

it off instantly. They bonded over the Aggies, and whiskey, and politics, and the rest, as they say, is Texas history. Hazel gave Lamont the birthday present of a lifetime when they married on September 2, 1999.

Lamont Meaux has dedicated his life to serving his country and his community, and they are both better places because of him. Lamont Meaux is as Texan as they come. He is vocal, opinionated, and a hard core patriot that never forgets honor, duty, country. I am honored and privileged to call Lamont Meaux a close friend. Thank you Lamont Meaux for serving our nation and the great State of Texas.

And that's just the way it is.

CONGRATULATING JEFF DOUGLASS, WINNER OF THE GOVERNOR'S 2012 INNOVATORS UNDER 40 AWARD

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2012

Mr. WEBSTER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate Jeff Douglass, winner of the Governor's Innovators Under 40 Award. Mr. Douglass is the founder and CEO of Cybis Communications, a creative technology and communications company based in Orlando, Florida.

Mr. Douglass, a graduate of the University of Central Florida, founded Cybis Communications in 1995. Recruiting new clients solely by word of mouth, Mr. Douglass has emphasized a personal approach to each project and today serves as not only the CEO but also as Cybis Communication's Executive Producer, focusing on creative and live event productions. By 2006, Cybis was producing events for such prestigious customers as the White House and the Office of the President.

The Governor's Innovators Under 40 Award is one of Governor Rick Scott's 2012 Innovators in Business Awards, which are designed to recognize outstanding contributions toward growing and diversifying Florida's economy. The Innovators Under 40 Award is presented to Florida residents under the age of 40 who own or lead a Florida company with annual revenue of \$1 million or more, and who have created at least 10 jobs since January 2011.

Through Mr. Douglass's direction, Cybis has expanded and recently relocated to a design and production studio in downtown Orlando. Mr. Douglass is to be congratulated for the hard work and dedication he has demonstrated and for the contributions to Florida's economy that this award signifies. He is deserving of this recognition. May his work inspire others to follow in his footsteps.

HONORING KATRINA ANN KELLEY

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2012

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Katrina Ann Kelley, a dedicated public servant whose service to the House of

Representatives and the National School Boards Association spanned 28 years.

Katrina Ann Kelley was born on September 29, 1960, to William and Joan Kelley, in Galesburg, Illinois where she was raised along with six beloved siblings. She graduated Galesburg Sr. High School in 1978 as member of the National Honor Society before heading to Marycrest College in Davenport, Iowa, for a Bachelor of Arts in social work.

Katrina joined the staff of Congressman Lane Evans in 1984 as a District Caseworker in his Illinois office; then made the move to Washington, DC to become a Legislative Assistant. Later, Katrina served as a Legislative Assistant and a Legislative Director for Representative Charles A. Hayes of Chicago. Katrina loved her years "on the Hill" where she made many lifelong friends and brought her compassion for constituent service to every position. Katrina had immense respect for Congressman Evans and the late Representative Hayes and considered each of them personal mentors and lifelong friends.

Katrina took her comprehensive legislative knowledge and understanding of urban issues to the National School Boards Association, NSBA, where she served as the Director of Urban School District Advocacy, and later as the Director of the Council of Urban Boards of Education, CUBE, until her departure in 2012. Katrina helped to shape the CUBE program as a critical component of the National School Boards Association, touching over one hundred urban districts and millions of children in the United States and the Virgin Islands. Katrina's work helped urban school leaders find solutions to challenges at the local level and to improve their policy-making effectiveness, leading to improved outcomes for children. Katrina deeply believed in increasing the opportunities for all students, particularly low income and minority students.

Katrina passed away with her sisters at her side on October 9, 2012. I stand here today to honor Katrina Ann Kelley for her legacy of service to the citizens and students of the United States.

TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUED LEASE OR EVENTUAL CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN FEDERAL LAND WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF FORT WAINWRIGHT MILITARY RESERVATION IN FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2012

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation to continue the conversation on how to preserve and protect an important neighborhood in Fairbanks, Alaska from eventual destruction.

In 1987, the Army entered into a Section 801 build-to-lease housing contract for 400-home community on seventy-six acres of land. These homes, consisting of three, four, and five bedroom units, a maintenance and leasing facility, associated roads and parking areas, landscaping, eighteen playgrounds, and a central heating system including 39 boiler houses, are an important source of housing for military families and the local area. This group of

homes is more than just housing or a neighborhood, it is a community.

The housing lease for this Section 801 contract expired in 2007 and the ground lease is scheduled to expire on June 26, 2018. Without an extension of the ground lease, the 400 houses must be removed from their current location no later than 180 days following the expiration of the lease. The most likely outcome of this situation is a complete demolition of these properties.

