

forces. We mourn his passing and offer solemn gratitude for his service and sacrifice.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF BISHOP  
BARNETT KARL THOROUGHGOOD

**HON. E. SCOTT RIGELL**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 14, 2012*

Mr. RIGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to enter a statement into the RECORD on behalf of the family of Bishop Barnett Karl Thoroughgood:

"Bishop Barnett Karl Thoroughgood was born November 7, 1949 in Princess Anne Co., to the parentage of Mr. John Thomas Thoroughgood and Mrs. Mildred B. Cooper Thoroughgood. He was the 7th of 9 children, one whom (John Thoroughgood) preceded him in death.

He received his formative education through the Princess Anne County School system and graduated from the former Union Kempsville High School in 1967. He received many educational honors taking him to his Doctorate of Ministry. In 1970, Bishop Thoroughgood founded the New Jerusalem COGIC. He served as District Superintendent of the Virginia Beach District and 2nd Administrative Assistant to Bishop Samuel L. Green, Jr. He was very active in the community and received numerous awards. He also served as a member of the Virginia Beach Clergy Association and Ministerial Alliance. He was the founder and President of the Hampton Roads Ecumenical Council of Bishops.

Bishop Thoroughgood leaves to cherish his memories his loving wife of 39 years, Mrs. Ernestine Thoroughgood; his sons Bertram, Emmanuel, and Jonnathan; One daughter, Mekia Bonita; four brothers, Olanda (Silvia) Thoroughgood, Darnell (Jean) Thoroughgood, YD (Shylene) Thoroughgood, Paul (Darlene) Thoroughgood; three sisters, Constance Spence, Alice Faye (Purnell) Major, Paulette (Joseph) Spence, one adopted sister, Mable Beckett (Robert) five grandchildren, many children they have adopted and helped through the Social Services Foster Care Program, the New Jerusalem Church family, and the members of the Church of God in Christ worldwide."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOHN C. CARNEY, JR.**

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 14, 2012*

Mr. CARNEY. Mr. Speaker, I wish to clarify my position on a vote cast on February 9, 2012. The vote was on passage of S. 2038, the Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge (STOCK) Act, which would prohibit members of Congress and staff from benefiting from insider trading based on non-public information.

On rollcall vote Number 47, I did not vote. It was my intention to vote "aye."

HONORING UNITED STATES ARMY  
COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR  
DAVID DAVENPORT

**HON. SILVESTRE REYES**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 14, 2012*

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Command Sergeant Major David Davenport as he departs Fort Bliss and the 1st Armored Division. His selection as the U.S. Army Europe (USAREUR) Command Sergeant Major will provide him with a new opportunity to influence the next generation of Army leaders.

In his 27 years of Army service, Sergeant Major Davenport has held every enlisted leadership position from cavalry scout and tank commander to his current position as command sergeant major. Sergeant Major Davenport's career has taken him to Army installations across the United States and the world, and his assignment as Command Sergeant Major of the Future Forces Integration Directorate put him at the leading edge of the Army's top modernization initiative.

During their time in El Paso, Sergeant Major Davenport and his wife Claudia have not only committed themselves to supporting soldiers and their families at Fort Bliss, but they also served as ambassadors representing the post in the El Paso community. From completing the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce Leadership Course to volunteering with many local organizations, Command Sergeant Major Davenport did not just live in El Paso; he made it his home. He worked with the civilian community to expand understanding of the changing mission of the post, and he helped enlisted soldiers and their families make important connections to the El Paso community.

In his time at Fort Bliss, Command Sergeant Major Davenport demonstrated outstanding leadership both as a strong advocate for the Army and as a liaison working to build bridges between the post and the civilian community. His most important role has been as a tireless voice for Fort Bliss soldiers and his families. From ensuring that they have the resources they need to achieve their mission to caring for enlisted families as they deal with deployments and other challenges, his unwavering commitment to serving those who serve is a model for future Army leaders.

As we say farewell to the Davenports and wish them well in their next assignment, I wanted to add my words of thanks and recognition for all that Dave and Claudia have done for our Army and our community. While we know the Army needs them in such a critical leadership position at USAREUR, we look forward to welcoming them back to El Paso in the future.

A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING  
THE 233RD ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE BATTLE OF KETTLE CREEK

**HON. PAUL C. BROWN**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 14, 2012*

Mr. BROWN of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 233rd anniversary

of the Battle of Kettle Creek, one of Georgia's most memorable victories during the American Revolutionary War. The battle, which took place on February 14, 1779, demonstrates the popular patriotic spirit that defined our fight for freedom, as a small group of militiamen fearlessly confronted and conquered a force twice its size.

