

nonprofit organizations, and events that helped improve neighborhoods throughout our region. She was guided in every way by her faith. Her energy and passion to make change will be missed.

With her passing, it is my hope that Sheila Leigh Stewart has found the peace earned from such a wonderful life. Ms. Stewart made a difference in our community with everything she did, and I am grateful for her life and service to Prince George's County, Maryland, and our country.

On behalf of this House, I extend our condolences to her entire family, especially her precious young son, Jonathan Henry Russell; her mother, Dorothy Stewart; her four sisters; her three brothers; and Radio One, and the thanks of a grateful nation. I will miss her tremendously.

HONORING TELLIS B. ELLIS III

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 a remarkable public servant, Dr. Tellis B. Ellis III, who was born in Jackson, Mississippi one of four children born to Tellis B. Ellis, Jr. and his wife Lucinda. Dr. Ellis.

Dr. Ellis attended Jim Hill High School where he excelled at both football and basketball. He completed his undergraduate studies in 1965 at Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi with a B.S. Degree in Science. While attending Jackson State Dr. Ellis was honored as a member of Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. He was an outstanding football player for Jackson State and was recruited by the NFL to play professional football for the Green Bay Packers in Green Bay Wisconsin. After sustaining a knee injury, which ended his hopes for a career as a professional athlete, he made the decision to pursue a career in Medicine.

Dr. Ellis was accepted into medical school at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee and received his Medical Doctorate in 1970. He completed both his Internship and Residency in Internal Medicine at Meharry Medical College in 1974. Dr. Ellis then returned to Jackson, Mississippi where he completed his Cardiology Fellowship at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in 1977. Dr. Ellis is Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Cardiology.

Dr. Ellis is active at the local and national levels in the following professional societies and organizations: American Medical Association, Mississippi Medical Association, Jackson Medical Society, National Monitoring Board Member Jackson Heart Study, American College of Cardiology, National Medical Association, Association of Black Cardiologists, Jackson Medical Association, and Mississippi Medical and Surgical Association where he served as President. Dr. Ellis is an active member of the Jackson State University Alumni Association and was honored in 1975 with the First and Only Black Board Certified Internist in Mississippi Award.

Dr. Ellis is a founding partner of Jackson Cardiology Associates in Jackson, Mississippi where he practices with four other Cardiol-

gists. He is Assistant Clinical Professor at the University of Mississippi Medical Center and an active staff physician at St. Dominic-Jackson Memorial Hospital, River Oaks Hospital and Central Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, Mississippi.

Dr. Ellis is widowed and has one son; Tellis B. Ellis IV. He is the proud grandfather of Brian Ellis.

Dr. Ellis is a member of Pearl Street AME Church in Jackson, Mississippi. His medical special interest is Congestive Heart Failure and in his leisure time he enjoys fly fishing.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Tellis B. Ellis III for his dedication to serving others.

IN HONOR OF MARGARET "PEGGY" McMAHON

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 5, 2013

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Margaret "Peggy" McMahon for her years as a nurse and as an advocate for those with whom she worked.

For over forty-six years, Ms. McMahon has dedicated her life to nursing. In 1965, she joined the Army Student Nurse program while attending the Philadelphia General Hospital School of Nursing. Three years later, Ms. McMahon was dispatched to Vietnam as an emergency and trauma nurse in the 85th Evacuation Unit in Qui Nhon and the 95th Evacuation Hospital in DeNang. While in Vietnam, Ms. McMahon was a fearless first-responder, providing emergency care to injured soldiers before they could see a doctor.

After her tour in Vietnam, Ms. McMahon returned to Williamstown, NJ to further her education. She received a bachelor's degree and master's degree, a Family Nurse Practitioner's certificate, and she also served as president of the Emergency Nurses Association. Since then, she has worked adamantly to make sure her fellow emergency nurses are recognized for their service and sacrifice. Ms. McMahon became an influential voice in the efforts to create the Vietnam Women's Memorial in Washington, DC. This past Veterans Day, Ms. McMahon and other wartime nurses were honored at the Memorial.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. McMahon's selflessness should be an example to all. I join all of South Jersey in thanking Ms. McMahon for her years of service to her country and community.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 5, 2013