Currently, these 400 houses are nearly 100% occupied (99% in August of 2012) which is an unbiased testament to the value of these houses. Additionally, the four and five bedroom units are a valuable but very limited resource for the large number of military families with multiple children stationed in the area. In fact, seeing the value of these homes to both the military community and the local tax base, several community leaders and interests have written to me over the past couple of years to express their support for extending the ground-lease under these homes.

While I understand that this is a sensitive issue, it simply does not make sense for 400 high-use and high-value homes to be torn down. There must be a better solution. This bill may not be that solution, but it is a critical step in the direction to finding one.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND
ALEXANDER I. DUNLAP

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2012

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late-Reverend Alexander I. Dunlap. Born December 4, 1930 to Rev. I.D. Dunlap, an A.M.E. minister, and Elmira McCoy Dunlap, a teacher in the public schools of North Carolina, Rev. Dunlap was the child of parents who loved the Lord and who loved education; each of them was an integral part of the man he was to become.

A.I., as he was affectionately known, lost his father at the early age of 10, yet he was proud to tell everyone that he was raised by a phenomenal woman who helped instill in him a sense of dignity and respect for himself and who told him that "You may be as black as coal but you are just as good as any child God has ever made."

A.I. attended North Carolina A&T University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree. He joined the U.S. Army and served during the Korean War for four years and was honorably discharged. He continued to pursue his love of God and education by attending Gammon Theological Seminary in Atlanta where he received his Masters of Divinity degree. He also later took courses in Pastoral Counseling at Emory and Duke Universities.

While still a young man in college, A.I. began his civil rights activities organizing sit-ins to protest the college Administration's policies. His love of community and commitment to the equal rights of every man, woman, and child continued to grow from the start of his career with the AME Church. As an Itinerant Elder, Rev. Dunlap travelled to many communities in Georgia, Virginia, North Carolina, and finally to Illinois. Wherever he went, he made an impact. A.I. strove to ensure that everyone

he encountered knew Jesus and were treated with the dignity and respect they deserved in all facets of their lives.

During Rev. Dunlap's tenure as an A.M.E. minister, he participated and held positions some examples of his contributions: Special Consultant to the North Carolina Fund, which evaluated community action programs for the state of North Carolina; Faculty member and Vice President of Kittrell College in North Carolina; Chairman, Carolina Ford Fellowship; Chairman, Board of Directors for United Community Action; Director of Direct Action, Chicago's Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Chairman, Chicago Action Committee; Member, Board of Directors, Urban Training Center for Christian Mission; Chairman, 4th Episcopal Mass News Media, A.M.E. Church; Special Consultant to the late Bishop Frederick Jordan, Ecumenical Relations, National A.M.E. Church; Vice President, Danville, VA Ministerial Alliance; member of the Des Plaines Ministerial Alliance; Professor of Urban Programs for the Meadville Theological Seminary, affiliated with the University of Chicago; Director of Social Action, A.M.E. Ministerial Alliance of Chicago.

Although Rev. Dunlap was very involved as a minister, he also found time to become involved in civic and political organizations. Some of these organizations and affiliations included Rev. Dunlap's Charter Membership in the Prince Edward County Christian Association, an organization that placed black pupils in schools after they had been closed to avert integration in Prince Edward county Virginia; Charter Membership in the Danville Christian Progressive Association, an organization that broke down racial segregation in education and employment; Charter membership in the Halifax County Voters Movement that registered 100,000 new voters in eastern North Carolina; Charter membership in the Coalition for United Community Action that helped break down discrimination in the Chicago Construction industry; the First Executive Director and founding member of Black Contractors United; President of the Dr. Martin Luther King Coalition in Chicago; Member of the Chicago Urban League; Chairman of the 2nd Congressional District of North Carolina; Chairman of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina voter Education Project.

While A.I. was busy bringing people to Jesus and helping to create a better world for all, he also had a family. A blind date in Atlanta led him to the love of his life and wife of 44 wonderful years, Margaret Della Princess Esther Lee Dunlap, who predeceased him on October 29, 2004. To that union four children were born: Michele Arnita, Alexander, Jr., Michael Andre and "baby" Barbara Andrea. He was a devoted husband and a generous and caring father. He would often state how people were amazed with all that he did that he had time to have one child, much less four. A.I. loved music and played the trumpet for many years, loved sports (especially basketball), was an avid reader, and an exceptionally skilled poker player.

