

help build a more peaceful North Carolina, a more peaceful America, and even a more peaceful world.

Again, I commend them on their Peace Day celebration.

HONORING PROFESSOR RICHARD
M. MURRAY

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2013

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration and respect that I rise today to speak of the contributions Professor Murray has made in the field of engineering. This month, a faculty member of the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, California was inducted into the National Academy of Engineering's Class of 2013. Professor Richard M. Murray, the Thomas E. and Doris Everhart Professor of Control and Dynamical Systems and Bio-engineering, was inducted for his contributions in control theory and networked control systems with applications to aerospace engineering, robotics, and autonomy.

Election to membership at the National Academy of Engineering (NAE) is one of the highest professional honors accorded an engineer. While members are elected into the NAE by their peers and colleagues, only a handful of engineers are inducted each year. Richard's accomplishments and research have allowed him to distinguish himself among his peers.

As the Chair of the Engineering and Applied Sciences Division from 2000–2005, Director of the Information Science and Technology Council from 2006–2009, and Interim Chair of the Engineering and Applied Sciences Division from 2008–2009, Richard has distinguished himself not only as a university faculty, but also as an effective academic administrator.

I am proud to represent such a distinguished scholar and engineer and could not be more proud of the achievements he has made at the California Institute of Technology. I sincerely thank Professor Murray for his dedication to scientific innovation and research as well as teaching and mentoring future engineers. I urge my colleagues to join me in commending Professor Murray for his service, contribution, and ongoing commitment to scientific progress.

HONORING THE MOUNT ZION
BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a pillar of the community, the Mount Zion Baptist Church.

The Mount Zion Baptist Church was founded in 1899 in Cary, MS. The Church has had several great leaders: Rev. Threadgill, Rev. James Merrill and Rev. Jack Wilson to name a few.

In the 60's the church elected Rev. C.B. Smith. Rev. Smith was a visionary leader and believed in pushing the church forward. In 1992 Rev Smith led the Church into a new ed-

ifice. Rev. Smith nurtured the church through Christian education. Rev Smith was the longest serving Pastor.

After Rev. C.B. Smith's tenure the congregation elected Rev. Henry Wilson who served the church faithfully until his health began to fail. Under his leadership the church continued to labor in the ministry.

In 2009 the church elected Dr. Peter Jackson and he served for nearly three years before he resigned.

After much prayer the church elected Rev. Travis J. Gully to serve as the Pastor. He began to preach and teach the word of God and things began to change. The church has recently decided to build the C.B. Smith Family Life Center. The church has begun to press forward in the new season. Rev. Gully's goal is to have the church to do ministry in a dynamic way.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Mount Zion Baptist Church as they celebrate 114 years of standing firmly on the word of God.

CONGRATULATING BEN'S CHILI
BOWL ON ITS 55TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2013

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Ben's Chili Bowl on its 55th anniversary of service to the residents of the District of Columbia and its thousands of visitors, who have carried its reputation far and wide.

Ben's was founded in 1958 by newlyweds Ben and Virginia Ali, who converted an old pool hall on U Street into today's Ben's Chili Bowl, a virtual DC institution. The Ali's made Ben's into a prominent family business that their sons Kamal and Nizam later joined. Ben's has expanded from its signature U Street location to Ben's Next Door, Nationals Park, and FedEx Field, and will soon open locations on H Street NE and in Arlington, Virginia. From the beginning, Ben's Chili Bowl was frequented by the neighborhood, then the city, and soon celebrities, entertainers, actors, and political figures as they visited DC's historic U Street, also known as "Black Broadway." After the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the riots that soon followed, Ben's Chili Bowl was given special police permission to remain open to provide food and shelter for all who were trying to restore peace in the city.

The popular restaurant saw a surge in customers during the 1970s but also big-city problems. In 1987, the expansion of DC's Metro rail to the U Street corridor made U Street a construction site, drastically reducing customer traffic and threatening Ben's survival. But Ben's survived while many U Street businesses died. Five years later, when the Green Line was completed, Ben's Chili Bowl returned to full business. Its core strength, which ensured the loyalty of its customers, had taken Ben's through civil disturbances that destroyed the old U Street and construction that took much of what was left.