In pursuit of Colonel John Boyd and his force of British Loyalists, Colonels Andrew Pickens, John Dooly, and Elijah Clarke led Patriot rebel forces to attack at Kettle Creek. Despite being outnumbered and far less experienced, the fearless patriots rallied and decisively won the day. They inflicted many times the casualties and took the remaining contingent as prisoners. Following this extraordinary triumph, Colonel Pickens declared, "Kettle Creek was the severest check and chastisement the Tories ever received in South Carolina or Georgia."

For this reason, and on the occasion of its anniversary, it is my honor to acknowledge the victory at the Battle of Kettle Creek and pay tribute to the courageous soldiers who fought on behalf of their new sovereign Nation. Furthermore, I extend my sincere appreciation to organizations such as the Washington-Wilkes Chapter Sons of the American Revolution, Kettle Creek Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, Washington Wilkes Historical Foundation, and the Kettle Creek Battlefield Association for their efforts to discover our heritage and preserve our history for future generations.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to unite with my fellow Americans as we observe this remarkable event in Georgia history and recognize the indispensable role that the Battle of Kettle Creek achieved in the American Revolution.

CONGRATULATING MAYOR JIM  
RIDENOUR

**HON. JEFF DENHAM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 14, 2012*

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my sincere congratulations to Mayor Jim Ridenour, as he completes his second term and concludes his service as Mayor of Modesto, California.

Born and raised in Modesto, Mayor Ridenour enjoyed a successful career in the ambulance industry before embarking on a career in public service. In 1974, he became the first paramedic certified in Santa Barbara County and served in law enforcement as a reserve deputy in both Stanislaus and Santa Barbara Counties. In forty years of service, Mayor Ridenour became Vice President for Central Valley Operations for American Medical Response and served five terms as chairman of the California Ambulance Association.

Since 2003, Mayor Ridenour led the city of Modesto under the premise that local government should be responsive to its citizens by providing basic services, while still being a responsible steward of taxpayers' dollars. The Mayor's background in business proved to be a perfect foundation for his commitment to making the City of Modesto a safe and prosperous community. During his time in office, Mayor Ridenour focused on improving the

city's economic development, its transportation problems, and the citizens' overall quality of life. In addition to his many daily tasks as Mayor, Mayor Ridenour also served as chair of the Audit Committee for the Modesto City Council.

Mayor Ridenour further demonstrated his commitment to public service during his tenure as the 2010–2011 President of the League of California Cities. He demonstrated true leadership by bringing leaders together to address regional and State challenges.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending the outstanding contributions made to the City of Modesto by its long-time public servant, Mayor Jim Ridenour. He has been a true inspiration to those he has served; and although he has completed his service as Mayor, I know he will continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those around him.

#### REMEMBERING JOHN FALLON

#### HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 14, 2012*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life of John Fallon. John Fallon, whose integrity, love of politics and trusting eyes guided him through a successful career in the Cook County Assessor's Office, passed away on January 11, 2012, after heroically battling cancer since 2004.

John battled cancer on three different occasions since 2004, but refused to give up his fight for life. He once said he considered cancer to be a "blessing because you appreciate everything so much more." His life was never defined by his illness, but rather by his commitment to his family, his skillful baking, his love of the bagpipes and his dedication to politics.

John never let cancer get in the way of living every moment of his life to the fullest. He participated in Chicago's Polar Plunge fully clothed while playing the bagpipes, a challenge few are brave enough to tackle. He trained and ran in two marathons, successfully completing the Chicago marathon in 2008, a feat few healthy people achieve. John also continued to help others in need by serving in a soup kitchen and working with Immersion's Angels to help people fight the disease with which he had become so familiar. John taught us all how to live the life we are given regardless of the obstacles we face.

May Mr. John Fallon rest in peace.

#### RECOGNIZING PAMELA AND PAULA MCGEE

#### HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 14, 2012*

Ms. BASS of California. Mr. Speaker, I pay tribute to two women of exceptional talent and character—Ms. Pamela McGee and Ms. Paula McGee.

Always committed to excellence, the McGee twins, as they came to be known, are often recognized for their accolades in women's

basketball. At the University of Southern California they teamed up with Cheryl Miller and Cynthia Cooper to win two back-to-back National Championships in 1983 and 1984.

