

TRIBUTE TO MS. ANGELA
EDWARDS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Angela Edwards.

Ms. Edwards started her nursing career in 1983 at Port of Spain General Hospital. She received her diploma in Nursing in 1986 and immigrated to the United States in 1989. She received a Bachelor's degree at St. Joseph College and a Master Degree in Nursing from Teachers College at Columbia University.

Ms. Edwards then started work at Mount Sinai Medical Center in 1993 and in 1996 she received the Nursing Award for Nursing Excellence. Ms. Edwards' stand-out service helped her get promoted from Staff Nurse to Clinical Coordinator and finally Clinical Nurse Manager. Ms. Edwards also served as Clinical Director of Nursing at the Saint Vincent Medical Centers from 2008 until the center's closure in April 2010.

Ms. Edwards started work at Woodhull Medical Center and during her brief tenure she created and implemented a Quality Nursing Dashboard to monitor clinical, financial and human resources sensitive indicators. She was instrumental in creating an all RN model in the Medical Surgical units, thereby ensuring high quality care for out-patients and she implemented Focus Charting to ensure improved nursing documentation in acute care units. All these initiatives to improved patient care culminated with the Implementation of Primary Nursing Model, which is as a Best Practice at the Woodhull Medical Center.

All through her nursing career Ms. Edwards provided compassionate and quality care to all patients especially those without resources. Today, she continues to tirelessly work to eliminate health disparities among the communities she serves.

Ms. Edwards now serves as the Deputy Director of Nursing at the North Brooklyn Health Network where she leads the nursing team providing quality care for the Inpatient Unit which consists of Critical Care, Medical/Surgical, Behavioral Health and Maternal Child Health services.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Ms. Edwards for her contribution to the medical fraternity and our community.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Ms. Angela Edwards.

IN MEMORY OF DAISY LEA
ALEXANDER KENNEDY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

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Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Daisy Lea Alexander Kennedy, the beloved wife of my dearest friend and Chief of Staff, Arthur "Art" W. Kennedy. Sadly, she passed away on November 21 2012. I am truly blessed to have known Daisy and my thoughts and prayers go out to Art, his family, and friends during this most difficult time.

Daisy was a loving wife and mother, a life-long educator and mentor, and an active member of her community. Born on October 3, 1932 in Evergreen, Alabama to the late Delilah and Richard Alexander, she was the youngest of five children. At an early age, the family moved to Pensacola, Florida. Daisy was educated in the Escambia County Public School System and graduated from Booker T. Washington High School. She went on to attend Florida A&M University (FAMU), where she received both her undergraduate and graduate degrees.

With a great passion for teaching and mentoring, Daisy worked tirelessly for 37 years in the Broward County Public School System. She also played a critical role in her grandchildren's education, teaching them important skills such as writing, reading, and math.

Furthermore, Daisy was a faithful member of First Baptist Church Piney Grove since 1956. She sang soprano in the choir, started the noonday bible study, and held several leadership positions. These included being the first chairperson of the church directory, a past president of the Pastor's Aide, a former Sunday School Superintendent, a member of the hospitality committee, and an active member of the Missionary Circle of Mary of Bethany.

In addition, Daisy was a highly respected and admired member of the community, dedicating her time to numerous organizations. She was a strong supporter of the FAMU Alumni Association, the Golden Heights Neighborhood Association, the Kappa Silhouettes, and the Retired Teachers' Association.

On July 8, 1984, Daisy was united in holy matrimony to Art Kennedy. With this union came seven children, eighteen grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren, plus one on the way.

Daisy leaves to cherish her wonderful memory a loving and devoted husband, Art; her children, Sharon Telfer of Winter Haven, Florida; Lennard Robinson, Sr. of Plantation, Florida; Janice (Jerome) Boger of Conyers, Georgia; Michael Bruce (Joyce Marie) Kennedy of Miramar, Florida; Vikki Johnson of New Carrollton, Maryland; Arthur (Yolanda) Kennedy of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; and Jill Kennedy of Plantation, Florida; her grandchildren, Patrick, Shante, Shannon, Daima, Danielle (Marcus), Trawick, Kendall, Bryce, David (Amanda), Kasey Korey, Kiara, Daniel, Lennard, Moriah, Marion, Rico, Alex, and Tyler; her great-grandchildren, Marcus, Kamari, Lauren, Elijah, Ayden, Cameryn, Khambrea, King, and Kennedy; two brothers, Henderson Alexander and William Crosby; one sister, Alberta Lewis; a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins; her goddaughter, Deetra Durham; two very special friends, Mary Ellen Sands and Jackie Hall; and countless others.

