

IN HONOR OF MARANATHA
BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2013

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to honor Maranatha Baptist Church in Jacksonville, North Carolina.

This month, Maranatha Baptist Church will celebrate 30 years of faithful service to the Lord and to the citizens of Onslow County. The church especially has a heart to reach the servicemen and women in the area for Christ.

The first members of Maranatha Baptist Church met in a small pawn shop under the leadership of Pastor Randy See. His work laid the foundation for the congregation to expand and move first to a piece of property on Anne Street and then to the church's current location on Onsville Drive.

Following in the footsteps of Randy See, Pastors Don Jones, Chuck Lindley, and Jon McConkey have blessed Maranatha Baptist Church with their leadership over the course of the last three decades. Each of these men contributed uniquely to the growth of the church from its humble beginning to the well-known community that it has become.

I am honored to represent Maranatha Baptist Church, and I am pleased to have the congregation and current Pastor Jon McConkey recognized by the United States Congress as they celebrate 30 years of service to Onslow County.

HONORING THE 2013 RECIPIENTS
OF THE OWENS COMMUNITY
COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, the Owens Community College Alumni Association takes great pride in its annual Outstanding Service Awards celebration, now in its tenth year. The awards honor the selfless contributions of area police, fire, and emergency medical service professionals to our communities. I wanted to share the inspiring stories of two of my constituents who will be recognized at this year's ceremony.

Last April, A.J. Green of Gibsonburg was a passenger on a bus traveling on the Ohio Turnpike. The bus collided with another vehicle that had been involved in a multi-vehicle accident. It was subsequently hit by another vehicle unable to stop due to dark, rainy conditions. The bus driver was knocked unconscious and was trapped behind the steering wheel, which was rendered inoperable by the wreck. Together with another passenger, A.J., who serves with the Lindsey Volunteer Fire Department, took control of the bus and shut off the engine. He then guided the passengers to safety at a nearby travel plaza where they were attended by emergency personnel.

A.J. has since coordinated a bus safety training day for area police, fire, and other emergency responders, turning this catastrophe into a learning experience. The asso-

ciation is presenting him with the 2013 Outstanding Firefighter Award for his exceptional efforts.

Keith Loreno, fire chief for the City of Fostoria, will be presented with the 2013 Outstanding Service to Community Award. Chief Loreno's three-decade career began with the Perkins Township Fire Department, where he served as a firefighter/emergency medical technician. Since then, he has worked as a corrections officer, a deputy sheriff, a top official with the Division of the State Fire Marshal, and as owner of an ambulance service.

Keith's devotion to volunteerism is an example to all who know him. A United Way board trustee, he has worked to ensure successful fundraising campaigns to aid vital community organizations. He also spearheads an annual clothing drive campaign and coordinates smoke-detector giveaway programs. His dedication to civic duty is further shown in his work with local students: Chief Loreno runs a Safety Town program for preschool children and coordinates mock-crash events to teach teenagers about the dangers of drinking and driving.

Mr. Speaker, this year's Outstanding Service Awards celebration will be held on Friday, April 26. I appreciate the opportunity to join the Owens Community College Alumni Association in recognizing the ongoing commitment and sacrifices of these first responders.

IN MEMORY OF CHIEF WARRANT
OFFICER 2 JARETT YODER

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2013

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues from Pennsylvania, the Honorable CHARLES W. DENT and the Honorable JIM GERLACH, for the solemn purpose of remembering and honoring the life of Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jarrett Yoder. On April 9, 2013, CW2 Yoder was tragically killed while serving our country. CW2 Yoder was just 26 years old when his AH-64 Apache Helicopter crashed in Nangarhar Province Afghanistan. A Berks County, Pennsylvania native, CW2 Yoder was a 2005 graduate of Oley Valley High School in Oley, Pennsylvania and attended Reading Area Community College.

CW2 Yoder joined the military in 2005, first serving in Company C of the 1st Battalion of the 111th Infantry of the Pennsylvania National Guard as an infantryman. He was then deployed to Iraq in 2008 with Company C and the rest of the Guard's 56th Stryker Brigade. In 2010, he then transitioned to the role of an aviation life support equipment officer and Apache pilot.

CW2 Yoder was an exceptional Pennsylvanian and American who served his state and country with honor and great courage. His military decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, and Driver and Mechanic Badge.

