

my privilege to commend Flower Mound Police Chief Kenneth Brooker and wish him well in his retirement and to represent the Town of Flower Mound in the U.S. House of Representatives.

HONORING PEARL STREET AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL 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 Pearl Street African Methodist Episcopal Church in Jackson, Mississippi. In 1865, Reverend Thomas W. Stringer organized Pearl Street African Methodist Episcopal Church. The first church was known as Foley Chapel, and Reverend Stringer served as pastor until Reverend James Ellsworth was appointed as pastor. The church was located on the corner of Clifton and Pearl Streets. About seventeen pastors served the church in its initial edifice, including Reverend Hugh Miller Foley, the pastor for whom Foley Chapel was named.

In 1898, Reverend James E. Carter, who had served as president of Shorter College in Arkansas, came to Mississippi and was assigned in 1899 as pastor. Under Reverend Carter's leadership, the name of the church was changed to Pearl Street African Methodist Episcopal Church, and a new edifice was built in 1902. The newly built church was on the corner of Clifton and Pearl Streets. Foley Chapel remained on the property as Foley Hall.

In 1956, Bishop W. W. Wright appointed Reverend G. R. Haughton to Pearl Street A.M.E. Church as pastor. During his pastorate, the city requested the property at Clifton and Pearl Streets for opening a new street. Reverend Haughton immediately focused members' attention on building Greater Pearl Street African Methodist Episcopal Church in another location at 925 West Pearl Street. A home at 1051 Deer Park Street was purchased for the new parsonage. Members began use of the new church in April 1961, and it was dedicated on April 30, 1961. Successors to Reverend G. R. Haughton include the following: Reverend Dr. George A. Sewell (1965–1967) and Reverend William Portis (1967–1974).

In October 1974, Reverend Thomas Benjamin Brown, Jr. was appointed as pastor of Pearl Street. He served as pastor for eight years. In 1976, during Reverend Brown's leadership of the church, the trustees purchased additional property around the church at 925 West Pearl Street. Also, the church sold the parsonage on Deer Park Street and purchased a home at 219 Claiborne Street as the new parsonage. Four years later, Reverend Brown kicked off his campaign for Bishopric on May 24, 1980 in his native Greenwood, Mississippi. Two years following the kick-off campaign, Bishop Cummings determined that perhaps Reverend Brown stood a better chance of winning the Bishopric if he were to run for the Bishop serving as pastor of Union Bethel, New Pearl Street. So in November 1982, Bishop Frank Curtis sent Reverend Brown to New Orleans as pastor of Union Bethel, and he sent Union Bethel's pastor,

Reverend Lorenzo G. Clarke to Pearl Street. Reverend Clarke was pastor of Pearl Street from November 1982–October 1985.

At the General Conference 1984, Bishop Donald George Kenneth Ming was assigned to the Eighth Episcopal District Bishop Ming appointed Reverend Johnny Barbour, Jr. as pastor of Pearl Street A.M.E. Church in October 1985. Reverend Barbour, Pearl Street's longest serving pastor, remained as pastor for 15 years. In 1987, under Reverend Barbour's spiritual leadership, the church moved from 925 West Pearl Street into a church edifice at 2519 Robinson Street (valued at 3.5 million dollars). During this same year, 1987, Mrs. Ruth Roseman Dease, dedicated church historiographer from 1958–1987. Shirley Hopkins Davis was privileged and honored to have worked with Mrs. Dease in typing the history, which she so competently recorded on a weekly basis. Following Mrs. Dease's death, Reverend Barbour appointed Ms. L'Dina Robinson as church historiographer.

Ten years following the purchase of the edifice at 2519 Robinson Street (1997), Reverend Johnny Barbour, Jr. and the officers and members burned the mortgage. The presiding bishop then was the Rt. Reverend Richard Allen Chappelle, Sr. Since the church has been purchased under Rt. Reverend Donald G. K. Ming's bishopric, Reverend Barbour invited Bishop Ming back to preach at the Mortgage Burning. Bishop Chappelle conducted the Mortgage Burning ceremony. Reverend Barbour had announced his candidacy for Secretary-Treasurer of the A.M.E. Sunday School Union at the General Conference 1996. So, he was campaigning for the office during this time. He remained pastor of progressive Pearl Street for several months after he was elected to the office at the General Conference 2000, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

During the General Conference 2000, the 8th Episcopal District was assigned Bishop Cornal Garnett Henning, Sr. whose father, Reverend H. W. Henning, had served as pastor of Pearl Street from 1940–41. Bishop Henning asked Reverend Barbour to remain pastor of Pearl Street until Planning Meeting in December 2000, and Reverend Barbour remained as pastor while carrying on his new General Officer position of Secretary-Treasurer of the Sunday School Union.

On December 2, 2000 the Rt. Reverend C. Garnett Henning, Sr. appointed the Reverend Dr. Samuel Boyd, Sr. as pastor of Pearl Street African Methodist Episcopal Church. Reverend Boyd had served as pastor of Historic St. James A.M.E. Church, New Orleans, LA for ten years. He preached as pastor of Pearl Street on December 3, 2000.

