

among members of their congregation and community for over 143 years.

Since its beginnings in early spring of 1870, the church has had a number of spiritually led pastors who, through the years, have helped the congregation grow in number and in spiritual knowledge. Among the ministers who have led the congregation were Reverend James Williams, Reverend A.H. Davis, Reverend H.W. Scott, Reverend S.S. Butler, Reverend W.P. Whitfield, Reverend Curtis L. West, and Reverend McKinley K. Nelson.

In March 1965, the congregation elected Reverend Bobby Burks as their leader. Under Reverend Nelson, the church underwent significant changes, ultimately leading to impressive growth in many different areas. During Pastor Burks' leadership, the church saw a considerable growth in membership, implementation of prayer meetings and bible class, youth ministry, sick and shut-in ministry, fellowship breakfast, Praise Team group, and an annual church trip and picnic. In addition to implanting a number of new activities for the membership, Pastor Burks was also instrumental in establishing numerous ministries.

With such growth in activities and membership, the church deemed it necessary to expand to accommodate the increase members. Many physical improvements to the church were made from 2003 through 2007. Completion of a handicap accessible sidewalk and rails, new bathrooms added near the front entrance of the church, addition of a public address and security system, construction of the Family Life Center, and the furnishing of the church's finance room with a copier, computer, fax, and binding machine all took place as a result of a 249+ increase in membership.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in its commitment to remain grounded in the true traditions of the Baptist doctrine within the Edwards community.

RECOGNIZING MS. ANTOINETTE TUFF

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, today we pause to recognize a virtuous woman of God whose actions, thinking, and spirit blessed the lives of the children, parents, teachers, and support staff of not only the Ronald E. McNair Discovery Learning Academy, but the hearts of citizens across America; and

Whereas, Ms. Antoinette Tuff on August 20, 2013 gave of herself to calm and defuse an incredibly dangerous situation that could have devastated our community and our Nation; and

Whereas, Ms. Antoinette Tuff talked down an armed and troubled intruder who was focused on harming elementary school children, their teachers, support staff, and police officers on the scene; and

Whereas, Ms. Tuff stood as a citizen diplomat, cool and calm, communicating with the would be assailant, as she advocated for life, not only for the intruder and herself, but for every life in the school building on that day; and

Whereas, this wise woman of God shared her stories, her struggles, her trials and her triumphs, to breathe in words of encouragement and comfort, transforming a spirit of destruction into a spirit of redemption, allowing herself to be an instrument of God ensuring that all would live to see another day; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. Antoinette Tuff for her bravery, her selflessness, leadership, and service not only to those students, teachers, support staff, police officers, and administrators at Ronald E. McNair Discovery Learning Academy in DeKalb County, Georgia, but also for her heart and spirit that have touched our Nation and the World; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim August 25, 2013 as Ms. Antoinette Tuff Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 25th day of August, 2013.

RECOGNIZING THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF DELANEY STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a special occasion for Delaney Street Baptist Church in Orlando, Florida. Delaney Street Baptist Church will celebrate their 85th anniversary this upcoming Sunday, September 15, 2013.

The First Baptist Church of Orlando began a Mission in 1923, which later would develop into Delaney Street Baptist Church. Under the leadership of Reverend T.E. Waldrup, thirty-six Charter members laid the foundations for what would become Delaney Street Baptist Church. On September 14, 1928, Delaney Street Baptist church was officially founded.

This is a special moment in the history of Delaney Street Baptist Church, and they deserve to be commended for their 85 years of service to their community. I would like to thank them for their many years of faithful ministry to our community and their dedication to Christian leadership.

On behalf of the people of Central Florida, it is my pleasure to recognize and congratulate Delaney Street Baptist Church on this momentous occasion. May God continue to bless their church and ministry throughout future generations.

ON RECOGNITION OF THE TRAGEDY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR SURVIVORS

HON. RON BARBER

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. BARBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors.

The Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors or TAPS assists families of our Armed Forces who have lost their military loved one. TAPS is a resource that provides 24/7 tragedy

assistance based on a framework of peer-to-peer emotional support. Their programs fill the crucial need of connecting survivors with survivors to provide comfort, compassion, healing and hope in time of need.