We send our deepest condolences to CW2 Yoder's wife, Heather Garay-Yoder, and his parents, Gary and Diane Yoder. CW2 Yoder goes to his rest with the eternal thanks of a most grateful nation.

HONORING COLONEL MARK C.
GARDENER

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel Mark C. Gardener and to recognize his lifetime of service to our country.

On June 28, Col. Gardener will retire from the Georgia National Guard after thirty years of sacrifice and service to this great nation.

While he currently serves as the Georgia National Guard's State Inspector General, he has worked in many different capacities. In 1983, Col. Gardener's first assignment was with U.S. Army Missile Command, and he has since been assigned to infantry, maintenance, and forward support duties across the world. His career has taken him to Korea, Panama, Afghanistan, Iraq, and several military installations here in the United States.

For his distinguished leadership throughout his career, Col. Gardener has been awarded with decorations like the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Korea Defense Service Medal, the Army Reserve Service Medal, the Parachutist Badge, and the Air Assault Badge.

Col. Gardener has played an invaluable role in the U.S. Armed Forces for decades and he will surely be missed.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 11th District of Georgia, my deepest thanks to Col. Gardener for devoting his life the upholding the Constitution of the United States and to the protection of its citizens. I wish him a happy—and well-deserved—retirement.

CONGRATULATING THE AUXILIARY
OF THE JFK MEDICAL CENTER
FOUNDATION ON ITS 50TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2013

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Auxiliary of the JFK Medical Center Foundation on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. Since 1962, the Auxiliary has provided critical fundraising for special projects and contributed countless hours of volunteer service that directly impact and improve the lives of patients served by JFK Medical Center. Due to the remarkable efforts of the Auxiliary over a half-century of service, JFK Medical Center has grown into a highly respected health care facility that provides clinical excellence to the people of Edison Township, Middlesex County, and throughout Central New Jersey.

The Auxiliary actually predates JFK Medical Center by five years. Indeed, the idea of building a hospital in Edison was little more than a dream of late Edison Mayor Anthony M.

Yelencsics when he called local resident Joanne Wira in March 1962 to request her assistance in seeing his vision come to fruition. Mayor Yelencsics asked Mrs. Wira to create an Auxiliary to support the creation of a hospital that would serve the rapidly expanding populations of Edison, Woodbridge, Metuchen, and surrounding communities.

Mrs. Wira accepted the challenge and served as the first President of the Auxiliary, which held its initial meeting on November 19, 1962 with 163 women in attendance. The Auxiliary's first pledge was made at that meeting: \$30,000 to fund the construction of the future hospital's Gift Shop and Coffee Shop. This seemed like an enormous undertaking at the time, but it has been dwarfed by the subsequent efforts of the Auxilians. By the time the hospital opened its doors on August 7, 1967 as a 205-bed facility (it has since expanded to 498 beds), the Auxiliary had contributed over \$110,000 in pledges raised from the community.

Over the years, the Auxiliary has contributed significantly to every major expansion of JFK Medical Center, including \$500,000 towards the construction of the JFK Johnson Rehabilitation Institute, JRI, in the mid-1970s. Over the past three decades, JRI has developed into a national leader in rehabilitation care and performs cutting-edge research that has benefited patients worldwide, including service members returning from Iraq and Afghanistan with traumatic brain injuries.

The Auxiliary's work continues unabated today. At the Auxiliary's annual Fall General Meeting in 2012, final payment was made on the most recent pledge of \$2.5 million, which benefitted the JFK Emergency Pavilion Expansion Project. Its cumulative contributions to JFK Medical Center now exceed \$15 million.

Unsurprisingly, the Auxilians are not resting on their laurels and already are moving forward with raising funds to meet their newest pledge of \$3 million, the largest pledge to date. These funds are earmarked to benefit JFK Medical Center's new 5th floor Maternity and Pediatrics facility, which will offer private rooms to every patient so as to allow mother and newborn to be physically proximate and extend every comfort to fathers and other family members. The Auxiliary has presented JFK Medical Center with the first \$100,000 contribution towards the pledge as it moves seamlessly into its second 50 years.

