

RECOGNIZING DR. MATTHEW  
HOLDEN, ACADEMICIAN

### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 6, 2012*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and acknowledge Dr. Matthew Holden, Academician.

Holden was born in Mound Bayou, Mississippi and subsequently grew up in Chicago. He is married to the former Dorothy Amanda Howard and they are the parents of Paul Christopher Hendricks and John Matthew Alexander Holden. Holden is an alumnus of Northwestern University (M.A., Ph.D., Political Science, Anthropology minor), of Roosevelt University (B. A., Political Science, History minor), and of Wendell Phillips High School (Chicago).

He taught at Wayne State University in Detroit, the University of Pittsburgh, the University of Wisconsin—Madison, and the University of Virginia, where he was the Henry L. and Grace M. Doherty Professor of Politics. He has also been the Newman Visiting Professor of American Civilization, Cornell University, and has been a visiting professor at Jackson State University. In his writings and experience, Holden has emphasized the connection of political science concepts to the actual world that they seek to explain, and of learning from the actual world to refine concepts.

Professor Holden has written extensively in many fields of the discipline of political science. This work has included energy politics and environmental policy, regulatory policy and practice, urban and metropolitan politics, public policy and administration, executive politics, law and politics, and race and ethnic politics.

Among his works are *Continuity & Disruption: Essays in Public Administration*, a study of race and politics entitled *The Divisible Republic*, an edited volume on *Varieties of Political Conservatism*, and contributions to a joint volume on *Resources and Decisions*.

He is also the author of a new volume, now in the last stage of writing, entitled *The Practice of Power*, a study of public administration and political power, for the University of Oklahoma Press. This volume is based on the Rothbaum Lecture in Representative Government delivered in 2001 and rewritten over the past decade. In 1973, he published a two volume perspective on race relations and civil rights entitled *The Politics of the Black "Nation"* and *The White Man's Burden*. A combined trade edition was also published under the title *The Divisible Republic*.

He has also been engaged in many activities outside the academy. He held full time appointive public office as Commissioner of the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin and as Commissioner of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. He has been a member of the Electricity Advisory Board (U.S. Department of Energy), Task Force on Electric System Reliability (U.S. Department of Energy), President's Air Quality Advisory Board, and of the Board of Directors of Atlantic Energy, Inc.

Among his public affairs activities have been assignments in congressional testimony on

D.C., government organization and on energy policy, and as a witness before the House Judiciary Committee on historical and constitutional standards on Presidential impeachment. He has also been a witness on state legislative hearings on energy.

He has also been a member of the Delegate Assembly of the National Urban League, the Education and Youth Incentives Committee of the National Urban League, the Boards of Directors of the Madison, Wisconsin and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Urban Leagues, in local NAACP chapters, and is an active layperson in the Episcopal Church.

He has also been a strong advocate for improving the analytical basis of African American politics, and has spent recent years advancing the concept of a think tank on politics, economics, and government, especially in the Lower Mississippi Valley. One of his major current interests, as well, is historic preservation, especially in Mound Bayou where the vicissitudes of the contemporary economy are severe and adverse effects.

He is a former President of the American Political Science Association, a former President of the Policy Studies Organization, a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and a Senior Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration. He holds the LLD. (Hon.) from Tuskegee University, the L.H.D. (Hon.) from Roosevelt University, and the L.H.D. (Hon.) from Virginia Theological Seminary. Holden has recently become a member of the Board of the Abraham Lincoln Association.

Jackson State University has also created a Matthew Holden, Jr. Symposium Lecture in recognition of his work and of his and Mrs. Dorothy Holden's donation of the 4,000 volume library that is now called The Mrs. Dorothy Howard Holden and Dr. Matthew Holden, Jr. Reading Room. Holden's academic, personal, and official papers have mainly been donated to the University of Virginia Archives. When those papers are processed they will provide one of most extensive collections in any university of materials on regulatory policy and procedure as seen from a commissioner's standpoint.

Holden served in the United States Army, with sixteen months in Korea in the 7th Infantry Division Artillery.

