

Rev. D. W. M. Johnson, 1931–1940; Rev. Wilson Ford, 1940–1948; Rev. Jimmy Jones, 1948–1982; Rev. Percy Turner, 1983–Present.

Over the years, the following persons have served as Associate Ministers: Rev. Alf White, Rev. Marcus Frisby, Rev. Louis Frisby, Rev. Louis White, Rev. Edgar White, Rev. Leon Dorsey, Rev. David White, Rev. George A. Tyler, Rev. Aubry Watson, Rev. Juanita Tyler, Rev. Ernest Gaines, Rev. Andrew Dorsey, Rev. Mandy Green, Rev. John H. Hawkins, Rev. Charles Kaho, and Rev. John Tyler.

Some dynamic men have served as Deacons; they include: Bro. Phillip White, Bro. Jackson Tyler, Bro. Richard Tyler, Bro. Wilson Tyler, Bro. James Compton, Bro. Sanford "Sam" White, Bro. Bivens Cole, Sr., Bro. Daniel White, Bro. Juanita Tyler, Bro. Aubry Watson, Bro. General Jenkins, Bro. Leon Dorsey, Bro. Frank White, Bro. John Tyler, Bro. Monroe Griffin, Bro. Leon Dorsey, Jr., Bro. Frank Gamble, Bro. Charles Kaho, Bro. John H. Hawkins, Bro. Jerome Herrington, Jr., Bro. Willie J. Pree, Bro. Robert L. White, Bro. Samuel L. White, Sr., Bro. Larry D. Tyler, Bro. Charlie Hawkins, Sr., Bro. Roosevelt "Bill" White, Bro. Keith King, Bro. Joseph Cole, Sr., and Bro. Jerry Sims.

Over the years, the Mother's Board (Deaconess Board) has included: Sis. Arnetta C. Tyler, Sis. Lou Virginia White, Sis. Kizzie Tyler, Sis. Ella Tyler, Sis. Juanita Tyler, Sis. Celeste Frisby, Sis. Irene Tyler, Sis. Jinice Sanders, Sis. Ora Clark, Sis. Mindy White, Sis. Effie Turner, Sis. Henretta Compton, Sis. Lillie Perryman Jackson, Sis. Virginia S. White, Sis. Martha White, Sis. Mary E. Dorsey, Sis. Floridia Jones, Sis. Louella White, Sis. Doris Kaho, Sis. Mae Rose Herrington, Sis. Sarah Griffin, Sis. Carrie Jenkins, Sis. Augusta Ballard, Sis. Lettie Irving, Sis. Gertrude White, Sis. Cora White, Sis. Almeta Dorsey, Sis. Mamie Herrington, Sis. Edna Holmes, Sis. Laura Reed, Sis. Laura Tyler, Sis. Effie Woods, Sis. Jean Hawkins, Sis. Levater White, Sis. Lollie J. Doss, Sis. Johnnie R. Tolliver, and Sis. Sophronia Evans.

The membership is proud of its rich history and Christian traditions. We will continue to celebrate the accomplishments of our forefathers, but more importantly, we are dedicated to embracing God's call to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our mission is to win souls to Christ through love, dedication, loyalty, and service to mankind. We humbly thank God for more than 150 years of service and we pray for His continued blessings and divine guidance as we demonstrate to the world that Bethlehem is the place where "Our Feet are on the Rock and Our Names are on Heaven's Roll."

Since the writing of this history in 2010, the name of the Bethlehem Baptist Association has changed to Jefferson County Baptist Association.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church for its outstanding service to the community.

IN RECOGNITION OF CATHERINE "KATE" ERTZ-BERGER UPON HER RETIREMENT

### HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 5, 2013*

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the outstanding career of Ms. Catherine "Kate" Ertz-Berger, Executive Director of the Contra Costa Child Care Council, and congratulate her as she retires after twenty-eight years of dedicated service to the children and families of Contra Costa County.

Kate's deep passion for helping others was evident early in her career, during her tenure with the Massachusetts Department of Social Work and the United Way of the Bay Area. She brought that same passion to the Contra Costa Child Care Council in 1985 and has been the heartbeat of that agency for nearly three decades. Under Kate's dynamic leadership the Council has grown to be one of the largest and most effective nonprofit organizations in the San Francisco East Bay serving families throughout our community.

Kate has shown remarkable command of the issues most critical to early education and the needs of families with small children. Under her guidance, the Council has greatly increased public awareness of the need for quality child care and early childhood education through the development of a wide variety of innovative initiatives, programs and services. Most importantly, she has forged lasting partnerships with the community, parents and child care providers.

I invite my colleagues to join me in commending Executive Director Kate Ertz-Berger, for her committed and diligent service to the children and families of Contra Costa County. I am pleased to call her my friend and wish her the very best as she begins a well-deserved retirement.