Mr. Speaker, for those of us whose lives she touched, Daisy Kennedy will always have a special place in our hearts. She will be remembered fondly and dearly missed.

JUDGE DOMINICK SPADACCINO

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Judge Dominick

Spadaccino who passed away recently at the age of 91. Judge Spadaccino will be remembered as one of the more colorful and unique characters to have served Bucks County. He served 23 years as a Magisterial District Judge in Middletown, PA before retiring in 1987. His service earned him a commendation from President Ronald Reagan.

Judge Spadaccino served in the U.S. Army Air Force in the China-Burma-India Theater of World War II along with his six brothers. He operated as a medical technician and earned a presidential citation for service, armed forces medal and distinguished service award. During his time in Bucks County, he was involved with the Uptown String Band in Hulmeville and was known for his lively wedding services.

He was described as a straightforward judge who was not afraid to speak his mind. He was known as a fair judge, who was respected for both his humorous nature and esteemed service to our community.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF DELTA
SIGMA THETA SORORITY

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I recognize the Gary, Indiana Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority for recently celebrating its 75th anniversary. The theme for the event was "Through the Looking Glass: A Supreme Record of Sisterhood, Scholarship and Service." In honor of this momentous occasion, a reception was held on Friday, October 19, 2012, at the Genesis Convention Center in Gary, Indiana.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, is a private, non-profit organization that was founded on January 13, 1913, by 22 students at Howard University in Washington, DC. The organization was founded in order to promote academic excellence and to assist the underserved population by providing scholarships, supporting community organizations, and by empowering people to fight for positive public policy. In one of their first public acts, the Delta founders participated in the Women's Suffrage March in Washington DC. on March 3, 1913. The Deltas were incorporated in 1930 and today, the sisterhood has over 200,000 female members and 900 chapters across the world.

Throughout the years, the sorority has continued to establish programs that strengthen the African American family and improve education, healthcare, and international development. The programs supported and developed by Delta Sigma Theta are based on the organizations five-point thrust that includes: economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, and political awareness and involvement. Each program is coordinated by committees that work together to develop and implement this five-point thrust.

The Gary, Indiana, Alumnae Chapter has worked diligently to serve the city of Gary and all of Northwest Indiana. The Gary Alumnae chapter has created many innovative programs that have helped numerous people

throughout the community. Delta Days at Gary City Hall is a program that was created in order for chapter members to voice their concerns about issues affecting the community to the mayor, city council, and other elected officials. Every year, the Gary Chapter gives out five \$1,000 scholarships to girls that attend Northwest Indiana schools. The mentoring program has been implemented to help students learn the importance of staying in school, setting goals, and making positive decisions. The Gary Alumnae Chapter contributes to the Maama Project, which supports efforts to help with the healthy and safe delivery of babies of women in Africa. For several years, the chapter has hosted a free Thanksgiving dinner feeding hundreds of people. There is so much that the chapter has accomplished over the years, and Northwest Indiana is not only proud but inspired by the good works of this outstanding organization.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the members of the Gary, Indiana, Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority for the exceptional contributions they have made to the city of Gary, Northwest Indiana, and throughout the world. I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating the Gary, Indiana, Alumnae Chapter on the organization's 75th anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
CHARLES J. HYNES

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate and pay tribute to Charles J. Hynes for his important and respected commitment to his community as the District Attorney of Kings County.

Charles began his career in public service in 1963 as an associate attorney for the Legal Aid Society. In 1969, he joined the Kings County District Attorney's Office as an Assistant District Attorney. In 1971, he was named Chief of the Rackets Bureau and in 1973, he was promoted to First Assistant District Attorney.

In 1999, Mr. Hynes created the ComALERT, (Community And Law Enforcement Resources Together), public safety program which supports individuals on probation or parole as they re-enter their Brooklyn communities. In 2005, Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Mr. Hynes started a United States Department of Justice funded Family Justice Center—a one stop shopping service for victims of domestic violence and their surviving children.

Since 2000, District Attorney Hynes has served as a member of the American Bar Association. In 2008, he received the American Bar Association Award, "Lawyer as Problem Solver," and the "Cyrus R. Vance Tribute" from The Fund for Modern Courts. In 2009, he was given the Diversity Championship Award by The New York City Bar Association. On November 3, 2009, Charles J. Hynes was re-elected to his sixth term as the District Attorney of Kings County (Brooklyn), New York.