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,223,254,862,815.39. We've added \$6,596,377,813,902.31 to our debt in 4 years. This is \$6.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

RECOGNIZING CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE COALITION TO SALUTE AMERICA'S HEROES

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 5, 2013

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of The Coalition to Salute America's Heroes, a Virginia-based 501(c)(3), non-profit, non-partisan organization, established in 2004 to provide severely wounded veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and their families, with emergency financial assistance and other support services to help them recover from their injuries and rebuild their lives. CSAH is headquartered in Leesburg, which in my Congressional district in Loudoun County, and serves military veterans and their families living in the Commonwealth as well as nationally. All funds needed to develop and manage programs that advance its mission come from contributions to CSAH by individual citizens, corporate donors and foundations.

The mission of the Coalition is to ensure that our war-weary nation should not lose sight of its obligations to those who are protecting our freedoms. These true American heroes often receive little or no support from the nation for which they sacrificed so much. Because of a shortage of funding and an interminable bureaucratic backlog at the Veterans Administration, they wait for roughly a year, on average, to receive disability pay and benefits. Thousands do not get proper care for PTSD because it is largely misunderstood.

Under the leadership of David Walker, who serves as President and CEO, the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes helps severely wounded veterans and families of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom living in the Commonwealth of Virginia and across the country recover from their injuries and illnesses by providing emergency financial aid and other support services, in hopes that the veterans are able to transition successfully into civilian life. Additionally, the Coalition's emergency aid services responds to trends associated with suicide among veterans (24 per day), a sky-rocking divorce rate (60 percent among actives), and growing domestic abuse.

Last year as one of his first acts, Walker restructured The Coalition's budget so that it could give more directly to veterans and organizations that support them, with programs that include: emergency financial aid to help through crisis situations (evictions, car reposessions, etc.); training seminars; a call center program to provide veterans and spouses the opportunity to work on a part-time basis (some of the program's participants have moved on to part-time or full-time employment in the private sector); equine-therapy programs and more.

In 2013 alone, the Coalition will have donated nearly \$1 million in direct aid to veterans, in addition to managing the many other CSAH programs that are available to wounded veterans (conferences, holiday gift checks, education and training, etc.).

The Coalition has made eight grants totaling over \$80,000 to organizations based in Virginia and Washington, D.C., including: Horses Helping Heroes Project, which provides no-cost, equine-assisted activities and therapies

for wounded veterans in the Hampton Roads area of Virginia; Institute for Veterans Education and Training (IVET), which offers week-long training programs for veterans and their spouses; over \$50,000 to complete the construction of transitional housing for formerly homeless veterans living in Washington, D.C.; Final Salute, Inc., to provide safe and suitable transitional housing for homeless female veterans; Boulder Crest Retreat in Bluemont, VA, a new retreat for veterans seeking physical, mental and spiritual recovery from the wounds of war; Dog Tag Bakery, a not-for-profit venture dedicated to helping wounded veterans re-assimilate to civilian life by providing on-the-job bakery training and a tailor-made curriculum at the School of Continuing Studies at Georgetown University; etc.

In addition, this year, The Coalition was nominated for the Virginia First Lady's Opportunity Hall of Fame Awards, which recognizes leading Virginia nonprofits.

In April 2013, WTOP radio (CBS affiliate in Washington, D.C.) commended The Coalition by calling it a key resource responding to the problem of the growing back-log of U.S. Veterans Administration disability claims (which can take on average up to one year before veterans receive their disability payments).

Virginia has a proud tradition of military service to our nation, and is the grateful home of millions of veterans and their families. I am especially proud of the work of the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes and the work it is doing to fill a terrible void in our society. I commend The Coalition to Salute America's Heroes, which honors and remembers our heroes by helping them transition into civilian life so they may prosper.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF PHILLIP G. COOP, FOUNDER OF ENSAFE INCORPORATED

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 5, 2013

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of long-time Memphian Phillip Coop, founder of EnSafe Inc. and a pioneer in the field of environmental remediation. Phillip Coop founded EnSafe Inc. in 1980, and began with only two people on board. Since then, EnSafe has expanded to employ over three hundred people, earned Memphis Business Journal's Small Business of the Year distinction and received many other distinguished awards. The success of EnSafe is a testament to Mr. Coop's entrepreneurial spirit and incredible ingenuity.

