

RECOGNIZING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOROUGH OF WOMELSDORF

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2012

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Borough of Womelsdorf, Berks County, Pennsylvania on its 250th anniversary.

Founded by five German farmers, Msrs. Weiser, Brown, Fidler, Schaeffer and Kobel during the 1720s, the area that would become the Borough of Womelsdorf has enjoyed a rich and storied history. One of these original settlers, Conrad Weiser, came to America in 1709 when his father, Johann Conrad Weiser, migrated from the German principality of Wurttemberg to England before settling on the New York frontier. In 1729, Conrad Weiser brought his wife and children to the Tulpehocken region, settling on 200 acres near the present town of Womelsdorf. In 1749, "Tulpehocken Eisenhammer" was the first industry founded when John George Nickoll and Michael Miller built a forge to produce "barr iron" at a location less than two miles north of Womelsdorf. This establishment was later known as "Charming Forge." In 1760, John Womelsdorf received in conveyance the land that would become the present day Borough of Womelsdorf and, in 1762, sold the first lots in the town he had established.

While the Borough of Womelsdorf has changed a great deal throughout its history, it still retains much of the charm from its historic past. Pre-Revolutionary buildings continue to stand in close proximity to modern structures. Today, the Borough of Womelsdorf and its citizens continue to make valuable contributions to the quality of the economic and social life of Berks County while preserving the history of its past.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating the Borough of Womelsdorf and its remarkable history on the occasion of its 250th anniversary and to extend best wishes for the Borough's continued prosperity and longevity.

RECOGNIZING TERRY JONES ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE WOLF TRAP FOUNDATION

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2012

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise along with my colleagues, Rep. FRANK WOLF and Rep. JIM MORAN, to recognize and commend Terrence D. "Terry" Jones on the occasion of his retirement after 17 years of distinguished service as President and CEO of the Wolf Trap Foundation. Terry's career in the performing arts spans more than 40 years, and he leaves a rich legacy both on and off the stage that will benefit the arts community and Northern Virginia for years to come.

During his tenure, Terry helped fulfill and then expand Wolf Trap's mission of providing a world-class platform for aspiring and accomplished artists alike at the majestic Filene Center and the 18th century Barns at Wolf Trap. Thanks to his innovative spirit, the Foundation continues to set new attendance and fundraising records. As the guiding force behind America's only National Park for the performing arts, Terry has positioned Wolf Trap as a leader not only in the arts, but also in connecting education, technology and environmental stewardship through the arts and inspiring passion for those pursuits in a new generation. And though its artistic scope is on the national and global stages, Terry has made sure that Wolf Trap also is a resource for our local communities.

In 2003, Terry helped lead the fund-raising effort to establish a National Center for Education on the Wolf Trap campus. The nonprofit focuses on early childhood arts education but serves as a resource for the entire community, particularly local school children. More recently, Wolf Trap partnered with the U.S. Department of Education on a project to integrate STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education into the arts.

Terry also has strengthened Wolf Trap's connection to its environmental roots. In 2007, he launched the Foundation's "Go Green" program with the stretch goal of making Wolf Trap carbon neutral. To date, the program has decreased the park's carbon footprint by 20% and cut landfill waste in half. Wolf Trap has been designated as a Climate Friendly Park by the EPA and National Park Service. Terry also led the effort to establish the National Council on the Arts and Environment and a partnership with the Aspen Institute on a nationwide Summit on the Arts and the Environment.

Prior to taking the helm at Wolf Trap, Terry served as CEO and artistic Director of the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. He previously served as General Manager of Clowes Memorial Hall in Indianapolis, Assistant Dean of the College of Fine Arts at Butler University, and he also founded the Bradford Repertory Theater in Vermont.

Throughout his distinguished career, Terry has received local and national recognition. He received the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award from his alma mater, the University of Kansas, was named Washingtonian of the Year in 2006 by Washingtonian Magazine, and was recognized by his peers with the Fan Taylor Distinguished Service Award from the Association of Performing Arts Presenters. During his tenure as Foundation president, Wolf Trap also has received numerous awards and accolades.

Beyond these accomplishments, we want to recognize Terry's exemplary role not just as an arts advocate and executive, but also as an individual. When asked in an interview what he loves most about his job, he said: "People—I don't think you could do this job if you didn't enjoy people and didn't like being around people." We can all recognize and appreciate Terry's unequivocal commitment to his craft and our community.