Equally as impressive are the McGee sister's lives off the court after her life in basketball, Paula McGee pursued her life's calling to preach. She was also the co-founder of Christian Business Success Network, a nonprofit organization that specialized in training and providing support for Christian business leaders. After winning a Gold medal in the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, Pamela McGee served as Executive Director of the non-profit Save the Children or Perish (S.T.O.P.), a grassroots organization that helped her to become an elected official as a School Board Member in Flint, Michigan.

Mr. Speaker, Paula and Pamela McGee are two great American role models who I am proud to have in my District.

#### KANKAKEE COUNTY FARM BUREAU'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 14, 2012*

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise today in celebration of the Kankakee County Farm Bureau, which is set to celebrate its 100th Annual meeting on March 15, 2012. This exemplary organization was created during a public meeting at the Kankakee County Courthouse on May 29, 1912 and continues to enrich our community today.

Since its formation, the Kankakee County Farm Bureau has pursued a mission to "Improve the economic well-being of agriculture and enrich the quality of farm family life." I am proud to say that the Kankakee County Farm Bureau has more than met these goals throughout its many years of service.

For the past 100 years the Kankakee County Farm Bureau has been working for our agriculture community to improve efficiency, profitability, safety, and quality of life. Today, a number of directors throughout the county maintain that course, and I congratulate and thank each of those members for recognizing the freedom, dignity and equal opportunity afforded to all individuals throughout our area. Those directors include:

District 1: Rockville Township, Jon Whitten; Manteno Township, Greg St. Aubin

District 2: Sumner Township, Gene Rademacher; Yellowhead Township, Keith Mussman, President

District 3: Essex Township, Marty Joyce; Salina Township, Patrick Joyce

District 4: Bourbonnais Township, Gary Paarlberg; Limestone Township, Mark Tanner

District 5: Norton Township, Patrick Koerner; Pilot Township, Sterling Bouchard

District 6: Kankakee Township, Steve Benoit; Otto Township, Bret Perreault

District 7: Aroma Township, Mike Bourgeois; Saint Anne Township, Duane Oosterhoff

District 8: Ganeer Township, Kevin Yohnka, Vice President; Momence Township, Paula Karlock, Secretary-Treasurer; and Pembroke Township, Brian Dandurand

Once again, I am humbled to have the opportunity to congratulate the Kankakee County

Farm Bureau for reaching its centennial milestone. The farm bureau truly is an extraordinary group, serving our community in every facet of life.

#### OFFERING CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF ATF SPECIAL AGENT JOHN CAPANO

#### HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 14, 2012*

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge a true American hero, ATF Special Agent John Capano, who was killed this past New Year's Eve attempting to stop an armed robbery at a pharmacy in Seaford, New York, the community where he was raised and lived for many years.

I had the privilege of knowing John, his parents, and his brother and sisters for more than 40 years. My wife Rosemary was John's 4th grade teacher.

John Capano died as he lived—putting his life on the line to protect others. He was a 23-year veteran of the ATF, with an extremely distinguished record not only at home but overseas as well. An explosives expert, John volunteered to serve on ATF missions in Iraq, Afghanistan, Colombia and Peru. Several years ago I had the honor of presenting John with an award for his overseas deployments.

On the fateful day of December 31, 2011 John Capano was off duty. He went to Charlie's Pharmacy on Merrick Road in Seaford to pick up cancer medication for his 82-year-old father, Jimmy, a retired NYPD Detective. While John was in the pharmacy, a recently released ex-convict and drug addict displayed what he said was a gun, and demanded prescription drugs. As the robber attempted to exit, John identified himself as a law enforcement officer. The robber was shot in the leg and a struggle ensued on the sidewalk outside the front door. Other off-duty law enforcement officials arrived during the struggle; shots were fired; and John Capano and the robber were both killed.

John Capano's death caused great sorrow and sadness in the Seaford Community; in the neighboring community of Massapequa where John lived with his wife Dori and their two children, John and Natalie; and throughout the entire law enforcement community in the New York-Long Island region. Thousands of mourners attended John's funeral on January 6th and our community is still overcome with grief.

This has been a particularly anguishing time for the Capano family. John's mother Helen had died just 15 days before his death. Like John, though, the Capano family is strong and unflinching. To ensure that John did not die in vain, they are dedicated to doing whatever they can to eliminate the epidemic of prescription drug abuse on Long Island.

In closing, let me extend my sincere condolences to the family of John Capano. May he always be in our thoughts and prayers and may he rest in peace.