

York Progressive Baptist State Convention, Inc. In the same month, he was also unanimously voted in as the Moderator of the New York Missionary Baptist Association. Reverend Ware also worked at Metropolitan Hospital for 21 years and is presently employed at the New York City Department of Education.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Reverend Randy Lee Ware as an outstanding citizen and commend him on his commitment to his community.

LYNN JOHNSON

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2012

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Lynn Johnson for her service to our community.

Lynn is the epitome of a collaborator. She works hard to ensure bipartisanship and takes pride in her ability to help organizations reach common ground in order to best work together to meet a common goal. In 2009, Lynn collaborated with local county Commissioners around the state to find ways for state and local governments to be less adversarial and more willing to work together to achieve greater results.

As a result of her efforts, Lynn created "REAL Colorado" a program now starting to take effect. Also, Lynn is focusing on creating two new initiatives at Human Services to bolster our local economy. She created the Jeffco Prosperity Project which partners with Jeffco Public Schools to address poverty in our community. In her spare time, she also created the AddONE Campaign to generate jobs and boost the economy.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Lynn Johnson for her well deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO BELVA DAVIS

### HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2012

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary woman, Belva Davis, and her storied career. She has been an icon of Bay Area journalism, and the first African-American reporter on the West Coast of the United States.

Belva Davis was born in Monroe, Louisiana, on October 13, 1932, to John and Florence Davis. She moved with her parents and three younger siblings to West Oakland at the age of eight, and the family later moved to Berkeley. Belva graduated from Berkeley High School in 1951, the first in her family to graduate from high school, married at the age of 20, and had two children. Belva's first job was as a typist, and next as a freelancer for Jet. She began writing for the Sun Reporter and the Bay Area Independent, and in 1961 she became an on-air interviewer for KSAN. She made her television debut hosting an African-

American beauty pageant. In 2010 she published her autobiography, *Never in my Wildest Dreams: A Black Woman's Life in Journalism*, which begins with her story of being chased from the 1964 Republican Convention at the Cow Palace in San Francisco by a threatening crowd screaming racist slurs.

During her news career, Belva Davis covered the birth of the Black Panthers, the assassination of Mayor George Moscone, and the Free Speech Movement at Berkeley. She has interviewed countless world leaders, anchored hundreds of news programs on several stations, and been part of many organizations, including the Museum of the African Diaspora, which she was instrumental in creating.

Belva Davis has earned countless accolades. She was inducted into the Bay Area Radio Hall of Fame in 2007, and has been awarded two honorary doctorate degrees. She has earned six regional Emmy Awards, and received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences in 1996. Leader Nancy Pelosi said of Belva, "When she speaks, people listen."

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in expressing our deepest gratitude to Belva Davis for her inspiring leadership of countless women who seek careers in broadcasting, and for the thousands of hours of quality television she has provided as host of "This Week in Northern California" on KQED, from which she retired in November, 2012. We wish Belva and her beloved husband Bill Moore every blessing as they enjoy the fruits of their well-deserved retirement. Because of her first rate professionalism, broad knowledge and intellect, she has informed Bay Area citizens for decades, strengthening our communities, our country and our democracy.

IN HONOR OF MR. MARK ARMOUR

### HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2012

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief Financial Officer of Reed Elsevier Mark Armour as he announces his retirement from the company. Mark Armour has been with Reed Elsevier for over 17 years and is the longest serving Chief Financial Officer in the FTSE-100. During his tenure, Mr. Armour has been an instrumental and continuous member of the leadership team that has transformed Reed Elsevier from a broad-based traditional print publisher to a world leading provider of digital information solutions across scientific, health, legal and risk markets. Reed Elsevier helps its professional customers improve outcomes by helping them to make better decisions, get better results and be more productive.

In addition to serving its professional customers, Reed Elsevier is committed to contributing to society in the many ways its businesses are uniquely equipped. Elsevier plays an important role in advancing science and improving healthcare through its information solutions, of which the U.S. is the largest contributor. LexisNexis Risk Solutions provides important information to law enforcement agencies across the country to help them locate missing children, investigate crimes and

track down criminals. LexisNexis Legal & Professional is dedicated to advancing the Rule of Law around the world and has provided thousands of hours of pro bono work to protect basic human rights and help promote fair and equal justice for all. Reed Exhibitions and Reed Business Information bring communities together by enhancing productivity and efficiency.

