

collective bargaining and shamefully shifts funding away for teacher supports from the highest need schools and students.

One of the most important responsibilities of a nation is the education of her public. Federal oversight to ensure that each student is college and career ready upon high school graduation is a commonsense policy to strengthen the well-being of our citizens and the competitiveness of our country in a global economy. It is our moral imperative to ensure that each child has equal protections under the law. The Republicans bill reflects a disconnect with the realities facing our nation's schools and students, a disconnect underscored by the numerous organizations from all sectors of society that have publicly opposed the bill. In uncommon agreement, diverse groups such as the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Business Round Table, the National Center for Learning Disabilities, the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, Easter Seals, and the American Federation of Teachers expressed concerns that underfunding schools without accountability fosters systemic inequities that have devastating economic consequences for all students and our country.

H.R. 5, the Letting Students Down Act is a false promise to reauthorize this critical law enacted to fight the "war on poverty" by ensuring equal access to a free and public education. We cannot let our students down; we must lift them up. The Democratic substitute offered by Representative MILLER empowers states and school districts to set realistic achievement targets for improving student growth, achievement, and graduation rates while granting flexibility in determining appropriate interventions. I join with dozens of stakeholders in supporting the Miller Substitute and opposing H.R. 5.

IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF REV.
LANCE CHANEY OF ST. JOHN
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 26, 2013

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and memory of Rev. Lance Chaney, who led St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Boynton Beach, Florida, as its pastor for many years. Words cannot express how deeply sorry I am to hear of his untimely passing at the age of 56, following a long battle with prostate cancer. As a pastor, civic leader, and anti-violence activist, Rev. Chaney leaves behind a legacy of service that reflects his true dedication to the church and community.

Before moving his family to Boynton Beach in 2002, Rev. Chaney served as the pastor of the Greater Antioch Baptist Church of Rock Island in Illinois. There, he helped establish a health clinic and a bookstore, which attracted hundreds of new worshippers. Rev. Chaney also served on the school board and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's (NAACP) board of directors.

After a nationwide search, Rev. Chaney became the seventh pastor of St. John Missionary Baptist Church on the occasion of its 94th anniversary. He was an active pastor who will be remembered not only for his pas-

sionate sermons from the pulpit, but for working to expand the 104-year-old church's services and outreach. Under his leadership, a teen Bible study and church newsletter were established. In addition, Rev. Chaney was also a mentor to other clergy in the area, helping them grow their congregations.

Rev. Chaney was a well-known and very popular figure in the Boynton Beach community. He helped thousands of families by opening and serving as the chairman of the Day Star Academy of Excellence, a K-5 public charter school, and Pathways to Prosperity, a non-profit rehabilitation center. He also hosted several back-to-school drives, parenting seminars, and health care screenings, and was known for giving out free bus passes and scholarships.

Furthermore, Rev. Chaney worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life in Boynton Beach, as well as make it safer and more inclusive. He was an influential member of Boynton United, a community organization that works to prevent violent crime, and served on the Correction Task Force for the Criminal Justice Commission of Palm Beach County and Boynton Beach's Community Redevelopment Agency board until 2007. Additionally, Rev. Chaney was a speaker and panelist for countless other causes, including the Roots Cultural Festival, Martin Luther King Community Celebration, Save Darfur Coalition, and Haiti relief efforts.

While battling cancer over the past five years, Rev. Chaney, who graduated from the University of Arkansas with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, continued to pursue a master's degree from Howard University's School of Divinity. And, during his chemotherapy treatment, he constantly urged men to get screened for prostate cancer.

Rev. Chaney is survived by his wife, Marilane, and his children, Lance Alexander, Ashley, and Allison. My thoughts and prayers go out to them, friends of the family, members of St. John Missionary Baptist Church, and the entire Boynton Beach community at this most difficult time.

In Lance Chaney, God Almighty gave us a man of vision, courage, wisdom, and understanding. Each of us knew him in a different way, but he knew each of us in the same way, with great compassion and love.

Mr. Speaker, Rev. Lance Chaney dedicated his life to serving his fellow man, and will be remembered for his tremendous ability to bring people together. It has been my great privilege to know his friendship. I now join all those whose lives he has touched in saying that he will be dearly missed.

NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY FEATURED IN THE US AIRWAYS MAGAZINE

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 26, 2013

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to extend my personal congratulations to North Carolina Central University for being recognized in the August 2013 edition of the US Airways Magazine.

As a graduate of NCCU and its law school, I am excited to see NCCU featured in a maga-

zine seen by thousands of travelers every day. It provides a great opportunity to feature the exciting things happening at our nation's historically minority serving institutions.

Founded by visionaries, our nation's HBCUs have given generations of students a sense of their heritage, history, and their valuable place in the American narrative. They have produced many of our nation's leaders in business, government, academia, and the military.

In this piece, US Airways recognized the legacy of learning that has contributed great minds to our country like Booker T. Washington, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Dr. George Washington Carver, and the Honorable Thurgood Marshall.

From the founding day in 1910, NCCU has helped lead the way in higher education for African Americans in the United States. NCCU has produced educators and professionals who went into rural communities across North Carolina and trained my generation. NCCU is now recognized for its increasing presence in STEM-related research and recently introduced their new PhD program in integrated biosciences.

Again, I applaud US Airways in recognizing our HBCUs. My Alma Mater, NCCU, is an institution that is a crucible of learning, where Julius Chambers discovered his sense of purpose that drove him to lead the NAACP Legal Defense Fund; where Eva Clayton was called to public service and became the first African American woman in Congress from North Carolina since reconstruction; and where a talented painter and professional athlete, Ernie Barnes, Jr., was empowered to inspire the nation with his art.

Today and every day, I am proud to call myself an Eagle.

RECOGNIZING MR. JOHN ODOM

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 26, 2013

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary courage and resilience of Mr. John Odom, a victim of the Boston Marathon bombings who has spent the last 100 days recovering from his life-threatening injuries.

Mr. Odom traveled from Redondo Beach, California to Boston to watch his daughter Nicole run her first marathon and he was standing near the finish line when the first explosion went off. Shrapnel from the explosion severed two of Mr. Odom's arteries and his sciatic nerve. His son-in-law, Matt Reis, was able to staunch the blood loss using his belt as a tourniquet and Mr. Odom's wife Karen applied pressure to the wound until help arrived.

Mr. Odom spent 5½ weeks at Boston Medical Center and underwent eleven surgeries. Afterwards, he was transferred to Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital where he spent another 5½ weeks receiving therapy. He is currently undergoing outpatient therapy at Spaulding and is making great progress with the incredible support of his family. He hopes to return home to Southern California in September.

We have all heard about the extraordinary acts of bravery and heroism of the victims of the Boston bombings. Mr. Odom has had a long hard struggle since April 15, but he has

persevered and is getting stronger as each day passes. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring him today and I hope you will keep him and his family in your thoughts as he continues to heal.

HONORING JACLYN SCHULTZ, MISS
MICHIGAN USA 2013

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 26, 2013

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jaclyn Schultz of Wyandotte, Michigan, who was crowned Miss Michigan USA in Sep-

tember 2012 and represented the great state of Michigan at the Miss USA pageant in Las Vegas, Nevada on June 16, 2013.

Miss Schultz is a graduate of Wyandotte Roosevelt High School and Central Michigan University. Not only is Jaclyn recognized as a successful competitor in the pageant community, but she has also established a successful career in public relations. She is currently exhibiting her great determination in her quest to obtain her Master's degree while continuing to compete in pageants, be an advocate for women's health issues, and work full time. Her hard work, determination, and drive for success have allowed her to be a role model for young girls and bring a voice to women's health issues that are not well known to many people.

Jaclyn has done a tremendous job in her work with the Beautiful You MKRH Foundation to raise awareness of an infertility syndrome which affects 1 in 4,000 women who are born without a uterus. This is a personal issue for Jaclyn as she was diagnosed with this syndrome at the age of 15. It is with great courage that Jaclyn has stepped forward to tell her story and be a voice for the scores of women around the world who are diagnosed with MKRH.

Jaclyn has proven herself as a role model to young girls and women across our country and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Jaclyn Schultz for all of her efforts and wish her great success on all of her future endeavors.