Matthew Holden, Jr. is the Wepner Distinguished Professor in Political Science, University of Illinois—Springfield, a position he has held since August 2009. He is the convener of the Wepner Symposium on the Lincoln Legacy and Contemporary Scholarship.

### HONORING AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF EVELYN WEINSTEIN

### HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 6, 2012*

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Evelyn Weinstein, beloved mother, grandmother, and wife, tireless advocate for the underprivileged, and friend to all who knew her. Regrettably, Evelyn passed away earlier this week.

To say that Evelyn believed in giving back and paying forward would be an understatement—she devoted her entire life to helping the most vulnerable members of our society. The daughter of Polish immigrants, Evelyn worked hard to achieve the American Dream, graduating first from Brooklyn College and then going on to receive a Masters degree from Columbia University. Evelyn used her education and training to help others by becoming a certified psychiatric social worker in New York State.

During World War II and its aftermath, she helped veterans and their families cope with the psychiatric issues of war and also assisted children with respiratory ailments. During her four-decade long career as a social worker, she was a stalwart advocate for patients, assisting thousands of them at Jamaica, Long Island Jewish and North Shore hospitals. She was also the director of Long Term Care Ombudservice, Nassau County, safeguarding the rights of nursing-home residents and helping families deal with the difficult transition of placing loved ones into elder-care facilities.

Always the ardent activist, Evelyn was involved with many social agencies and organizations dedicated to assisting low income and vulnerable individuals, including: the Nassau Action Coalition, helping the aged and disabled and blind on Social Security Income; the Kimmel Housing Development Foundation, advocating for affordable housing; and the Social Action Committee of Temple Emanuel of Great Neck, serving as its chairperson. Evelyn also received numerous honors for her good works during her long and varied career, including: the American Jewish Congress Woman of the Year award, the Nassau County Social Worker of the Year award, and Nassau County Senior Citizen of the Year award.

Evelyn met the love of her life, Jack Weinstein, while she was attending Brooklyn College. They married in 1946 after Jack's service in the U.S. Navy and had three sons, Seth, Michael, and Howard. Jack went on to become a federal district judge, then chief judge, in the Eastern District of New York. But before Jack could become one of the most distinguished jurists in the country, Evelyn worked nights as a social worker and helped care for their young son so that Jack could attend Columbia University law school.

Evelyn was known for a lifetime of selfless devotion to her family, friends, coworkers, patients and clients. Her human touch and empathy for those in need led to the bettering of thousands of lives, not just through her own work, but also through her efforts of teaching people how to help people. She trained and supervised hundreds of social workers and volunteer "ombudspeople" along the way so that they could continue to "pay forward" what Evelyn had "given back" to her community. Evelyn was deeply committed to the concept of citizen representatives overseeing and engaging in government programs in their communities.

Mr. Speaker, Evelyn's energy and compassion for helping the disadvantaged never wavered, never flagged. She is already sorely missed, but her gift of helping others, as well as inspiring all of us to help those less fortunate than us, will always endure. I ask all of our colleagues to rise and join me in honoring Evelyn Weinstein.

## HONORING LEROY KELLER

**HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Leroy Keller of Scarborough, Maine, who is celebrating his 50th consecutive year as a volunteer with the American Legion, Department of Maine Dirigo Boys State Program.

Leroy has been an integral part of the Maine American Legion Boys State Program for the last half century. Boys State programs currently operate in 48 States around the country, and serve over 19,000 high school students ever year. Enrolled students are given the opportunity to learn about the operation of State and local governments by running a model state. Boys State helps instill a sense of civic engagement in our youth, while also providing them with an experience that is both fun and educational. The Department of Maine Dirigo Boys State was founded in 1947, and through the hard work of people like Leroy, the program has made a significant impact in the lives of thousands of Maine high school students.

Few people can claim to embody the spirit of community engagement as completely as Mr. Keller. Leroy retired from a distinguished career as an educator in the Mount View and Deer-Isle Stonington School districts. He has also refereed and coached youth sports for 40 years in the Eastern Maine Conference.