Today, Ben's Chili Bowl flourishes as a DC destination that tourists visit the way they tour

the official historic sites. Its regulars include celebrities like Bill Cosby and Dick Gregory, politicians like President Obama, and visitors from throughout the world. Ben's famous half-smokes continue to tantalize the tastes of regulars and newcomers alike.

Ben's Chili Bowl has given the District of Columbia its own fun cuisine beginning with its half-smokes. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the 55th anniversary of Ben's Chili Bowl and in wishing the Ali family continued success.

HONORING JOHN BRADLEY THARP

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize John Bradley Tharp. John is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 249, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

John has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years John has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, John has earned the rank of Foxman in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and led his troop as Senior Patrol Leader. John has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. John installed erosion breaks and provided needed trail maintenance on a three-mile walking trail in Weston Bend State Park in Weston, Missouri. This trail is used by 25,000 people annually and is a major attraction in Platte County.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending John Bradley Tharp for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

SENSELESS VIOLENCE AT THE
WASHINGTON NAVY YARD

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2013

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my deepest condolences to those whose lives changed forever as a result of the senseless violence at the Washington Navy Yard.

As a military chaplain who served in a combat zone, I have counseled many soldiers and families in times of loss.

While we are aware of the danger of casualties during overseas deployments, we certainly do not expect to lose members of our military on our own soil.

I want the friends and family of the active duty and civilian Navy employees who lost their lives in service to their country on Monday to know their sacrifice will be remembered.

I also want these individuals to know that I join with all Americans in my commitment to see justice done.

Along with all members of our Armed Forces, I offer my unwavering support to the Navy family in this time of grief.

We mourn all the victims of this tragedy, including the law enforcement officers who lost their lives, and send our best wishes to survivors as they recover.

My prayers and thoughts will continue to be with the victims and families of the Navy Yard shooting.

HONORING DR. MELVIN B. GIRTON,
SR. ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2013

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Melvin B. Gorton, Sr., who, after 50 years of dedicated service, has retired as the senior pastor of Christ Missionary Baptist Church in Indianapolis.

Throughout his career, Dr. Gorton has been a champion for civil rights and an outspoken advocate for social justice. As spiritual leader of the 94-year-old congregation, he has organized and hosted hundreds of events to bring the people of central Indiana together in celebration, remembrance, and hope. He remains dedicated to these goals even in retirement and will continue to serve as host pastor for the annual Indianapolis Emancipation Proclamation service, an event that is attended by dignitaries and officials from around the country. Dr. Gorton's advocacy has not been limited to the pulpit, though. He has worked tirelessly for equality and opportunity as Vice President of the Indianapolis Branch of the NAACP and has been an ever present force in efforts to strengthen our community.

Recognizing a need for job training and the redevelopment of local neighborhoods, Dr. Gorton founded the Christ Missionary Baptist Economical Training & Development Center in 1998. The Center began as a small laundry mat in an underused strip mall near the church, but over time has grown to provide a powerful social outlet for seniors, job training for local youth, and reintegration services for juvenile and adult offenders.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Gorton for his years of dedicated service to his parishioners, the Indianapolis community, and all Hoosiers.

HONORING THE KING SOLOMON
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a pillar of the community, the King Solomon M.B. Church. King Solomon served as a permanent staple in Yazoo City, Mississippi.

King Solomon M.B. Church was established when nine members of Holy Green Missionary Church decided to revolutionize and become

an independent embodiment of Christians. In October of 1903 the church was organized under the leadership of Rev. Kyzer, Rev. G.P. Green and Rev. A.C. Carter in the home of Sister Mollie Carey. Then Sister Mahalia Turner named the church King Solomon Missionary Baptist Church.

The first service was held under a brush arbor due to lack of proper facilities under the direction of Rev. A.C. Carter. As the fall season grew colder services were held at the home of Sister Vickie Love. Under the leadership of Rev. A.C. Carter, membership continued to grow therefore needing a larger and more appropriate facility. Members appointed a group to form the building committee, who arranged to build a frame structure in the Lintonia subdivision which is today's current location, 1409 Calhoun Avenue. On May 12, 190*, the church was built after long period of hard work and dedication.