Through his efforts, A.I. helped open doors to African Americans in construction, education, housing and employment. He was responsible for helping to write some of the first Affirmative Action Programs for companies like Sears Roebuck and Co., Dearborn Park, CNA Financial, and Montgomery Ward to name a few. He sued the City of Chicago for the right

to March in Marquette Park, one of the most segregated neighborhoods in Chicago in the 70s. For the city's failure to provide adequate protections for their peaceful demonstration, A.I. sued the City of Chicago and won his case in *DUNLAP v. CITY OF CHICAGO* (435 F.Supp. 1295 (1977)).

These are just a few examples of the long-lasting impacts that Rev. Dunlap made towards the greater objective of creating a more loving and just society.

While the family of Shepherd A.I. Dunlap will miss him, we do not mourn his death. We are so grateful to God Almighty that he allowed him to be with us for 82 years. He leaves the following persons happy about his life—his children: Michele (Donald), Haughton; Alexander, Jr. (Darlene); Michael (Ophelia); Barbara; grandchildren: Nikhitut, Anjelica, Isaiah, Jillian, Chelsea, great-granddaughter Camia; a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and a myriad of friends.

CONGRATULATING MAX BROWNE

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2012

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate an exceptional young man, Max Browne, who was recently named the 2012–2013 Gatorade National Football Player of the Year.

Max Browne grew up in the district 1 represent, Washington's 8th. At 6 feet 5 inches and 218 pounds, he became Skyline High School's star quarterback this year, leading the Spartans to a 14–0 record and a Class 4A state championship this fall. Browne passed for 4,526 yards, 49 touchdowns and just five interceptions.

Max Browne is not only an exceptional athlete; he is an extraordinary human being. While a star quarterback at Skyline High School in Sammamish, Washington, he maintained a 3.50 GPA, was a three-time Skyline High Student of the Month Citizenship Award recipient and volunteered on behalf of Issaquah Parks and Recreation, the Sammamish/Issaquah Young Life ministry and as an intern with G2 Physical Therapy. He has also worked with Generation Joy and raised funds to benefit cancer research.

This is the second Gatorade State Player of the Year award for Max Browne, who broke the state record for career passing yards and completions this year, surpassing Detroit Lions quarterback and Gatorade Washington Player of the Year Kellen Moore. His second award was presented by Seattle Seahawks rookie Russell Wilson, an added bonus to the wonderful honor.

I am incredibly proud of this young man. The Gatorade Player of the Year program recognizes outstanding athletic excellence, academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field. It is an honor to represent him as a constituent, and I know that he will set an example for his teammates for years to come.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LEONILA VEGA

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2012

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, on November 19, 2012, the movement to improve direct care jobs lost a fearless and spirited leader when Leonila Vega passed away after battling cancer for fourteen months. As an advocate for direct care workers—the more than four million workers who assist elders and people living with disabilities—Leonila fought to improve wages, access to benefits, and respect for the profession. Born in rural Mexico, Leonila came to the United States as a teenager eager for the opportunity to pursue an education. She taught herself to speak and read English, worked her way through college, and went on to earn a law degree. As a disability rights attorney in Wisconsin, Ms. Vega developed a reputation as a ferocious advocate for the elderly and people living with disabilities. Her cases exposed her to the plight of direct care workers—many of whom are immigrant women—and she saw firsthand the challenges they faced, working long hours for little pay and no benefits, entrusted with the lives of their clients while suffering an alarming lack of respect. Her desire to improve life for these caregivers led her to become the Executive Director of Direct Care Alliance. At Direct Care Alliance, Ms. Vega worked to eliminate the exploitation of direct care workers and its harmful effects on care quality by empowering numerous direct care workers to see the valuable role they play in society. As she said, it was her American dream to help others realize their potential. I admire Ms. Vega's work on behalf of direct care workers, immigrants and people of color, and am saddened that we have lost such a vivacious and dynamic leader.

Among the issues that Ms. Vega championed was the extension of the Fair Labor Standards Act to cover home care workers. Sadly, this essential workforce is excluded from these basic protections. Such poor working conditions hinder recruitment and retention which, in turn, negatively affect the quality of care that millions of Americans receive. Troubled by this injustice, Ms. Vega ensured that the issue remained at the center of Direct Care Alliance's agenda. I was inspired by her passion to improve direct care jobs and introduced the Direct Care Workforce Empowerment Act in 2010 and reintroduced a similar bill—the Direct Care Job Quality Improvement Act in 2011. One year ago, President Obama announced the Department of Labor's proposed rule to extend minimum wage and overtime protections to home care workers. Sadly, Ms. Vega did not live to see the rule finalized, but we will continue to fight to make things right for direct care workers, just as she would have done. The values that Ms. Vega fought to advance—respect and dignity for all people—are ones that everyone, regardless of political affiliation, shares and we must work together to move those efforts forward.