After five decades, Leroy's commitment to Maine's youth through the Boys State Program is second only to his 51-year marriage to his wife Mary. He has been the senior counselor coordinator for most of his 50 years at the organization, overseeing countless volunteers and students, including myself. I am humbled to be one of the many lives touched by Leroy's warmth and dedication.

On June 16, Dirigo Boys State will be honoring Leroy for his service at Thomas College in Waterville, ME. I can think of no one else more deserving of this recognition.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Keller on achieving this milestone, and thanking him for all that he does on behalf of Maine's youth.

WEST VIRGINIA ALWAYS FREE  
HONOR FLIGHT**HON. NICK J. RAHALL II**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 6, 2012*

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a group of distinguished West Virginia Veterans—the State's first Honor Flight—who came to Washington today to visit war memorials and our Nation's Capitol. It was my privilege to meet with them so that I could personally thank them for their outstanding service. I am humbled and honored at any opportunity to meet such remarkable American patriots and to pay tribute to those who have done so much for us.

I welcomed them to their Nation's Capitol, and I do mean their Capitol, because without them and their service to our Nation, this old capitol just might not be here.

On this day they will visit the World War II, Korean and Vietnam Veterans memorials. I asked them while they are at the Korean War Memorial, to read the words chiseled in the granite wall there, "Freedom is not free." Truer words were never uttered.

And, for their service, we, as a Nation, can never repay them, but I have to say, we darn well better never quit trying to honor them in our thoughts and prayers and deeds.

The Honor Flight is a measure of what the service of Veterans has meant to those who freely contribute to keep these missions of lasting memories for you going. We salute all those who contribute and help organize them.

And it's up to those of us in the public sector to stand firm in our Nation's commitment to Veterans' long term health care and other benefits.

From towns born of mining, to our state born of war, to a nation under God, each of West Virginia's Veterans symbolizes the depth of human giving and the height of divine compassion. One word best describes what our Veterans did: sacrifice.

What they, and those who served with them, sacrificed is reflected in the white and black granite of our war memorials. They serve as timeless reminders to all who pass their way that we must always remember and honor those who stood in harm's way so that freedom's light could continue to shine.

Every time a Veteran steps foot on the grounds of one of the war memorials, they honor all who did not live to see it. And their visit adds a living testament to the memorial's significance, when each returns home and tells family and friends about the experience.

These West Virginia Veterans defended our Nation under the banner of red, white and blue; and on behalf of a grateful Nation, I presented each of them our country's colors, Old Glory, to take home with them.

I am so proud of all Veterans and will continue to fight and to work with my colleagues in the House to address their needs. As a Nation, we have a duty and responsibility to support and acknowledge the great sacrifice that our veterans so willingly made for all of us.

So much of the Nation's greatness rests on the shoulders of these protectors of America—like the members of West Virginia Honor Flight—whose commitment and duty to God, country, and family keeps strong the foundation of our republic.

May God always bless our Nation with men and women such as these:

Andrew Semonco—Age 88—WW II Vet.—Bluefield, W. Va.; Harold Lee Dobbins, Sr.—Age 85—WW II Vet.—Beckley, W. Va.; Robert Arthur Day—Age 85—WW II Vet.—Beaver, W. Va.; Frank Martin Johnston—Age 90—WW II Vet.—Bluefield, Va.; Howard B. Candler—Age 86—WW II Vet.—Bluefield, W. Va.; Joseph Laenen—Age 84—WW II Vet.—Montcalm, W. Va.; Cecil Pennington—Age 83—WW II Vet.—Princeton, W. Va.; Buford S. Helmandollar—Age 86—WW II Vet.—Princeton, W. Va.; William D. Foley—Age 87—WW II Vet.—Crab Orchard, W. Va.; Ralph L. Kiblinger—Age 82—WW II Vet.—Beaver, W. Va.

