

He is the Vice President-at-Large of the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc., Past President of the General Baptist State Convention of MO/KS/NE; Past Chairman of the Congress of National Black Churches and current Board Member of the Congress of National Black Churches. He has served as a Commissioner of Highway and Transportation for the State of Missouri and to the Municipal Judicial Commission for Jackson County. He also serves as an Executive Board member of the Jazz District Redevelopment Corporation.

Dr. Hartsfield is highly sought after by national, state, and local public servants as an advisor because of the fellowship he has among black leaders and clergy. He also is in much demand as a guest speaker in many areas nationally. He has served as adjunct Professor and guest lecturer at numerous colleges and universities across the nation. Dr. Hartsfield has served and currently serves on several Boards of Directors for various colleges and organizations. He is the recipient of numerous honors and awards. In January 2008, I was proud to introduce a bill in Congress to rename the Parkway Post Office in my Kansas City district to the Wallace S. Hartsfield, Sr. Post Office.

He is married to the former Matilda Hopkins of Brunswick, GA. He and Mrs. Hartsfield are the parents of four children, Pamela Faith, Danise Hope, Ruby Love, and Wallace S. Hartsfield, II. They are the proud grandparents of seven and great-grand parents of five.

For those reasons and more, it is indeed an honor and privilege to welcome and congratulate Rev. Dr. Wallace Hartsfield, Sr. on his induction into the 2012 Missouri Walk of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in expressing our appreciation to Reverend Doctor Wallace Hartsfield, Sr. and his endless commitment to serving the residents of the State of Missouri and the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan Area. He is a true role model, not just to the African-American community in Missouri, but to the entire community and the nation. May his success serve as a stepping stone for many other African-Americans eager to be just as successful in their endeavors. While it is but a small acknowledgement for all of the work he has done, it is a heartfelt gesture, taking strength from the many lives he has touched in our hometown.

HONORING HERBERT HOROWITZ

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor, Mr. Herbert Horowitz of Sarasota, FL. Herb was born in Brooklyn, New York; his family moved to Fall River, Massachusetts. Herb entered the Army in 1941 and was honorable discharged in 1945. He is a World War II veteran who served in the European theater. After serving his country, Herb returned home and began a civilian life. Upon his discharge, he went into the manufacturing of Men's Clothing.

Married now for seventy years to his wife, Isabelle, they raised three children (David, Robert & Debra). They talk proudly of their grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Herb was active in various local religious and community

organizations. Retiring to Sarasota with his wife Isabelle in 1984, Herb has been active in his synagogue, Temple Sinai, and is now a respected elder member.

Herb still works out at the Sarasota Family YMCA, Evalyn Sadlier Jones Branch. Executive Director, Ben Pinegar, has said "Herb continues to be an inspiration to our senior members with his cheerful and positive outlook. His conscientious workout routine and his helpful attitude to other members is to be admired. He is also considered to be a mentor to some of our younger Y members. Herb helps to make our Y a family."

Herb will be ninety-five years young on November 17, 2012. I congratulate him and wish him many more happy birthdays. With Veteran's Day approaching, I thank all of our veterans, of which Herb is an example. I thank our veterans for not only their service to our country, but also for what they have contributed to their communities.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL PATRICK J. O'REILLY

HON. MO BROOKS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. BROOKS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to Lieutenant General Patrick J. O'Reilly, United States Army and Director of the Missile Defense Agency.

Lieutenant General O'Reilly will be retiring from the United States Army after 38 years of honorable and faithful service to the United States of America: four years as a cadet at West Point, and for 34 years as a Commissioned Officer. His service to this great nation spans nearly four decades that witnessed dramatic changes to the strategic national security landscape, organizational structure of the United States Army, and military services.

From humble beginnings growing up in Richland, Texas, to working long hot summers as a teenager on his mother's family farm in Davey, Nebraska, General O'Reilly recognized and believed that service to country was not only an obligation, but a calling. He entered West Point in 1974, at a time when many Americans shunned military service and military values as the United States exited the Vietnam War.

He started his commissioned Army career as a Maintenance Officer; he later served as an Ordnance Officer and a Physics Instructor at West Point. He then transitioned to the Army Acquisition Corps where his contributions and leadership have strengthened the security of the United States, our friends, allies, and international partners. Like all distinguished military careers, General O'Reilly has served in many assignments, including joint assignments that culminated with his service as the Director of the Missile Defense Agency.