Pearl Street has a rich history of growth and development as a church family and community supporter. After 136 years, the church remains a stronghold and a source of spiritual empowerment for its members and the community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Pearl Street African Methodist Episcopal Church.

RECOGNIZING MR. VAL ARCHER

**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 cool, calm, collected and very tenacious man, Mr. Val Archer was born April 13, 1929, raised in Chicago, Illinois and now resides in Conyers, Georgia; and

Whereas, during WWII at the tender age of 15, and even in the face of segregation and discrimination, out of a strong sense of patriotism and love of country, he answered the call to service in the U.S. military; and

Whereas, Mr. Archer served honorably in the U.S. Army Air Corps, the United States Air Force and as a member of the renowned Tuskegee Airmen, a unit with a strong sense of honor and duty who performed with great precision in combating the enemy in the European theater; and

Whereas, he saw active duty in Korea, Japan, Guam, the Marshall Islands and Europe where he was always proud of the performance of his fellow Tuskegee Airmen who proved beyond a doubt that they were there to excel; and

Whereas, he served with great distinction as the President of the Atlanta Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc and he is the recipient of The Congressional Gold Medal, the nation's highest civilian honor; and

Whereas, this model citizen continues sharing his time, talents and great wisdom with young people urging them to not drift or follow the crowd, to get an education, practice self-respect, integrity and responsibility to themselves, their family and their country; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mr. Val Archer for his outstanding leadership and service to the citizens in the 4th District, the state of Georgia and the nation; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim May 18, 2013 as Mr. Val Archer Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 18th day of May, 2013.

HONORING THE ROTARY CLUB OF JOLIET

**HON. BILL FOSTER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 2013*

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Rotary Club of Joliet for selflessly working for 100 years to improve communities in Illinois. The organization's motto of "Service Above Self" inspires its members to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and promote good will in the world. The Joliet Rotary Club has over 130 members and is part of Rotary International. It was established in 1910 as the Study Club, and it became the first Rotary club in a city with less than 75,000 residents.

Joliet Rotarians learned the best practices of service, and went on to help establish new Rotary clubs in surrounding communities over the next decades. They participated in the

foundation of the Joliet Chamber of Commerce, the conservation of Higginbotham Woods, and collecting shoes and supplies for World War I soldiers. They have always been instrumental in providing financial assistance for groups and foundations in their call to community service.

The Guiding Principles of Rotary capture important and admirable values for our community. The principles state: "The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster: first, the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service; second, high ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society; third, the application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life; fourth, the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world of fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service."

Rotary International founder Paul P. Harris said it best, "Rotary brings men differing in social status, religious beliefs and nationality together in order that they may be more intelligible to each other and therefore more sympathetic and friendly." If we all follow this model, we will leave our community and our world a much better place.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Rotary Club of Joliet, not only for its longevity, but also for its dedication to service of our fellow man. I commend the club's continued dedication to making the world around us a better place for all.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, on August 2, 2013 I was not present to vote on the Motion to Recommit and Final Passage of H.R. 2009—the "Keep the IRS Off Your Health Care Act of 2013." I want to inform you that if present I would have voted: "aye" on the Motion to Recommit to H.R. 2009; and "nay" on Final Passage of H.R. 2009.

The legislation prohibits the Secretary of the Treasury, or any delegate of the Secretary, from implementing or enforcing any provisions of or amendments made by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act or the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010.

This bill marks the 40th time House Republicans have brought forth legislation seeking to repeal, obstruct and undermine the Affordable Care Act. It is time for Congress to focus on legislation that strengthens the middle-class, creates jobs and grows the economy.

IN HONOR OF RESCUE 5 AND THE  
78 FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS OF 9/11

#### HON. MICHAEL G. GRIMM

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. GRIMM. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following.

Staten Island Strong "Go Together, Stay Together" in honor of Rescue 5 and the 78 fallen firefighters of 9/11 and their families.

F/F Faustino Apostle, Jr., Battalion 2, F/F Louis Arena, Ladder 5, A/C Gerald Barbera, C.W.C. F/F Arthur Barry, Ladder 15, F/F John P. Bergan, Rescue 5, F/F Paul Beyer, Engine 6, F/F Brian Bilcher, Squad 1, F/F Carl Bini, Rescue 5, F/F Greg Buck, Engine 201, F/F Salvatore Calabro, Ladder 101, F/F Michael Cammarata, Ladder 11, F/F Brian Cannizzaro, Ladder 101, F/F Peter Carroll, Squad 1, F/F John Chipura, Engine 219, F/F Michael Clarke, Ladder 2.

F/F Reuben Correa, Engine 74, F/F Robert Curatolo, Ladder 16, Lt. Edward Darti, Squad 1, F/F Michael D'Auria, Engine 40, F/F Scott Davidson, Ladder 118, F/F Edward Day, Ladder 11, F/F George Dipasquale, Ladder 2, Capt. Martin Egan, Jr., Division 1, F/F Francis Esposito, Engine 235, Lt. Michael Esposito, Squad 1, Capt. Joseph Farley, Division 1, F/F Michael Fiori, Rescue 5, F/F Andre Fletcher, Rescue 5, Lt. Michael Fodor, Ladder 21, F/F Gary Geidel, Rescue 5.