For nearly 20 years, TAPS has provided essential support to more than 40,000 military family members and those assisting them. TAPS successfully builds on the experience of survivors by connecting them as peer-mentors to other grieving family members in similar circumstances.

However, connecting survivors is just the beginning. TAPS continues its outreach and support through grief seminars, camps for kids and physical events. The TAPS network in not a one-time liaison but a continuing support framework that provides continuous compassion and assistance to families as they grieve.

Ms. Bonnie Carroll founded TAPS in 1994 after she tragically lost her husband in 1992, Brig. Gen. Tom Carroll, in a military plane crash. Sensing an unfilled need, Ms. Carroll established TAPS to ensure surviving military family members have the necessary resources to cope with their loss. Since then, Ms. Carroll has dedicated her life to supporting our surviving military families. Ms. Carroll and all of the TAPS volunteers are deserving of our highest thanks and honor.

HONORING BROWNSVILLE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Brownsville Missionary Baptist Church for exemplifying the importance of resolute faith, persistence, and ultimately perseverance in the face of many historical adversities, consequently serving as a model for others within the Baptist community.

The beginning of the initial foundation was formed under the guidance of Reverend Nelson in 1862, thus sparking the beginning of Brownsville Beaureau Colored Church. Brownsville Beaureau Colored Church began its initial foundation at the intersection of Highway 22 and Bolton-Brownsville Road, north of the site it now stands. Preaching services were held at Beulah Memorial Baptist Church (now named Brownsville Beulah Baptist Church). Reverend Nelson conducted services for both congregations (black and white), when Brownsville's shared the church. Service was conducted in the morning for Beulah's congregation and the evening for Brownsville's.

A "brush harbor" was erected on the land purchased during the period of growth and separation. The land the present church is on, is recorded to have been bought on March 18, 1862. The members worshipped and held service faithfully under the brush harbor structure, thus, history continued to be made and the initial foundation set forth. Because limitations of space and format necessitated the need for even more land, additional land was purchased in April 1890.

Since the earlier days of the church beginnings, many events have occurred in the life of the church and its members. The church has been rebuilt, expanded several times, and

the latest remodeling consisted of renovation of the sanctuary after the ceiling collapsed in August 2005. The church underwent its first major renovation in 1968 under the leadership of Reverend L.M. Robinson. With the renovation of the church came a number of other construction projects that ultimately enhanced the church and solidify it as a concrete fixture of spiritual guidance within the community. Among those additions were construction of a kitchen, a baptismal pool, a handicap accessible ramp, additional bathrooms, paving of the parking area, refinishing of the church pews, replacement of sanctuary windows, and completion of the Fellowship Hall.

Members of the Brownsville Missionary Baptist Church congregation are tirelessly committed to maintaining a solid foundation for spiritual growth within their church home and community. A number of church auxiliaries and committees have been established through the 146-year existence of the church, which includes the Benevolent committee, Brotherhood, Beautification, Bible Class, BTU (training of Christian values to the members that strengthen earthly lives), Cemetery, Mission Society, Praise Teams, and Brownsville Review.

During Brownsville's 146 years of existence, the church has been under the leadership of 21 pastors. Little is known of the lives of the earlier pastors, but the effectiveness of their work is evidenced by the fact that the church has survived and developed through the years. The most notable pastor was Reverend Eddie Gibson. Pastor Gibson' ministry is characterized by his gift of compassion and his concern for individual growth and for each member of the congregation. He faithfully served the church for 20 years. Currently Minister Stanley Garner serves as leader of this magnificent congregation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Brownsville Missionary Baptist Church in its commitment to remain grounded in the true traditions of the Baptist doctrine within the Bolton community.