In 1948, Rev. Hammond was elected as pastor. During this time the church divided and the New King Solomon was organized. The church suffered greatly during this upheaval. It was not until Rev. R.S. Scott was elected as pastor at King Solomon in 1948 that the church began to rejuvenate, unify and prosper once more. Rev. Scott served the church with compassion and strong conviction.

In 1960, Rev. G.H. Hankins was elected and under his leadership the church was remodeled. He later resigned in October of 1987 after twenty-seven years of faithful service.

Rev. Benjamin Hall Jr. was elected in 1989 and continues to serve in this capacity today. In 1997, grounds were broken to begin the building of the facility that they now occupy. The reconstructed annex was completed, dedicated and renamed the "Waymon C. Crump Education Complex".

Members of King Solomon pride themselves with the energy they put into the youth of the church. Their motto is "We are Family," and they promote it not only in the church family but the community through their many ministries.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the King Solomon Missionary Baptist Church as they strive to be the "beacon on the hill" that guides others to the joy of serving God through His Son, Jesus Christ.

HONORING THE HONORABLE ELIHU
M. HARRIS

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2013

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career of the Honorable Elihu Harris as we celebrate over 30 years of his dedicated public service and accomplishments. Mr. Harris continues to be a celebrated individual, and we join together in praise of his remarkable contributions to the Bay Area, California, and our great nation.

Born Elihu Mason Harris in Los Angeles, California on August 15, 1947, Mr. Harris grew up in Berkeley, California and graduated from Berkeley High School in 1965. He received his B.A. degree in Political Science at California

State University, Hayward (East Bay), and went on to earn an M.A. from the Graduate School of Public Policy at the University of California, Berkeley. Mr. Harris received his J.D. from the University of California, Davis in 1972.

Mr. Harris' esteemed career has spanned over four decades as an attorney at law, politician, and community college administrator. He became a senior partner for the firm of Harris, Alexander and Burris in 1978 for twelve years. He was an instructor teaching at various higher education institutions in the Bay Area, and later served on staff for Congresswoman Yvonne Burke and Assemblymember John Miller. In 1975, he was appointed as the Executive Director of the National Bar Association before forging his legacy in California politics. In 1978, Mr. Harris was elected to the California State Assembly to represent the 13th District. During his thirteen year tenure, he chaired the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, served as Chair of the Select Committees, and was a member of the Judiciary Committee as well as the Transportation, Health, Labor and Ways and Means, subcommittees on Education and Finance. In 1981, Mr. Harris authored the historic legislation that designated Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday a California state holiday. The Oakland Elihu M. Harris State Office Building was dedicated in his honor in 1998.

From 1991 to 1999, Mr. Harris served as Mayor of Oakland. In that role, Mr. Harris helped to restore and strengthen Oakland following the devastating aftermath of both the Loma Prieta earthquake and Oakland Hills Firestorm. He developed Oakland Sharing the Vision, a community strategic plan involving Oaklanders setting goals and objectives for the City. He also established community policing for Oakland neighborhoods, and created new city programs and initiatives to improve the community such as Oakland Healthy Cities and Camp Read-A-Lot, one of the many education endeavors he supported in office.

In 2000, Mr. Harris was appointed by Governor Gray Davis to serve as a board member on the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board. From there, Mr. Harris was appointed in 2003 as interim Chancellor of the Peralta Community College District before receiving the post on a permanent basis in 2004. During his term as Chancellor, Mr. Harris was a strong supporter for students and championed equal access to education for all. He served in this capacity until 2010.

Throughout his prolific career, Mr. Harris has been an ardent advocate for social justice and civil rights. The Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom Center and Merritt College has recognized Mr. Harris' contributions and aptly named its lecture series program as "The Barbara Lee and Elihu Harris Lecture Series."

On a personal note, Elihu has been my brother and my friend since the early 70's. He has been my trusted confidant and provides honest feedback and constantly "watches my back". For this and so much more, I am deeply grateful.

Therefore, on behalf of California's 13th Congressional District, the Honorable Elihu Harris, I salute you. Your over 30 years of public service have made an indelible mark in our community. Best wishes to you and your loved ones in the years to come.