F/F James Giberson, Ladder 35, F/F Jeffrey Giordano, Ladder 3, F/F James Gray, Ladder 20, B/C Joseph Grzelak, Battalion 48, Lt. Joseph Gullickson, Ladder 101, F/F Sean Hanley, Ladder 20, F/F Thomas Hannifin, Ladder 5, Lt. Harvey Harrell, Rescue 5, F/F Jonathan Hohmann, HazMat, BC Charles Kasper, Special OPS CD., F/F David LaForge, Ladder 20, F/F Robert Lane, Engine 55, F/F Neal Leavy, Engine 217, F/F Daniel Libretti, Rescue 2, F/F Joseph Maffeo, Ladder 101.

Lt. Charles Margiotta, Rescue 5, Lt. Peter Martin, Rescue 2, F/F Joseph Mascalli, Rescue 5, F/F John McAvoy, Ladder 3, F/F Timothy McSweeney, Ladder 3, F/F Douglas Miller, Rescue 5, F/F Henry Miller, Jr., Ladder 105, Capt. Louis Modiferrri, Rescue 5, F/F Christopher Mozzillo, Engine 55, F/F Joseph Ogren, Ladder 3, F/F Patrick O'Keefe, Rescue 1, F/F Jeffrey Olsen, Engine 10, F/F Eric Olsen, Ladder 15, F/F Jeffrey Palazzo, Rescue 5, F/F Paul Pisani, Engine 10.

Lt. Glenn Perry, Battalion 12, Lt. Philip Petti, Battalion 7, Lt. Michael Quilty, Ladder 11, F/F Louis Ragaglia, Engine 54, F/F Nicholas Rossomando, Rescue 5, F/F Thomas Sabella, Ladder 13, F/F John Santore, Ladder 5, F/F John Schardt, Engine 201, F/F Stephen Siller, Squad 1, F/F Jeffrey Stark, Engine 230.

#### STATEN ISLAND STRONG

(By Albert Carey Caswell)

All in these,  
Our darkest of all hours!  
Will we so find the strength,  
to somehow overcome,  
the power?  
To go so courageously forth,  
to shine and not to cower!  
While, all there but in the face death!  
While, putting our own lives all at risk to  
others bless!

To so show the world of faith's true power!  
And become Angels,  
all because of these our last and most finest  
of all hours!

And how will our loved ones so find the  
strength?

To so accept God's Will,  
knowing what their loss has meant?  
As all around them such heartache towers!  
As their tears roll down their chins,  
all throughout the coming years and hours!  
And how will they so find the grace,  
to wipe all those tears from their face?  
And start again with hearts of courage full  
so breaking then!

With the kind of pain that only heaven  
heals, so ends!

As upon bended knee,  
as all across this Nation we now so pray for  
them!

As we so ask our Lord to help them find the  
strength!

Because strength cannot so be measured in  
girth and power!

Or muscle mass acquired,  
while working out in a gym for hours!

But from rather what so comes from heart  
within!

For the greatest of all strength so comes. . .  
With the kind strength,

that lets one run up those steps into the face  
of hell!

And let's their love ones hearts so mend,  
as each new day in such heartache they so  
dwell!

All in the shadow of America's Liberty. . .  
All in this Empire State for all to see. . .

But lies such a magnificent community. . .  
An island to its self which greaves,

as to all hearts now so speaks!  
So speaks of faith and courage and dignity!

Of an Island made of Staten Steel which  
breathes!

Of blue collar workers,  
just trying to live That Great American  
Dream!

Of such strength and courage,  
a monument to all the world to be!

Of such heroic hearts which beat!  
Who against all odds would succeed!

And would not wave,  
as why up to heaven they so rose Godspeed!

All because of the greatest of all gifts they  
gave!

Who with such Strength In Honor so be-  
haved!

Who on 9/11 so taught you and me!  
Just how truly great a heart can be!

Because, all in the moments of our lives. . .  
When, who lives and who so dies...

When, it all so depends upon you, relies!  
Will we so with our hearts of courage full,

rush in to shine bright like a jewel?  
To over evil to so rule!

To make a difference with it all!  
To save life,

while Standing Strong!  
While, Standing Tall!

Leaving the Angels in such awe!  
Would we be so willing to pay such a price?

With these,  
our own most precious of all lives?

All with such selfless sacrifice!  
Bringing tears to our Lord's eyes!

People, who in one another so believed!  
You go! I go!

As all into that face of death together, WE!  
"GO TOGETHER, STAY TOGETHER",

was but their most heroic creed!  
And all of those most heroic families!

Who so lived with all of that worry. . .  
As each new morning off to work they'd  
leave!

Who so faced death, To So Rescue Me!  
Such fine Men and Women of humanity!

Who Stood Staten Island Strong,  
to be all that they could be!

Who all in that moment of truth,  
so showed us how Angels are so conceived!

When, their fine hearts. . .  
just like a song would speak!

Living by such a most selfless creed!  
All but To Rescue Me!

Armed with such brave hearts which no  
longer beat!

Who all out upon war wagons came rushing  
these,