HONORING MRS. BARBARA ANN
FLANIGAN

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, a virtuous woman of God accepted her calling to serve in the Educational System; and

Whereas, Mrs. Barbara Ann Flanigan began her educational career in teaching thirty-seven (37) years ago, and this year she retires from teaching at Cedar Grove Elementary School in Ellenwood, Georgia, she has served the DeKalb County School District well and our community has been blessed through her service; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents as a Teacher, Educator, and Motivator, giving the citizens of Georgia a person of great worth, a fearless leader, a devoted scholar, and a servant to all who want to advance the lives of our youth; and

Whereas, Mrs. Flanigan is formally retiring from her educational career today, she will continue to promote education because she is a cornerstone in our community that has enhanced the lives of thousands for the betterment of our District and Nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mrs. Barbara Ann Flanigan on her retirement from the DeKalb County School District and to wish her well in her new endeavors; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim June 2, 2013 as Mrs. Barbara Ann Flanigan Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 2nd day of June, 2013.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF SEPTEMBER
11, 2001

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House to observe a moment of somber remembrance for the 12th anniversary of the September 11th attacks on the United States.

Twelve years ago, nearly 3,000 innocent men and women in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania perished when our nation suffered its worst terrorist attack in our history.

While together we have moved a decade beyond that tragedy, the memories of September 11th will forever be with us. All across the country, Americans are coming together for what has become a day of service and remembrance. As we take the time to reflect today, we are reminded that what unites us is far stronger than what divides us, and that the courage and perseverance of the American people should never be underestimated.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to not only join me in remembering those who lost their lives, but to also remember the many first responders, members of the military and ordinary citizens who answered the call of duty.

IN HONOR OF GLEN DOHERTY AND
TYRONE WOODS

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, on the one year anniversary of the terrorist attack on our consulate in Benghazi, Libya, I rise to honor Glen Doherty and Tyrone Woods, two former Navy SEALs that were killed during the attack.

Glen was born in Massachusetts and always had a sense of adventure. He became a pilot, and enjoyed skiing and whitewater rafting. His desire to serve his county led him to join the Navy and become a Navy SEAL, where he was part of the team that responded to the attack on the USS *Cole*. Several years later, Glen fought in Iraq, earning the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Combat Distinguishing Device.

Tyrone grew up in Oregon and was the father of three children. After high school he joined the Navy with the goal of becoming a SEAL. During his first attempt at SEAL training, Tyrone suffered an injury, but his perseverance led him to try again, and he earned his trident in 1991. During his 20 years of service in the Navy, Tyrone participated in Operations in Somalia, Iraq and Afghanistan, where his bravery earned him the Bronze Star with combat "V" device.

After both men left the military, they continued to serve their county by protecting Americans serving overseas. On night of September 11th, 2012, our consulate in Benghazi, Libya, was under siege by terrorists. As the coordinated attack unfolded, Glen and Tyrone exposed themselves to enemy fire as they engaged attackers that were armed with guns, mortars and rocket-propelled grenades. Their ultimate sacrifice saved the lives of numerous American personnel that were rescued and safely returned to their families. Despite their brave actions, Glen and Tyrone's heroism and sacrifice has not been recognized through a formal awards process.

In recognition of their sacrifice, I have introduced H.R. 1186, which would award Glen and Tyrone the Congressional Gold Medal. As we remember those that we lost on that tragic day in Benghazi, we must not forget the heroic acts and selfless courage displayed by Glen Doherty and Tyrone Woods.

HONORING NICHOLETTE P.
STEFFES

HON. E. SCOTT RIGELL

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. RIGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a first for Accomack County, Virginia, in the 2nd Congressional District which I am honored to represent. On August 4, 2013, the Accomack County Department of Public Safety promoted Fire Medic II Nicholette P. Steffes, to the rank of Fire/EMS Captain, the first female Captain ever in the service of Accomack County. Nicholette joined the Department of Public Safety in 2007 as a recruit fire medic, another first for Accomack County, and after completing her fire training at the Eastern Shore Regional Fire Training Center, and earning her EMT basic certificate, Nicholette began her service as a Fire Medic. After several years of intensive training and course study, much of this on her own time, Nicholette completed her National and Virginia certification as a Paramedic in 2012.

Mr. Speaker, the Accomack Director of Public Safety, Mr. Jeff Terwilliger, should be commended for his leadership and dedication for providing Accomack County with a first class and effective Department of Public Safety. Nicholette is to be congratulated for her hard work, dedication, and achievements in the service to the residents of Accomack County. I am proud to represent the dedicated men and women of the Department of Public Safety, Accomack County Virginia, whose motto is "Together We Make a Difference."