When Mr. Armour joined Reed Elsevier in 1995 just 4 percent of the company's \$5.8 billion revenue was derived from electronic products. Today, Reed Elsevier is a \$9.6 billion business employing over 30,000 people across more than 100 locations worldwide, with nearly 65 percent of revenues sourced electronically. In the United States, Mr. Armour has helped to grow Reed Elsevier from a business with approximately \$2.4 billion in revenue and 11,500 employees in 1995 to a \$5.2 billion business with over 16,000 employees today. During his time at Reed Elsevier Mr. Armour has also made significant contributions to his profession, serving on a number of advisory panels and working groups for the UK government and the Financial Reporting Council.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Armour on his achievements and thanking him for his contribution and dedication to Reed Elsevier and its employees.

BETTY PROCTOR

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2012

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Betty Proctor for her continued service to our community.

Betty Proctor founded the organization, Helping Hearts and Hands, to give thousands of people a second chance. For over 30 years, her organization has helped people in our community who are facing eviction, utility shutoff, life saving prescriptions or other necessities such as car repairs to get to work.

Betty's personal commitment to the community spans for more than 50 years. Betty continues to help those in need find a way out of the proverbial rock and hard place. After retiring from her position as a caseworker, Betty founded the organization Helping Hearts and Hands. Now, at 80 years of age, Betty advocates for seniors in our community.

I extend my deepest congratulation to Betty Proctor for her well deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO DOROTHY SMALL

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2012

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate and pay tribute to Ms. Dorothy Small for her contributions to the community.

Professor Dorothy Small has dedicated her life to strengthen the growth and development

of children from all areas of the world. Professor Small was born in Colon, Panama. She attended Elementary School at Escuela Republica del Paraguay and continued her education at Abel Bravo High School. Professor Small initiated studies for a Spanish professorship at Panama University in 1955 and graduated in 1960. She continued Graduate Studies at Panama University and obtained a Ucentiate in Philosophy and Letters with Specialization in Spanish in 1962. In 1963 she attended the Interamerican University of Coahuila, Mexico and obtained a Masters Degree in Spanish Grammar and Literature.

Ms. Small migrated to the United States in 1966 and attended Columbia University pursuing studies toward school administration. She graduated in 1969 and obtained a Professional Diploma. Upon graduating from Columbia University she worked for Cornell University as a bilingual research associate. Her duties were to instruct low-income homemakers in home management and consumer education. From 1974 to 1977 she served as a director of education in the South Bronx for drug addicts and alcoholics. Her mission was to place them in schools and jobs after rehabilitation. Ms. Small joined the Board of Education in 1977 as a bilingual teacher. In 1979 she transferred to bilingual special education in order to guide and assist Hispanic students who were wrongfully placed. With the assistance of the Board of Education, she continued her studies in special education at Brooklyn College.

In 1982, she obtained a Master of Science Degree in Education with Specialization in Children with Special Needs. Professor Small served in the evenings as an adjunct professor of Spanish at Bronx Community College and at City College for 10 years. Professor Small is an assiduous community worker. She is a member of the Canarsie Community Council, the Vice President of the Women's Caucus for Congressman Edolphus Towns, the Trustee for the Day of Independence Committee of Panamanians in New York. She is also a soloist of the choir of St. Martin Roman Catholic Church and a member of the choir of the Brooklyn Conservatory of Music. She is also a member of many other organizations. Currently Professor Small is a retired assistant principal and her life goal and aspirations are to produce successful students and citizens.

Mr. Speaker, I call on my colleagues to join me in recognizing the contributions and accomplishments of Ms. Dorothy Small.

#### HONORING THE GRADUATES OF THE ROOFER'S LOCAL UNION 26

##### HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 28, 2012*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sincerity and respect that I offer congratulations to several of Northwest Indiana's most talented, dedicated, and hardworking individuals. On Saturday, December 1, 2012, the Roofers Local Union 26 will honor the graduating class of 2012 at the Annual Apprentice Graduation Banquet, which will be held at the Patio Restaurant in Merrillville, Indiana.

