

# HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF JIM FOSTER FROM THE CITY CLUB OF CLEVELAND

## HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I have the distinct privilege of recognizing Jim Foster, who recently retired as Executive Director of the City Club of Cleveland. For twenty years, Mr. Foster provided strong and innovative leadership, building on the worldwide reputation of the City Club of Cleveland as "the citadel of free speech."

Jim Foster originally joined the City Club of Cleveland in 1993 as managing director and become executive director a year later. His involvement, however, was a continuation of a life and career spent in the Greater Cleveland community. Jim grew up in Shaker Heights, was an active member of the Air Force Reserve, and previously worked in city and county government.

As executive director, Jim continued the tradition of excellence of the City Club of Cleveland—the longest running continuous independent free speech forum in the country—in addressing the most salient issues while enacting necessary organizational changes to keep up, and ahead of, the time.

Displaying savvy leadership, Jim enhanced the club's media footprint on television and radio, secured the [www.cityclub.org](http://www.cityclub.org) web address and built a website. As social media expanded, Jim kept the organization in front, providing all their forums via live stream, podcast, and archived on the Club's YouTube channel.

Throughout his tenure, Jim displayed a fervent commitment to free speech and the collegial exchange of ideas by pursuing speakers of national prominence and profound influence on a variety of topics, including politics, business, education, and health care. Speakers from all vantage points were hosted and subjected to the challenging but fair questions for which the City Club Forums are well-known. Just recently I worked with Jim to help bring Minority Leader NANCY PELOSI to the City Club for a luncheon address that was extremely well received.

I can confidently say that Jim fulfilled the Club's mission of being an exemplar of a democratic community.

As he enters retirement, I thank Jim for his immense dedication and excellence in serving the community. His character and career accomplishments epitomize what democracy and citizenship are about.

I join the City Club of Cleveland, its board of directors, the greater community, and friends and family in wishing Jim health and happiness in the years ahead. It is my privilege to honor Jim Foster.

HONORING MR. CLARENCE  
SCUTTER

## HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Clarence Scutter, who is a remarkable civil and public servant.

Mr. Clarence Scutter is a lifetime resident of Port Gibson, MS. Having been raised in a single parent home by his mother, Georgia Scutter and grandmother, Alice Scutter, he is the eldest of three siblings.

Mr. Scutter graduated from Addison High School in 1962 and attended Alcorn State University. His goal of becoming a doctor was cut short by the death of his mother and later his grandmother. He was left with the responsibility of taking care of his younger sister and brother.

After his siblings reached adulthood, Mr. Scutter began his career: He served in the United States Army Reserve; he was Scoutmaster for a local boy scout troop; he was instrumental in helping to establish the first nutrition sites for the elderly in Claiborne County; he served as Chairman of the Claiborne County Committee on Aging; he was appointed to the Mississippi Council on Aging by Governor William Winter in 1981; he has served as President of the Richardson PTA and the Claiborne County PTA; and he served a number of years on the State PTA Board.

Mr. Scutter also has a compassion for sports; he served as an official with the Mississippi High School Activities Association, where he officiated football and basketball on the Junior High and High School levels; and with the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) where he officiated college basketball.

In 2004, Mr. Scutter was instrumental in applying for and being awarded a grant from the Association of Black Cardiology to promote healthcare awareness in Claiborne County and the surrounding areas. This grant introduced the "CHOICES" program to the community. It brought together four (4) local churches within the community with over 50 local residents who received training and became a Certified Health Promotion Specialists, volunteering to travel throughout the community providing health screenings for blood glucose, blood pressure, cholesterol and body mass index free of charge.

Mr. Scutter was employed with the United States Postal Service for 35 years, when he retired in 1999. He has served as County Coordinator for Congressman BENNIE THOMPSON for a number of years. Upon retirement he took on more challenges to impact his community. He is currently active in a variety of civic and cultural organizations including: MS Regional Housing Authority VI where he is a Commissioner for Claiborne County; Claiborne County Branch of the NAACP; Claiborne County PTSA; Citizens for Better Government Consulting Group; Claiborne County Retired Personnel Association and CEO for the Rural Community Development Corporation. His most prestigious award came in 1999 where he received the Outstanding Leadership Award from President Bill Clinton. He is currently an Alderman for the City of Port Gibson. He recently received the Community Service Award from the Alcorn State University Alumni Chapter.

Mr. Scutter is a member of the Christian Chapel Church in Port Gibson, MS where he serves as an Elder, Sunday School Teacher and Board Member.

Mr. Scutter is married to Bobbie "Doss" Scutter and they have 4 children and 8 grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Clarence Scutter for his

dedication to serving others and giving back to the African American community.

# IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN J. MORELLI, RECIPIENT OF THE TOMB HONOR GUARD IDENTIFICATION BADGE AND BRONZE STAR, AS AWARDED BY THE UNITED STATES ARMY

## HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor John J. Morelli, who received the Tomb Honor Guard Identification Badge and Bronze Star of the United States Army. Mr. Morelli is also being honored by his town of Olyphant, Pennsylvania, and his name will be displayed on a historical marker to be dedicated there tomorrow morning, June 14.

Mr. Morelli, born January 18, 1918 to John and Lucy Morelli, began his distinguished life living in the rear of his family-owned shoe repair shop in Olyphant. During his early years, Mr. Morelli attended Olyphant High School and entered the United States Army at the age of twenty-two.

Mr. Morelli was stationed stateside during World War II where he was honored to guard the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. One of his other duties during this period of service included guarding German prisoners of war in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Mr. Morelli's career in the Army continued when he fought in the 3rd Infantry Division in Korea. During Mr. Morelli's first day of combat, the sergeant he was sent to replace was shot by enemy fire, prompting Mr. Morelli to expose himself as a target while trying to save the fallen soldier. This act of bravery earned Mr. Morelli the Bronze Star Medal.

Also highly notable are Mr. Morelli's nine and a half—albeit non-consecutive—years as Sergeant of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Mr. Morelli held this prestigious assignment, among the rarest in the Army, longer than any other soldier in history. Due to Mr. Morelli's outstanding service, he was awarded the Tomb Honor Guard Identification Badge, the second rarest military badge after the Astronaut Badge.

In recognition of Mr. Morelli's achievements in the Army, the historical marker will be dedicated tomorrow at the site of his father's former shoe repair shop in Olyphant. I add my congratulations and heartfelt thanks for exemplary service to our country on this momentous occasion.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

## HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent the week of June 3, 2013. If I were present, I would have voted on the following:

Rollcall No. 184: "Yea," H.R. 1206—Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2013;

Rollcall No. 185: "Yea," S. 622—Animal Drug and Animal Generic Drug User Fee Reauthorization Act of 2013;

Rollcall No. 186: "Nay," Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule to H. Res. 243;

Rollcall No. 187: "Nay," H. Res. 243—Rule providing for consideration of both H.R. 2216 and H.R. 2217;

Rollcall No. 188: "No," Broun of Georgia Amendment;

Rollcall No. 189: "Aye," Amodei of Nevada Amendment;

Rollcall No. 190: "Aye," Moran of Virginia Amendment;

Rollcall No. 191: "No," King of Iowa Amendment;

Rollcall No. 192: "Aye," On Motion to Re-commit with Instructions H.R. 2216;

Rollcall No. 193: "Yea," H.R. 2216—Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act 2014;

Rollcall No. 194: "Aye," Moore of Wisconsin Amendment;

Rollcall No. 195: "Aye," Polis of Colorado Amendment;

Rollcall No. 196: "No," Heck of Nevada Amendment;

Rollcall No. 197: "Aye," Garcia of Florida Amendment;

Rollcall No. 198: "Aye," Deutch of Florida Amendment;

Rollcall No. 199: "Aye," Bishop of New York Amendment;

Rollcall No. 200: "Aye," Moran of Virginia Amendment;

Rollcall No. 201: "No," Garrett of New Jersey Amendment;

Rollcall No. 202: "No," Ryan of Ohio Amendment;

Rollcall No. 203: "Aye," Cassidy of Louisiana Amendment;

Rollcall No. 204: "No," Meadows of "No" North Carolina Amendment;

Rollcall No. 205: "No," Thompson of Mississippi Amendment;

Rollcall No. 206: "Aye," Runyan of New Jersey Amendment;

Rollcall No. 207: "Aye," Ben Ray Lujan of New Mexico Amendment;

Rollcall No. 208: "No," King of Iowa Amendment;

Rollcall No. 209: "No," Blackburn (R) of Tennessee Amendment;

Rollcall No. 210: "Aye," On Motion to Re-commit with Instructions H.R. 2217; and

Roll Call No. 211: "Nay," H.R. 2217—Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act.

## WOOD-PAWCATUCK WATERSHED PROTECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 11, 2013*

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Protection Act.

The measure would amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to authorize a study for potential addition to the national wild and scenic rivers system. The catalog of lands and rivers that carry this designation would surely benefit from the inclusion of this watershed, an area identified as containing the last large forested track south of Boston. While a 300 square

mile area of land may not sound like a large area to some of my colleagues, open space in New England has come under increased pressure from development. Conducting a study with the potential of inducting into or including this watershed in the wild and scenic river system would significantly ease these development pressures.