Mr. Speaker, Terry Jones has left a tangible, lasting imprint on the rich history of our National Park for the Performing Arts, and his

legacy will continue to inspire a new generation of artists. We wish Terry, his wife, Polly, and their family the continued success as he enters this next act of his life, and we ask our colleagues to join us in expressing our appreciation for his tremendous contributions to the arts, our nation and the Northern Virginia community.

IN HONOR OF MAYOR FRANK JACKSON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mayor Frank G. Jackson, the 56th Mayor of Cleveland, for being named the 2012 Black Professional of the Year by the Black Professionals Association Charitable Foundation (BPACF).

Born and raised in Cleveland's Central neighborhood, Mayor Jackson attended Cleveland Public Schools. Upon graduating from Max S. Hayes High School, he served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Mayor Jackson later earned an associate's degree from Cuyahoga Community College and a bachelor's degree in History and Urban Studies from Cleveland State University (CSU). He also would earn a master's and law degree from CSU.

Prior to taking on his role as Mayor of Cleveland, Jackson held a number of roles in public service. He began his career in the Cleveland Municipal Court Clerk's Office as an Assistant City Prosecutor. Mayor Jackson was first elected to public office in 1989 as a Cleveland City Councilman. He served the residents of Cleveland's 5th Ward in his capacity as a councilman until 2005. He also served as the Cleveland City Council President from 2002 to 2005 before being elected as the Mayor of Cleveland. He took office in January 2006, dedicating the past several years of his life to the residents of the City of Cleveland.

As Mayor of Cleveland, Jackson has made strong contributions to the advancement of equality and has worked tirelessly to increase opportunities for the economically and socially disadvantaged. Mayor Jackson has supported subsidized affordable housing in Cleveland to ensure everyone has a roof over their heads. Moreover he has labored to include low income Clevelanders in the decision-making process, rather than alienating them. Additionally he is focused on improving the education experience of students in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District; safety conditions for residents by improving the relationship between local law enforcement and the community; and tirelessly working on the continued economic development of the City of Cleveland.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in congratulating Mayor Frank Jackson on being named the 2012 Black Professional of the Year.

HONORING THE VETERANS OF THE
SEPTEMBER 18, 2012 EASTERN
IOWA HONOR FLIGHT

HON. DAVID LOEBSACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2012

Mr. LOEBSACK. Mr. Speaker, next week, over 80 Iowa veterans of the Greatest Generation will travel to our nation's capital. Accompanied by volunteer guardians, these veterans will travel to Washington, DC to visit the monument that was built in their honor.

For many of these veterans, next Tuesday, September 18th will be the first time they will see the National World War II Memorial. I am deeply honored to be joining them for a rally on September 17th to wish them well on their trip and to personally thank these heroes.

I am proud to have a piece of marble from the quarry that supplied the marble that built the World War II Memorial in my office. Like the memorial that it built, that piece of marble reminds me of the sacrifices of a generation of Americans. When our country was threatened, they rose to defend not just our nation, but the freedoms, democracy, and values that make our country the greatest nation on earth. They did so as one people and one country. Their sacrifices and determination in the face of great threats to our way of life are both humbling and inspiring.

The sheer magnitude of what the Greatest Generation accomplished, not just in war but in the peace that followed, continues to inspire us today. They did not seek to be tested both abroad by a war that fundamentally challenged our way of life and at home by the Great Depression and the rebuilding of our economy that followed. But, when called upon to do so, they defended and then rebuilt our nation to make it even stronger. Their patriotism, service, and great sacrifice not only defined their generation—they stand as a testament to the fortitude of our nation and the American people.

I am tremendously proud to provide an early welcome to the Eastern Iowa Honor Flight and Iowa's veterans of the Second World War to our nation's capital next week. On behalf of every Iowan I represent, I thank them for their service to our country.

HONORING MARGARET SCHUELKE

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2012

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

Whereas, many years ago a virtuous woman of God accepted her calling to serve the citizens in DeKalb County and the state of Georgia; and

Whereas, Ms. Margaret Schuelke began her career in service working diligently to assist citizens in need, as director of Project Community Connections, Inc., she has and continues to assist individuals and families experiencing homelessness with permanent housing placements; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents, giving the citizens

of our district a friend to help those in need, a fearless leader and a servant to all wanting to ensure that the system works for everyone; and

Whereas, Ms. Margaret Schuelke is a cornerstone in our community that has enhanced the lives of thousands for the betterment of our District and Nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. Margaret Schuelke for her outstanding leadership and service to our district and to congratulate her for being chosen as a Champion of Change by the White House;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim August 29, 2012 as Ms. Margaret Schuelke Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 29th day of August, 2012.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF CLEVELAND
CATHOLIC CHARITIES

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th anniversary of Cleveland Catholic Charities.