General O'Reilly helped make missile defense a reality. He served as the Project Manager for the Directed Energy Directorate and as Program Manager for the Theater High Altitude Area Defense Missile Project of the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization, which later became the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization. He also served as the Product Manager for the Patriot Advanced Capability 3 Program. His outstanding work as an acquisi-

tion specialist and his engineering expertise earned him a career assignment as the Executive Officer to the Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology.

The Army, the Joint Staff, and the nation recognized his talent and expertise and appointed him to be the Program Manager for the Theater High Altitude Area Defense system in 1999. The Army later assigned him to be the Program Executive Officer for the Combat Support/Combat Service Support Program to provide Up-Armored vehicles to combat troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

He returned to the Missile Defense Agency in 2005 and served as the Program Manager for the Ground-based Midcourse Defense system (GMD). In this role, General O'Reilly oversaw the development and acquisition of one of the most important weapon systems in the history of the United States, one designed to defend the homeland against long-range ballistic missile attacks. General O'Reilly was instrumental in successfully advancing the program following a challenging period. During his tenure as Program Manager, the Missile Defense Agency conducted the first successful flight test of the operationally configured Ground-Based Interceptor, and executed the first successful intercept flight test of the GMD system.

General O'Reilly's work as the GMD Program manager directly contributed to the fielding of the nation's first limited defense capability, the operational Ground-based Midcourse Defense System that was part of the initial Ballistic Missile Defense System (BMDS). This was the first ever deployed system to protect the United States homeland against a limited ICBM attack. His achievements and technical missile defense knowledge were well recognized by civilian and military leadership, and as a result, he was assigned in January 2007 to be the Missile Defense Agency's Deputy Director. Just a little over a year later, following his elevation to Deputy Director, the Department of Defense hand-picked General O'Reilly to be promoted to Lieutenant General. He was then nominated by the President of the United States and confirmed by the United States Senate to become the Director of the Missile Defense Agency.

As the Director of the Missile Defense Agency, General O'Reilly successfully applied his insightful and decisive leadership to a series of national and international challenges as the Agency developed, tested, fielded, and expanded the BMDS to protect the United States, its deployed forces, and allies and friends against the growing and diverse threat posed by ballistic missiles.

As Director, he completed the construction of an additional missile field in Alaska for the GMD infrastructure to ensure a more robust defense of the homeland. As part of this plan, he made a commitment to Congress and the American people to field and deploy 30 Ground Base Interceptors by the end of 2010, and he fulfilled this important milestone in September 2010. He also initiated a Ground Based Interceptor fleet refurbishment and reliability enhancement program that resulted in upgrades and improvements to 10 Ground Based missiles deployed at Fort Greely, Alaska. Moreover, under his direction, the Missile Defense Agency completed the upgrades and integration of the Thule Early Warning Radar in Greenland, and the Clear Early Warning Radar in Alaska.

In January 2009, strategic direction on how the nation would deploy missile defenses in Europe directed a renewed focus on the ballistic missile threat from the Middle East to our NATO European allies. General O'Reilly was called upon to work with the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), and the Department of State to develop and implement a four phased plan for the deployment of the European Phased Adaptive Approach (EPAA).

His work resulted in a unique solution to phase and convert shipped-based SM-3 missiles for land-based use. In December 2011, General O'Reilly and the Missile Defense Agency achieved a historical milestone by issuing a technical declaration for EPAA Phase 1 in December 2011. As a result, the United States has now successfully deployed a command and control battle management system in Germany and a forward-based radar in Turkey, and has assigned an Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) ship to patrol the Eastern Mediterranean Sea.

During his tenure, his organization further completed BMD installations on 11 Aegis warships, including the upgrade of three ships from 3.6 to 4.0.1, giving them a ballistic missile defense capability utilizing the most capable interceptors available. During this time the Aegis BMD program delivered 66 SM-3 IA interceptors and four SM-3 IBs for flight testing. At the tactical level, he oversaw the delivery of the United States Army's first two operational THAAD batteries, initiated production of two additional THAAD batteries, and managed the delivery of 51 THAAD interceptors to meet the needs of our Combatant Commanders and the needs of our allies.

General O'Reilly's missile defense vision extended far beyond the current set of fielded and planned capabilities. During his tenure, the nation witnessed the Airborne Laser Test Bed (ALTB) demonstrate revolutionary technology by achieving two historic shoot-downs of two short-range ballistic missile targets using directed energy technology. He also advocated and began program implementation to provide Precision Tracking Space System satellites to one day provide persistent overhead coverage from space as well as birth to death tracking of enemy ballistic missiles.