CONGRATULATING TWIN GROVES MIDDLE SCHOOL ON BEING NAMED A BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

### HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 5, 2013*

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Twin Groves Middle School in Buffalo Grove, Illinois, in the district I represent. This outstanding educational institution has been recognized as one of only 286 Blue Ribbon schools in the entire country.

This is the second National Blue Ribbon distinction that Twin Groves has earned, one of 21 awarded in the state, one of only three awarded to Illinois middle schools and one of four awarded to schools in Illinois's Tenth District.

Good education is the foundation of any community, and it is essential to our success in the 21st Century. In Buffalo Grove, you will find some of the nation's finest schools, filled with eager and curious students and passionate and engaging teachers.

In Illinois's Tenth District, our communities are strong, in part, because of excellent educational institutions like Twin Groves.

With schools like Twin Groves, Tenth District students are building foundations for success in this ever-changing, competitive 21st Century.

The education Twin Groves Middle School students receive not only helps position them for future success, but also prepares them for the rigors of one of the area's top high schools, Stevenson High.

Mr. Speaker, I am so pleased to honor Twin Groves Middle School here today, and I am so proud to have such excellent schools in the Tenth District. I congratulate Twin Groves once again on receiving this distinguished award.

RECOGNIZING MORRIS COUNTY SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

### HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 5, 2013*

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Morris County School of Technology of Denville, New Jersey for being named a Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education.

The Department of Education acknowledges schools where students attain and maintain high academic goals. Union Morris County School of Technology is a proud example of academic excellence where students have high levels of performance, stellar student achievement and where educators facilitate a strong learning environment.

I congratulate the students, faculty and community on this high honor. This is a prestigious award to receive and Morris County School of Technology is a proud example of academic excellence and worthy of this national distinction.

CELEBRATING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF MR. DARREN MILLER OF MURRYSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

### HON. KEITH J. ROTHFUS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 5, 2013*

Mr. ROTHFUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the accomplishments of Darren Miller of Murrysville, Pennsylvania.

On August 29, 2013, Darren became the first American man and only the fourth person in history to complete the seven grueling open-water swims known as the Ocean's Seven challenge. He spent over seventy-five hours braving frigid waters, treacherous weather conditions, and dangerous wildlife while swimming across bodies of water including the English Channel, the North Channel between Scotland and Northern Ireland, and the Strait of Gibraltar. Darren is the only person to ever complete all of the swims on the first attempt.

A graduate of Franklin Regional High School in Murrysville and Pennsylvania State University, Darren is a product of the first-class educational institutions in our Commonwealth. Darren used our beautiful lakes and rivers in Western Pennsylvania to train for his

historic feat, a reminder that the tools for success are within reach.

Darren also swims to benefit and raise awareness for the Forever Fund, an organization he cofounded, to help families pay for the costs of treatment in the infant cardiothoracic unit at UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. He has raised more than \$65,000 to date.

Darren named the Forever Fund in remembrance of his grandmother. "She taught me that success has nothing to do with your pocketbook, but by how you treat someone who can do you absolutely no good," he recently said. Darren's personal motto is "Every breath a gift," meant to inspire today's youth to overcome personal challenges and persevere in accomplishing one's personal goals.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to honor Darren Miller's outstanding athletic achievements and service to our community and his fellow man.

#### RECOGNIZING RAFAEL PINEDA

### HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 5, 2013*

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and admiration that I stand before you today to honor Mr. Rafael Pineda, who will retire as the lead news anchor for Univision 41 on December 20th. For 42 years Mr. Pineda has been a key voice in providing the Latino community in the New York area with unparalleled news coverage.

Since his 1972 undertaking as the lead news anchor at WXTV Univision 41, Mr. Pineda has consistently demonstrated a zest for journalism that is balanced, and offers fair, universal access to all audiences. In 1988 he became host of, "Punto y Aparte," the first Spanish language first local interview program in the tri-state area. Over the last several years he has consistently guided Noticias 41 to first place in New York's Spanish language newscasts.

Rafael Pineda has served as an ongoing inspiration for all Latinos by building one of the most distinguished careers in television. Mr. Pineda was the first local news anchor to interview major political figures like President Clinton, and influential celebrities like the late Desi Arnaz. In the year 2000, he was the first Latino to be honored in the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Silver Circle, and over the years he has won several awards, including an Emmy. Most recently, Mr. Pineda was inducted into The New York Broadcasters Association Hall of Fame.