Cleveland Catholic Charities was first established by Cleveland Diocese's Bishop John Farrelly in 1912 as a response to the failing institutions that were designed to assist those in need and Cleveland's orphans. Throughout the past century, Cleveland Catholic Charities has expanded their services to encompass children, adolescents, families, seniors, people with disabilities and the impoverished and homeless. Meal delivery, transportation services, adult day activities, substance abuse support groups, parenting classes, job placement training, and mental health counseling are among a sampling of the programs provided.

Today, the nearly 2,000 employees of Cleveland Catholic Charities work to build a just and compassionate society that respects the dignity of every person. Though Cleveland Catholic Charities' impact on Northeast Ohioans is immeasurable, in the last year alone 330,000 people were served, 100,000 emergency services were provided and more than three million meals were served.

The centennial celebration of Cleveland Catholic Charities will be held on Saturday, September 15, 2012 and will feature the Inaugural Class of the Hall of Hope which includes Bishop John P. Farrelly (Bishop of Cleveland 1909–1921); Bishop Charles H. LeBlond (First Director of Charity in the Diocese of Cleveland, 1912–1933); Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine; Rev. Walter H. Jenne (Secretary for Social Concerns in the Diocese of Cleveland, 1980–1994); and J. Thomas Mullen (Secretary of Catholic Charities Health and Human Services, 1994–2010). Additionally, the event will include a special tribute to the Most Reverend Anthony M. Pilla, Bishop Emeritus, as the "Man of the Century" in recognition of his unwavering support of Catholic Charities.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing the 100th anniversary of Cleveland Catholic Charities.

COMMENDING WILLIAM PAUL DIL-
LON ON 40 YEARS OF MINISTRY
AND SERVICE

HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2012

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to commend Mr. William Paul Dillon, who has dedicated 40 years of ministry and service to Chicago's inner city.

Born into a family devoted to urban ministry, Mr. Dillon's grandfather and father both served as superintendents of the Sunshine Gospel Mission in Chicago, Illinois, a mission where I also had the opportunity to minister. At an early age, Mr. Dillon accepted Christ into his heart and began volunteering at the mission and working as a camp counselor. Though he did not feel a call to ministry, aspiring to work in the aviation industry for the hometown United Airlines, Mr. Dillon's father convinced him to attend Moody Bible Institute to better prepare him for a career as a Christian in business. Intending to only stay for a year, Mr. Dillon stayed for three and earned his diploma in 1965.

Mr. Dillon's time at Moody fostered an appreciation for the city. His studies took him to a startup church on the south side of Chicago, where he taught Sunday school and allowed him to develop his gifts for teaching and administration. Still intending to follow his dreams of working in the airline industry, he continued his studies and eventually earned a degree in Business Administration and an MBA from Murray State University.

Yet even with his MBA in hand, the Lord had a different plan for Mr. Dillon. A down economy meant few jobs in the airline industry, and he found work as the youth pastor of Salem Evangelical Free Church in the Humboldt Park neighborhood of Chicago. It is here that Mr. Dillon grew to love the community and see the challenges faced by inner city youth. Equipped with little beyond his understanding of business, he and his wife, Sandy, started the Inner City Impact ministry to serve and disciple local youth.

Inner City Impact has grown over the years, from an initial focus on young children, to a full-fledged inner city mission that has put down roots in the communities that it serves. Over time, three churches have developed out of the efforts of Inner City Impact, along with high school outreach programs in Humboldt Park and Cicero. Now headquartered in the Logan Square community, Inner City Impact continues to serve some of Chicago's toughest neighborhoods through after school clubs, camps, leadership development programs and sports leagues.

In addition to his ministry work, Mr. Dillon is an author and frequent speaker on college campuses and to other Christian ministries. He also serves as president of People Raising, an organization which helps missionaries and Christian organizations fundraise. The Dillons attend Arlington Heights Evangelical Free Church, and they have three grown children.

In 2005, Moody Bible Institute recognized Mr. Dillon for his service in naming him the Alumnus of the Year. As a fellow Moody alum, I believe this honor is well-deserved, as Mr. Dillon's life testimony captures the essence of