Mr. Speaker, these are but a few of the many accomplishments in General O'Reilly's storied and distinguished career. As I reviewed his experiences and contributions, I am reminded that his career has made national security history, and that he has also provided a vision for future generations of military officers.

I also believe all distinguished careers are helped, aided, and encouraged by friends and family. As a nation we also owe a debt of gratitude to General O'Reilly's wife, Judith, and his two daughters, Siobhan and Brigid. General O'Reilly and family, thank you for your service to God and Country. General O'Reilly, you have held true to your West Point Class of 1978 motto—"Proud and Great '78."

IN REMEMBRANCE OF JAMES M.
NAUGHTON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of newsman James M.

Naughton who died at the age of 73 from complications of prostate cancer. He is survived by his wife Diana, three daughters, one son, and four grandchildren.

Mr. Naughton was born in Painesville, Ohio and earned his college degree from the University of Notre Dame while working summers at the local newspaper, The Painesville Telegraph. Upon his graduation in 1960, he served as a lieutenant in the Marine Corps for two years. In 1962, Naughton found himself back in Ohio writing about politics and urban affairs for the Cleveland Plain Dealer—a job he held for seven years.

From 1969 to 1977, Mr. Naughton worked at the New York Times as a White House and national correspondent covering the Nixon, Ford and Carter eras. During his tenure on the Times, he covered such stories as when Senator Muskie emotionally responded to a New Hampshire newspaper's attack aimed at his wife, former Vice President Agnew's admission of tax evasion in order to avoid bribery charges, and the Congressional impeachment hearings that arose out of the Nixon Watergate scandal. He later served as executive editor of The Philadelphia Inquirer during the time they earned 18 Pulitzers in 17 years, and from 1996 to 2003, Naughton served as the President of the Poynter Institute for Media Studies in St. Petersburg, FL where he eventually retired.

Jim Naughton was a "prank loving" reporter with a witty spirit. He was known for showing up to a presidential news conference wearing the head of a chicken costume, and often placed a wide variety of animals in his colleagues' offices; he always believed such a mischievous spirit provided for an atmosphere of creativity and cohesion.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the life and achievements of James M. Naughton.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office; the national debt was \$ 10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$ 16,020,975,194,914.83. We've added \$5,394,098,146,001.80 dollars to our debt in 3½ years. This is \$5.3 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PAUL C. BROWN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. BROWN of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 579 had I been present, I would have voted "no."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF SERGEANT FIRST CLASS KITO KAJUAN WILKINS

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize Sergeant First Class Kito Kajuan Wilkins, who will be retiring from the US Army's 3rd Infantry Division, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade.

Originally from Anniston, Alabama, Wilkins entered the Army in 1992. Upon graduation from boot camp, he became a Bradley Vehicle Driver at Fort Benning, Georgia. Soon after, he became a Squad Leader and Platoon Sergeant in Illesheim, Germany. From 1999–2002, he was stationed in Fort Hood, where he served as a Technical Inspector. After serving as a recruiter in San Antonio, Wilkins was deployed to Iraq to support Operation Iraqi Freedom. After his deployment to Iraq, Wilkins served in Fort Eustis, Virginia as an Instructor. From 2008–2010, he was stationed at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, as a Platoon Sergeant and Section Chief. Currently, his duty location is Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, Georgia. While stationed there he has deployed to Pakistan, where he took part in the Pakistani Humanitarian Mission Flood Relief, and Afghanistan, where he served his final deployment.

Because of his dedication to our country, SFC Wilkins has received countless awards. These include: 7 Army Accommodation Medals, five Army Achievement Medals, six Army Good Conduct Medals, two National Defense Service Medals, one Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal, one Global War on Terror Service Medal, one Silver Recruiter Badge and one Basic Marksmanship Qualification Badge.

In addition to his dutiful service to our country, SFC Wilkins is a tireless volunteer. He has logged over 1,500 volunteer community service hours teaching youth football, basketball and soccer. Because of his volunteer efforts, Wilkins has received two Humanitarian Service Medals, a Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, an Army Service Ribbon and two Overseas Service Ribbons.

Mr. Speaker, I offer my sincerest gratitude to SFC Wilkins, a true American hero, for his service to our nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 89TH ANNUAL FEAST OF ST. WENCESLAUS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Czech Catholics of Greater Cleveland on the occasion of their 89th Annual Feast of St. Wenceslaus on September 29, 2012 at St. John Nepomucene Parish.

St. Wenceslaus is the patron saint of the Czech Republic. Every year, his feast day, September 28th, is celebrated by Czech communities around the world. St. Wenceslaus was the leader of Old Bohemia during the