The change of command ceremony was streamed live to her hometown American Legion, R.K. Parkhurst Post 1448 in Oriskany, NY, where both she and her parents are members. Approximately 1,400 members of the community gathered to watch the ceremony.

Brigadier General Combs is the first female general officer to hail from the upstate New York community, and is the first general with ties to Oriskany since Gen. Nicholas Herkimer, who led local militia during the famed battle of Oriskany during the Revolutionary War.

Brigadier General Combs is the eldest of Jack and Pat Huther's four children and is a 1981 graduate of Oriskany Central School. Brigadier General Combs was the first member of her family to go to college. In 1985, she graduated from the esteemed Syracuse University and received her direct commission as a second lieutenant through the university's Army ROTC program, where she was a distinguished military graduate. Together with her husband Brad, they have raised three grown children. Brigadier General Combs stands as a role model for women and female soldiers throughout the United States of America. Only in America can a young girl from rural upstate New York climb the ranks of the best Army in the world.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Congress and the United States of America, I would like to recognize Brigadier General Peggy Combs on her promotion in the United States Army. Brigadier General Combs has been an asset not only to the United States Army but to the people of New York State and certainly Oneida County and her hometown of Oriskany. It is an honor and a privilege to applaud Brigadier General Combs' promotion and I wish her great success as she continues her upward journey in the United States Army.

CONSTITUTION DAY 2012 CELEBRATION—MIAMI

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, next week, Monday, September 17th is Constitution Day.

This day marks the 225th anniversary of the adoption of the United States Constitution by our Founding Fathers.

On that day in 1787 the members of the Constitutional Convention of Philadelphia reached a watershed moment, collectively adopting the Constitution that embodies the ideals of a new nation and a free people.

Over the course of this upcoming week, Americans from all walks of life will gather to commemorate this sacred document by collectively reading the Constitution in Constitution Day events nationwide.

Tomorrow, at 5:30 p.m. at the Miami History Museum on West Flagler Street, local law firm Higer, Lichter & Givner, in conjunction with History Miami, will host students, veterans, business and community leaders, and all who wish to join, as they gather together to read and honor the Constitution.

This is a wonderful tradition, and I strongly encourage everyone to take part in this important event.

H. RES. 484 AND H.R. 1410

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the two bills before us on human rights in Vietnam. These bills will enhance U.S. efforts to promote media and religious freedom in Vietnam, while communicating our concern and desire to protect the courageous advocates for freedom who risk everything to change their country for the better. I urge my colleagues to support both.

H. Res. 484 condemns the increasing repression by Vietnam's government of community organizers, bloggers, and democracy activists. Across the world, social media has empowered people to push for the rights that should be inherent in their citizenship. It has been like a wind filling the sails of movements pushing for more freedom, stronger accountability, and greater commitment to justice.

But we cannot forget that behind these social media are courageous individuals who risk everything to achieve those goals. This bill will make it clear to the government of Vietnam that their use of vague national security provisions in the penal code has been noted, and that the U.S. Congress will continue to press for freedom for people who are swept into prison under such shameful circumstances.

People like Nguyen Quoc Quan, a peaceful democracy activist and a U.S. citizen, who was arrested while visiting his home country. Recently, his prison sentence under one article has been extended four months under another. He was charged with terrorism under Article 88, and then the prosecutor rescinded that judgment and extended his jail term for "attempting to overthrow the government" under Article 79. We call this what it is: arbitrary, cruel, and unfair, and with this bill we call on the Vietnamese authorities to release all political prisoners, especially activists, writers, and bloggers who have been imprisoned under these provisions of the Vietnamese criminal code.

H.R. 1410 emphasizes that, while the United States will continue to work together with the Government of Vietnam on important issues of mutual concern, we will not increase our commitment of assistance until and unless they make substantial progress on media and religious freedoms, minority rights, access to U.S. refugee programs, and ending trafficking in persons.

This bill will bring hope to Vietnam's courageous democracy advocates that the United