Victor T. Birchfield—Age 89—WW II Vet.—Lester, W. Va.—joined Army in 1940's in Hotchkiss, W. Va.—Sgt., served in the European Theater in combat units, infantryman; Bruce Blevins—Age 86—WW II Vet.—Princeton, W. Va.; Eugene Lusk—Age 87—WW II Vet.—Herndon, W. Va.; Leonard (Whitey) Beckett—Age 87—WW II Vet.—Princeton, W. Va.; James A. Harvey—Age 78—Korean War

Vet.—Bluefield, W. Va.; Franklin Sargent—Age 77—Korean War Vet.—Bluefield, W. Va.; Conrad (Connie) Jenkins—Age 79—Korean War Vet.—Lashmeet, W. Va.; Joel W. Birchfield—Age 64—Vietnam Vet.—Lester, W. Va.; Raymond A. Desplaines—Age 60—Vietnam Vet.—Bluefield, W. Va.; Alphonso Hancock—Age 74—Vietnam Vet.—Bluefield, W. Va.

Ivan R. Freeland—Age 64—Vietnam Vet.—Fairmont, W. Va.; David A. Simmons—Age 62—Vietnam Vet.—Bluefield, W. Va.; Randall R. Lawhorn—Age 62—Vietnam Vet.; Robert B. Ashby—Age 73—Vietnam Vet.—Princeton, W. Va.; Johnnie Williams—Age 66—Vietnam Vet.—Bluefield, W. Va.; Justin S. Bays—Age 65—Vietnam Vet.—Bluefield, W. Va.; James L. Scott—Age 70—Vietnam Vet.—Rock, W. Va.; Donald F. Sternoff, Jr.—Vietnam Vet.—Bluefield, W. Va.; Ernest R. Rose—Vietnam Vet.—Age 63—Raysal, W. Va.; Jackie L. Etter—Vietnam Vet.—Age 75—Bluefield, W. Va.

Richard N. Wirt—Vietnam Vet.—Age 74—Princeton, W. Va.; Gary S. Bowling—Vietnam Vet.—Age 63—Bluefield, W. Va.; Richard Sturgell—Vietnam Vet.—Age 63—Thorpe, W. Va.; Stephen O. Beckett—Vietnam Vet.—Age 59—Hiwassee, Va.; Laura King and Marie Blackwell—Bluefield, W. Va. representing their father and husband, David Blackwell, Vietnam Veteran who passed away 4 months ago; Dreama Denver—Princeton, W. Va.—President, The Denver Foundation, V-Pres. Always Free H. F. representing her deceased father Korean War Vet., Glen E. Peery; Charles Thomas Richardson—Princeton, W. Va.—President, Always Free Honor Flight representing his deceased father WW II Vet., Clifford Richardson; Pamela Coulbourne—Princeton, W. Va.—Exec. Assistant, The Denver Foundation, Coord. Always Free H.F. representing her deceased father WW II Vet.—Francis L. Fluharty; Steve Coleman—Bluefield, W. Va.—Official Photographer, The Denver Foundation & Always Free H. F. representing his deceased father WW II Vet., James M. Coleman; Burk Allen Adkins—Washington, D.C.—Board Member of Always Free H.F., Public Relations for The Denver Foundation, representing his deceased father WW II/Korea Vet., Stanley Adkins.

IN HONOR OF ST. MARTIN OF  
TOURS SCHOOL**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 6, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of St. Martin of Tours School, a distinguished primary Catholic school located in Maple Heights, Ohio that is closing after 49 years of serving the community.

St. Martin of Tours was founded in 1963 under the leadership of Pastor John J. Gerrity. The school originally had just three grades. One grade was added each year until each grade, from kindergarten through eighth, was represented. The first principal was Sister Mary Electa Coleman, a member of the Humility of Mary Sisters.

Students at St. Martin of Tours participate in many activities that are educationally, spiritually, and socially enriching. The 6th, 7th, and 8th graders maintain pen-pal relationships with residents of a local senior care facility. The Liturgy Team collaborates with the West Side Catholic Center. Twice a month students in grades 4–8 travel to the Center to volunteer their service. Since 1989, students have participated in the DARE program, a program that