In fact, the National Park Service has already conducted studies on this watershed. These past studies have identified the Wood and Pawcatuck Rivers as "unique and irreplaceable resources." But even today the level of flora, fauna, reptiles, fish, and mammals found within the Wood-Pawcatuck boundaries is staggering for this region of the country. It includes the New England Cottontail an animal listed under the Endangered Species Act. The range of the cottontail historically included most of New England and parts of New York, yet today the watershed is one of only five locations this species can be found.

The watershed is one of the few remaining relatively pristine natural areas along the northeast corridor between New York and Boston. In fact, forest and wetlands comprise 60 percent of this land, which helps maintain its high water quality. This landscape provides vast recreational opportunities: 57 miles of rivers, mostly flat-water paddling on the rivers; numerous streams in pristine forest for fishing native brook trout and stocked brown and rainbow trout; and five state management areas for hiking, biking, hunting, birding and natures studies.

My district is already home to another watershed that carries the wild and scenic designation, the Eightmile River. I have seen firsthand the importance associated with this status. A partnership between the Eightmile River Wild & Scenic Coordinating Committee and the National Park Service has developed and carried out strategies for ensuring the watershed ecosystem is protected and enhanced for generations to come. The involvement at the federal, state, and local levels has been invaluable to this resource. Expanding these same opportunities to Wood-Pawcatuck is critical.

I would like to thank my friend and colleague, Congressman Jim Langevin of Rhode Island, for his leadership in introducing this bill and ushering it successfully through this chamber again this year. Lastly, I would like to recognize the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association who has promoted and protected the integrity of the lands and waters of the watershed since 1983. Their dedication to this invaluable natural treasure must be applauded.

I urge passage of this legislation and thank my colleagues for their support.

HONORING MICHAEL TAYLOR RIGGS

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Mr. Michael Taylor Riggs. Devoted son, brother, friend and colleague, Michael was taken from us too soon, on May 24, 2013. With his passing, we look to the outstanding quality of his life's work to address the global HIV/AIDS epidemic and the countless lives he touched and

saved over the course of his career in advocacy and public policy.

Born on November 10, 1970, Mr. Riggs descended from a long line of Navajo clans and grew up on the Navajo Nation in a remote area of northern Arizona. After starting out as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) at a hospital in Tuba City, AZ, Mr. Riggs began attending Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff. In the early 1990s, while studying and working part-time at the Northern Arizona Area Health Education Center (AHEC), Mr. Riggs' passion for education, policy development and disease prevention took flight. His bold idea to form an HIV/AIDS prevention outreach program targeted at Native American men was unconventional for the time, but won the support and respect of his colleagues.

After enduring a family tragedy, Mr. Riggs began anew in Berkeley, California, where he found a position in the District Office of my predecessor and mentor, Congressman Ron Dellums. Mr. Riggs' constituent work invigorated and expanded his focus on HIV/AIDS prevention. By the time he became a member of my staff, Mr. Riggs had developed a prolific knowledge base on the issue and soon joined my Washington, D.C. staff as a trusted policy advisor.

His wise counsel and ceaseless dedication helped me form the platform of global HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention that, today, has expanded the availability of life-extending drugs to those living in poverty in Africa, the Caribbean and other impoverished areas around the world.

Mr. Riggs was instrumental in helping me and my colleagues create and pass the Global AIDS and Tuberculosis Relief Act of 2000, which significantly expanded the U.S. commitment to fight HIV/AIDS worldwide and which created the framework for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Passage of this landmark legislation, which eventually led to the creation in 2003 and reauthorization in 2008 of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), is a tremendous part of Mr. Riggs' professional legacy. Within days of Michael's death, PEPFAR celebrated its 10th anniversary—having directly supported life-saving antiretroviral treatment for nearly 5.1 million men, women and children worldwide.

He later continued this groundbreaking work with the United Nations' World Health Organization, the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights Foundation and the Global AIDS Alliance. A sought-after speaker and panelist, Mr. Riggs' travels brought him across the globe and he was known for his uncanny ability to connect key stakeholders. Despite the difficult nature of the work, he was known to lift others up with his kindness, his unflagging energy and his generous sense of humor. Most recently, he returned to enjoy his roots and bolster his community back in northern Arizona.

On a personal note, Michael began working with me in my District Office when I was first elected in 1998. He was my very first District Scheduler. His sense of judgment and constituent priorities were always reflected in my schedule. I immediately knew that I wanted someone of his intellect and passion to come to Washington to work with me to address my priority issues, such as HIV and AIDS. I quickly learned that I did not need to direct Michael.