Mr. Speaker, the tremendous efforts of the Auxiliary of the JFK Medical Center Foundation over the past 50 years are to be highly commended. The civic pride and community spirit demonstrated by the Auxilians is remarkable. I particularly would like to single out the efforts of the Auxiliary leadership, especially current Auxiliary President Barbara Braynock and the Auxiliary Board, for volunteering their time and effort to this great cause, and note their great collaboration with the JFK Board of Directors and President & CEO Ray Fredricks.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I once again would like to congratulate the Auxiliary of the JFK Medical Center Foundation for 50 years of incredible service to their community. I have no doubt that the next 50 years will build upon this great legacy.

HONORING DR. DEWEY BROWDER

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2013

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, the mark of a great community is found in its leadership. Hard working, always professional, and dedicated to long-term vision are the key qualities of a strong local leader. The mark of a great country is found in those willing to serve her cause. I rise today to honor a leader of a great community and country, Dr. Dewey Browder.

From mentoring students at Austin Peay State University to highlighting veterans in Montgomery County, Dr. Browder's hard work helped make Clarksville a nobler place to call home. His awards are numerous and far too few for his contributions. Serving as a member of the Kiwanis Club, the Mayor's Veterans Service Organization, the Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission, the Clarksville-Montgomery County Military Affairs Committee, and the Wings of Liberty Museum, Dr. Browder's time, talents, and treasures are unmatched.

Shaping the next generation of students, of veterans, and of citizens is a sacred act. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Dewey Browder. Along with his family, friends, and coworkers, I offer my gratitude for his life's work.

TRI-CAUCUS HEALTH CHAIRS,
LEAD BY ROYBAL-ALLARD, OR-
GANIZED ONE-MINUTES IN RE-
COGNITION OF NATIONAL MINOR-
ITY HEALTH MONTH

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2013

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise as co-chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus Healthcare Task Force to recognize April as National Minority Health Month.

Communities of color—in California and throughout the country—continue to face persistent health disparities and barriers to quality care.

By expanding access to care, education, and prevention, we have the tools necessary to address this issue—and we must use them.

That is why I was pleased by yesterday's announcement of the new National Standards on Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services, which is needed to ensure that all individuals receive health care that is high quality and meets their diverse needs.

And while successful implementation of the Affordable Care Act is critical to ensuring our communities have access to quality, affordable, culturally competent care, we must do more.

This is why the congressional tri-caucus continues to champion the Health Equity and Accountability Act.

I urge my colleagues to join us in securing health equity for all.

CONGRATULATING THE U.S. ARMY
RESERVE

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2013

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the U.S. Army Reserve on their 105th anniversary, and to thank the almost 201,000 reserve soldiers across the country—including 8,000 from my home state of Georgia—for their dedication and service to our great nation.

In 1908, Congress' creation of the Medical Reserve Corps became the official predecessor of today's Army Reserve.

In 1916, the program was transformed into the Organized Reserve Corps in order to provide a peacetime resource of trained soldiers for use in unexpected conflict. Since then, the Reserve has continued evolving in order to meet the needs of our citizens and respond to global threats.

Currently, the Army Reserve makes up almost 20 percent of the total U.S. Army, and is comprised of soldiers who are specially trained in areas such as engineering, mechanics, and medical expertise.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking the soldiers of the United States Army Reserve for their sacrifice and congratulating them as they celebrate 105 years of patriotic service.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING THE SEQUENCING
OF THE HUMAN GENOME AS ONE
OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT SCI-
ENTIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF
THE PAST 100 YEARS AND EX-
PRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE
DESIGNATION OF APRIL 25, 2013
AS "DNA DAY"

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2013

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 60th anniversary of James D. Watson and Francis H.C. Crick's discovery of the double-helical structure of DNA. Their discovery launched a field of inquiry that explained how DNA encoded biological information and how that information is duplicated and inherited. This field of study has led to untold scientific advances in the past 60 years.

I also rise today to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the completion of the Human Genome Project. This month, ten years ago, an international consortium of scientists led by the National Human Genome Research Institute and the Department of Energy announced the successful sequencing of an entire human genome, the genetic blueprint that makes each of who we are.

The past ten years have seen a revolution in biomedical research, sparked by the completion of the Human Genome Project. With the availability of a compendium of all our genes, scientists have been able to link diseases to the genes that cause them, learn about how those diseases progress, develop therapies to stop them, and ultimately improve