More than thirty years later, Mr. Coop is still leading efforts in environmental sustainability by combining business, science and policy to ensure continued improvement in how we conserve energy, establish meaningful and practical regulations, and accurately evaluate our environmental performance. Mr. Coop also serves on the Board of Advisors for both the Herff College of Engineering at the University

of Memphis and the Engineering Department at Christian Brothers University. In addition, he received the inaugural Distinguished Leadership Award from the Environmental Financial Consulting Group in New York, and was honored with induction into the Society of Entrepreneurs in 2010.

Phillip Coop's achievements in environmental preservation and dedication to enriching programs in education have done great things for the city of Memphis and for people across the United States. His work serves as an example of how we all can contribute to making our community a better place to live. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Phillip Coop on his achievements.

RECOGNIZING IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 5, 2013

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Immaculate Conception School of Annandale, 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. Immaculate Conception School 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 Immaculate Conception School is a proud example of academic excellence and worthy of this national distinction.

HONORING WATERLOO MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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 Waterloo Missionary Baptist Church.

According to deeds found in the Jefferson County Office of the Chancery Clerk, Waterloo Missionary Baptist Church (1870) is one of the oldest recorded established Black churches in the county. According to oral records, Waterloo Missionary Baptist Church was established prior to the Civil War (Histories written by members of church).

The Waterloo Colored Baptist Church, as it was filed in the Jefferson County Courthouse, was organized in 1870 and recorded in January 1871. On November 25, 1871, an agreement was made between Mr. B. J. Watkins and his wife, Mrs. Anna Jane Watkins, the pastor and several deacons of the church to

purchase two acres of land at a cost of one hundred dollars. The pastor and deacons who secured the land were: Rev. J. D. Weston, Deacons, Mason Boones, Joshua Weston, and Thomas Chambers. Waterloo Colored Baptist Church was said to have been founded as a place of worship for the slaves of the Waterloo Plantation, which was located in Jefferson County.

On April 18, 1924, Deacons A. H. Tooley, H.C. Jones, and A.B. Murphy paid the sum of twenty dollars to purchase an additional one half acre of land from Mr. and Mrs. Henry Watson. To date, there have been four church structures erected on this land. The church also doubled as a school to teach the children in the surrounding communities.

The first church was destroyed by fire on December 20, 1929 because of the carelessness of the school children. In 1930, the deacons and men of the church erected a small building that served as a school, and was also used for church services. When revival was held in August of that same year, the deacons and members built a 'brush shed' in front of the school and used the school's porch for the pulpit.

By the end of 1930, a new church structure was built by Brother Dangerfield from Harriston, Mississippi which was also destroyed by fire on February 3, 1931. The third structure was built in 1937 under the supervision of Brother Joshua A. Weston, Sr. and Waterloo held their monthly services at Morning Star Baptist Church.

The first church cornerstone was laid on April 30, 1961 under the leadership of Pastor James N. Dorsey, who was installed as the pastor on January 16, 1956 and served the congregation until January 21, 1979. From 1956 to 1959, Rev. Joe Thomas served as interim pastor while Rev. Dorsey served in the military. In 1980, renovations were made on this structure under the leadership and guidance of Pastor Floyd Rice, who was installed as pastor on May 12, 1979 and served until September 12, 1984.

The third structure stood until 1996 when the present structure was built under the leadership of Pastor Leon Howard who was installed on November 15, 1985 and he is currently pastor. Dedicatory services were held for the new church on October 14–18, 1996 and Sunday, October 20, 1996. Major renovations were completed on this building in 2008 with Re-dedicatory Services being held on September 16–17, and Sunday, September 21, 2008.

Pastor Howard's leadership has increased membership, financial conditions and in organizing First Sunday Worship Service and the Youth Department was organized with Rev. Curtis Smith, the youth minister. In January 2000, first Sunday Worship Service was changed to Fourth Sunday Worship Service starting at 8:30 a.m. In September 2008, Reverend Arthur Williams was installed as assistant pastor.

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