Mr. Hynes continues to demonstrate his commitment to public service and education by serving as an Adjunct Professor of Trial Advocacy at three New York City Law

Schools. He was appointed to both St. John's and Brooklyn Law School in 1984, and Fordham University Law School in 1992.

Mr. Hynes is now spearheading a groundbreaking alternative-to-prison program for mothers and their children through a not-for-profit foundation named in honor of his mother, Regina Drew. The Drew Foundation is planning to operate the first residence of its kind in the country in which women will be permitted to remain with all of their children in a secure, community-based setting while receiving intensive trauma-focused, rehabilitative services.

District Attorney Hynes is a proud and lifelong resident of Brooklyn, where he was born and raised in the Flatbush section. He met his wife, Patricia L. Pennisi, a registered nurse, while they were undergraduate students. He attended St. John's University while she was at Kings County Hospital.

Mr. Speaker, I call on my colleagues to join me in recognizing the contributions and accomplishments of Mr. Charles J. Hynes.

NORTH MIAMI MUSEUM OF
CONTEMPORARY ART

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the North Miami Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) for receiving a 2012 National Medal for Museum and Library Service, our nation's highest honor conferred on museums and libraries for community service. MOCA's record truly embodies the essence of this award.

In addition to being a world-renowned art institution, MOCA houses various programs that support the South Florida community. MOCA has made a difference in thousands of lives through programs that help to curb drop-out rates, improve literacy, empower women and promote good behavior. For example, through "Women on the Rise," MOCA trains local women artists to go into detention centers to teach female detainees how to express themselves through art. Furthermore, MOCA regularly hosts classes, workshops and seminars to promote lifelong learning.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the North Miami Museum of Contemporary Art for having received a 2012 National Medal for Museum and Library Service and Director Bonnie Clearwater and her staff for their outstanding work.

IN HONOR OF ANDREW MICHAEL
FREEMAN

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to mark the passing of Andrew Michael Freeman, a combat veteran from the Hoosier state who recently earned an honorable discharge from the United States Army. As our nation paused on Veteran's Day to honor those men and women in uniform who

have served our country, the community of Anderson sadly mourns the loss of one of their own.

Andrew graduated from Anderson High School in 2004. In January 2009, Andrew enlisted in the United States Army and soon thereafter served in the 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment. While serving in Afghanistan, Andrew earned numerous distinctions, including several Army Achievement Medals and other awards for his dedication and hard work.

Andrew is survived by his father and stepmother, Stephen and Stephanie; his mother, Christina; his siblings, Amanda, Monica and Justin; as well as his grandparents, Morris and Maurita Freeman, Nancy Lantz, Harold and Gertrude Granger and Judy Waymire. Andrew also leaves behind many friends and fellow servicemembers and I wish to extend my deepest condolences to all of those who mourn his passing, especially his beloved girlfriend, Heather Majors.

We are told to mourn with those who mourn, and grieve with those who grieve. As we mourn the passing of Andrew Michael Freeman, our thoughts and prayers will continue to be with his family.

HONORING REVEREND CHARLES
EMERY

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

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Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and admiration that I stand before you today to congratulate Reverend Charles Emery on his 34th anniversary as Pastor of Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church in Gary, Indiana. For his many years of dedicated service to the church and the surrounding community, he was honored at a celebratory banquet on Monday, October 15, 2012 at the Genesis Convention Center in Gary, Indiana.

Reverend Charles Emery was born in Madison County, Tennessee to W.A. and Macie Emery. Pastor Emery attended religious services throughout his childhood and accepted Christ into his life at the very young age of nine. While attending college in Tennessee, Pastor Emery chose to enlist in the United States Air Force. Throughout his military service, Pastor Emery felt he was being called into the ministry. Reverend Emery decided to pursue religious studies and was the first of his family to graduate from college. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religious Education from Toledo Bible School in Ohio and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Trinity Theological Seminary in Newburg, Indiana. He has also taken specialized courses in church administration, youth evangelism, and personal counseling at Moody Bible College of Chicago, Illinois. In 1968, Pastor Emery married his adoring wife, Willie Ruth Bonds, and they have four beloved children: Mary, Bernard, Victoria, and Kim.

In 1978, Reverend Emery became Pastor of Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church. Throughout the years, Pastor Emery has worked diligently to serve the members of the congregation, the community of Gary, and all of Northwest Indiana. Reverend Emery has served as President of the Baptist Ministers Conference of