Mr. Pineda has developed a career that has paralleled my own in regard to public service, and as a colleague, I have been consistently inspired by both his integrity and his unwavering sense of dedication to his audience and to the news. Over the years, I have appeared on his program many times, both in interviews with Mr. Pineda and in news stories concerning legislative issues. I always found that Mr. Pineda was tough but fair in the questions he asked and the issues considered. Regardless of the subject, or his own personal views, he always had the best interests of his audience in mind. After 42 years of service Mr. Pineda has grown to embody all of the best characteristics of the New York area, and I am

proud to call him a colleague and a friend. He is an invaluable member of the community whose dedication to the people can be seen in all his work throughout the years, and whose on-air presence will certainly be missed.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring Rafael Pineda as an Emmy award winner, as New York's longest-serving news anchor in history, and most importantly, as an outstanding example of how one person's lifelong work can leave such a permanent mark in the hearts and minds of many.

#### HONORING THE NAPA VALLEY EDUCATION FOUNDATION

### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 5, 2013*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Napa Valley Education Foundation as they celebrate their 30th anniversary on December 7th, 2013, at their Annual Taste for Knowledge and Gala Fundraising Event. The Napa Valley Education Foundation (NVEF) deserves recognition for their tireless efforts over the past thirty years to improve the quality of education for all children within the Napa Valley Unified School District (NVUSD).

Since its creation in 1983, the NVEF has demonstrated an admirable commitment to achieving its self-proclaimed vision to create "great public schools that inspire all children to achieve their potential and become vital members of our community." In pursuit of realizing this vision, the NVEF has made significant improvements in the quality of education possible for all students in the NVUSD.

Such improvements include the Teacher Grants Program, now known as the Spencer and Colton Grants, which was founded by the NVEF in 1983 and has raised a total of more than \$1.5 million to fund the implementation of improved teaching strategies. Additionally, the NVEF has created The Music Connection, which brings music education and exposure to over 3,000 students, as well as the Campaign to Sustain Music, which has raised \$85,000 annually over the past three years to sustain the NVUSD's music education programs. The NVEF has also created Tech Connection, a program to assist families in purchasing laptops for their children. Finally, the NVEF coordinates the Teacher of the Year Awards, which recognize and honor exceptional teachers within the NVUSD each year.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we honor and thank the Napa Valley Education Foundation for their thirty years of unwavering commitment to improving the quality of education for every student within the Napa Valley Unified School District.

#### HONORING COOLEY MORTUARY, INC

### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 5, 2013*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor as extraordinary Fu-

neral Home Business in the Mississippi Delta, Cooley's Mortuary of Batesville, MS.

Cooley's Mortuary, Inc. opened its doors in April 1990, beginning a tradition of professionalism, dedication and compassionate care to families in Batesville, Panola County, Mississippi and the surrounding communities. After serving in the United States Army for two years, and in pursuit of a need to do something "useful" with his life, Jerry Cooley enrolled into the Commonwealth College of Mortuary Science, Houston, Texas where he soon graduated and received his National Board Certified license in 1978. He began a career as funeral director and mortician at Brown Mortuary, Inc. in Laurel, Mississippi. With encouragement from his dear mother and a great ambition calling him higher, Jerry Cooley moved to Batesville, Mississippi in August 1984 where he worked as funeral manager and embalmer at Century Funeral Home.

In April of 1990, a longtime dream of Jerry Cooley's became a reality when he and his wife, Norma Jean, held an open house for a "first-generation" funeral home located at 327 Panola Avenue, Batesville, Mississippi. Cooley's Mortuary, Inc. made history in that year by accomplishing what not many other first-generation funeral homes had ever done; they received an astounding 50 calls by year's end and their first few months in business. Building on the strong foundation of compassion and service, and providing quality care to the families of Panola county, and surrounding communities, the business grew over the next several years.

Throughout the years, Cooley's Mortuary, Inc. has employed a number of additional staff, all of whom have been committed to excellence and stellar service for their customers. They have worked closely for many years as a cohesive unit serving the needs of the community with dignity, care and compassion. The business thrived and continued to set a standard for funeral service in the Panola County area.

They say "beside every successful man stands a woman" and without question this is certainly the case with Cooley's Mortuary. The business would not have existed without Norma Jean Cooley. Her strong support and countless hours of work should not go unmentioned. She has served as Vice President and serves the business faithfully enabling it to respond to and serve families in their time of need.

November 29, 2007 marked a new era and a lifelong dream fulfilled for Jerry and Norma Cooley with the groundbreaking of a new modern facility. The "second generation" Cooley's Mortuary, Inc. was built and dedicated in August 2009, making it a premier funeral home in Batesville, Mississippi. The 11,700 square foot facility is constructed on a two acre lot and includes four offices, a library, prayer room, two family viewing rooms, and a chapel with a seating capacity for 250 people. In Cooley's own words, "I wanted to have the very best for the people we serve."

Cooley's Mortuary is a family owned community-located funeral home which has earned a reputation for service, affordability and reliability over the years. Word-of-mouth, without question, is its finest endorsement. Regardless of whether or not a family comes to Cooley's Mortuary for the first time, or considers it to be their "family" funeral home, Cooley's Mortuary