At this year's banquet, the Roofers Local Union 26 will recognize and honor the following individuals who have completed their apprentice training in 2012: Jeremy Villarruel, Curtis Mueller, Jason Gutierrez, Jeremy Marsh, Mike Sallee, Fausto Jimenez Jr., Kevin Cooper, Travis Nuss, Chris Kittle, Tommy Haynes, and David Garcia.

Northwest Indiana has a rich history of excellence in its craftsmanship and loyalty by its tradesmen. These graduates are outstanding examples of each. They have mastered their trade and have demonstrated their loyalty to both the union and the community through their hard work and tireless dedication.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating these dedicated and hardworking individuals. Along with the other men and women of Northwest Indiana's unions, these individuals have committed themselves to making a significant contribution to the growth and development of the economy of the First Congressional District, and I am very proud to represent them in Washington, D.C.

#### RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF AUDREY NEAL

##### HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 28, 2012*

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of Ms. Audrey Neal. After four decades of faithfully serving the Wilson community, Audrey Neal will retire next month. Ms. Neal began working at the Wilson County Register of Deeds in 1972 as a Deputy Register of Deeds. In her position she helped to oversee Wilson County's real property and vital records.

In 2002, Ms. Neal was appointed to complete the unexpired term of then-Register of Deeds, Ms. Celia Brinson. Due to Audrey's leadership and experience, she was elected in 2004 to serve a full term as Register of Deeds, and has been reelected since.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Neal is retiring from Wilson County Register Deeds after a remarkable 40 years of service on December 3.

As she enters this new chapter in her life, I ask my colleagues to join me in showing gratitude for Audrey's service, and in congratulating her on retiring. Congratulations Audrey, well done.

#### PRISCILLA BOHL

##### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 28, 2012*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Priscilla Bohl for her outstanding service to our community.

Priscilla's passion for business and economic development is exemplified through her efforts with the Jefferson County Career Center and collaborating with local businesses to match the unemployed with jobs.

Priscilla was instrumental in the development and implementation of the successful AddONE campaign, an initiative to generate

local jobs. She worked tirelessly to bring together elected officials, local businesses, and economic development professionals to bolster AddONE's efficacy.

Priscilla serves on the Advisory Council of the Jefferson County Business Resource Center and the Jefferson County Advanced Manufacturing Council. Priscilla also works with various tactical teams related to the Governor's Blueprint for targeted industries in the State of Colorado.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Priscilla Bohl for her well deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County and thank her for her commitment to the community. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

#### TRIBUTE TO BEATRICE GONZALEZ

##### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 28, 2012*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Beatrice Gonzalez. She inherited her love for serving people and her community from her father Mr. Salvador and mother Pilar Gonzalez, who were part of the founding members of the Puerto Rican Merchants Association in the 1950's in Brownsville, Brooklyn. Ms. Gonzalez is a devoted single mother to her son Julian Michael Perez who has become a well renowned musician.

Ms. Gonzalez has acted as a community leader and advocate for the intellectual disabilities as the Director of Human Resources and Special Assistant to the President/CEO of the Federation of Multicultural Programs, Inc. For the past 28 year She has initiated several programs that have enhanced the quality of life for people with intellectual disabilities throughout city.

Ms. Gonzales has been active in programs that address violence within youth populations working with community leaders, State Legislators and clergy. Ms. Gonzalez is well known for her tenacity, hard work and generosity towards those who are less fortunate in our society. Mr. Speaker, Beatrice Gonzalez is truly one of the New York City's unsung heroes.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Ms. Beatrice Gonzalez.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF REVEREND JIMMY PYLES

##### HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 28, 2012*

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Reverend Jimmie Pyles of Quitman, La. Reverend Pyles was a beacon of light to countless souls during his 60 years of Methodist ministry, and he will be sorely missed.

Born on May 20, 1935, Reverend Pyles grew up in Jonesboro, La. He received his degree in theological studies from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, and married Dessie Hinton Pyles of Quitman. Their union produced Andy Pyles, who is now the