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HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2014

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Michigan/Ontario Council of Bishops of the Church of God in Christ, Inc. (COGIC), as they celebrate 100 years of fellowship.

Founded in 1897 by then-Elder Charles Harrison Mason, the COGIC arose from humble beginnings—holding its first meetings in the living room of one of its members. Driven by a desire to better fulfill the tenants of their beliefs in the Gospel, Bishop Mason and his followers embarked upon a spiritual journey to grow closer in fellowship through the teachings of Jesus Christ. Over the decades of the new century that soon followed, COGIC grew and prospered, with new congregations being formed across the United States. Among the many jurisdictions formed, was the jurisdiction for the State of Michigan.

Established in 1914, the COGIC jurisdiction for the State of Michigan was formed under the leadership of Elder W.G. Johnson. Under his leadership and the leadership of successors, the COGIC quickly expanded in Michigan, with several jurisdictions being formed within the first decades of its founding. Over its 100-year history, the Canadian/Michigan Jurisdiction of the COGIC has grown to include 8 sub-jurisdictions within Michigan and Ontario comprised of nearly 90 congregations across the region—including many in Michigan's 14th Congressional District.

In the Greater Detroit region, COGIC congregations not only serve as houses of worship where members of the community can create a deeper connection with their faith, they bring together devoted community members in the tenants of service to our community. From food pantries to youth development and education, COGIC congregations are engaging communities in Greater Detroit, the State of Michigan and across North America to answer the calls of our friends and neighbors in their time of need. So many of these programs support families in times of crisis and afford them the opportunity to confront those crises and move forward to overcome those obstacles.

Mr. Speaker, over the past 100 years, the members of COGIC in Michigan have not only grown deeper in their covenant to their faith, but have channeled their faith into strengthening lives, families and communities across the State—much as their counterparts have done in others states across our nation. I congratulate the Michigan/Ontario Council of Bishops and the members of COGIC congregations across the Canada/Michigan Jurisdiction for achieving this great milestone in their fellowship and look forward to their continued efforts to strengthen the communities which they call home.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF ORLANDO ROLÓN

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, to recognize Orlando Rolón. Rolón was born in Bayamon, Puerto Rico and has lived in Orlando, Florida since 1977. After high school, he served in the United States Marines Reserves for four years. He was an assistant superintendent for a multi-housing developer until he was hired by the Orlando Police Department in 1992.

As an officer he worked in East Patrol, the community-oriented Neighborhood Patrol Unit, and a task force focused on juvenile gang activity. In December 1995, Rolón was selected to work in the Criminal Investigations Division's Assault and Battery Unit.

On June 1, 1997, Rolón was promoted to Sergeant. He supervised in West Patrol, and on March 8, 1998, he was selected as a supervisor for the Parramore Heritage Bike Unit. In January 1999, he was selected as the Orlando Police Department's first ever fulltime bilingual Public Information Officer.

On August 31, 2004, he was promoted to Lieutenant. He served as a Watch Commander in North Patrol and on January 8, 2006, Rolón was selected by Mayor Buddy Dyer to work as the Mayor's assistant. During his assignment to the Mayor he was named the Liaison for Hispanic Affairs for the City of Orlando.

In December 2008, he was transferred to the Crime Prevention Division as the Midnight Downtown Bike Commander. On June 6, 2010, he was selected as the Special Operations Division's Motors Commander. During his assignment to Special Operations he served as the Planning Section Chief for the 2012 Orlando NBA All-Stars.

Rolón was a founding member of the National Latino Peace Officers Association, Central Florida Chapter, where he served as President. He also served as a member of the Emergency Response Team and as the Commander of the Crisis Negotiation Team.

In January 2013, Rolón was named as one of the 25 Most Influential Hispanics in Central Florida by Vision Magazine. That same month, Rolón was promoted to the rank of Captain. He served as the Commander for the West Patrol and Professional Standards Divisions.

On September 1, 2014, Mayor Buddy Dyer appointed Rolón as Deputy Chief for the Orlando Police Department.

Rolón is a graduate of the Southern Police Institute Command Officer Development Course and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Columbia College. He is currently enrolled in the Columbia College Master's program for Criminal Justice. Rolón is married to Giorgina Pinedo-Rolón, he has two children and two grandchildren.

I am honored to recognize Orlando Rolón for his service to the United States and the Central Florida community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA'S BELOVED MOLLY MARTIN

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2014

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the life of Northwest Florida's beloved Molly Martin who passed away late August 15, 2014. Molly was a passionate and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother and matriarch of McGuire's Irish Pub, a staple in Northwest Florida frequented not only by locals but tourists from around the world. The Gulf Coast community and all of the lives she touched with her warm demeanor and radiant personality mourn her loss.

Born in Stamping Ground, Kentucky, on October 31, 1936, Molly eventually made her way to Pensacola, Florida, where she joined in marriage the love of her life, William "McGuire" Martin in 1977. In the same year, she and McGuire opened McGuire's Irish Pub in Pensacola, where McGuire served as the cook, bartender, and designer. Molly was the hostess, waitress and entertainer. McGuire and Molly's success only grew, and they expanded their franchise to Destin, Florida. They founded Flounders (Pensacola Beach) in 1982; McGuire's Irish Pub (Destin) in 1996; Crabs (Pensacola Beach) in 2000; and Vinny McGuire's Pizza (Destin) in 2011.

To some, Molly will be remembered for her passion for singing; to others, she was an accomplished business woman; and to many of the young servicemembers stationed throughout the Gulf Coast, she became a mother away from home. Those who knew Molly best, however, will remember her heart full of love and her devotion to family. Molly was a loving daughter to Ralph Lee Parker and Edith Clare Wright-Parker; sister to Lena, Edna, Jean, and Evelyn; mother to Charmaine McGowan, Nannette McGowan, John David McGowan, Joseph Parker McGowan, Suzannah Darling McGowan, William (Billy) Nathaniel Martin, James Edward Martin, and Amy Elizabeth Martin; grandmother to twenty-four; great-grandmother to eight; aunt; and a loving wife to McGuire.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor the life of Mrs. Molly Martin. My wife Vicki and I offer our prayers and sincerest condolences to McGuire, her children, grandchildren and her entire family and friends. Molly's impact on Northwest Florida will never be forgotten, and she will truly be missed.

IN HONOR OF AMBASSADOR RICK BARTON

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2014

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the retirement of a distinguished public servant who I am proud to call a friend, Ambassador Rick Barton, Assistant Secretary for State Department's Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations. On September 30, Ambassador Barton will end this chapter of a

long and venerable public service career. Without question, he leaves behind a legacy of diplomacy and peace.

Ambassador Barton has crisscrossed the world, going to the most neglected corners of the globe to promote stability and security. He led independent reviews of Iraq reconstruction; developed civilian strategies for Iraq, Sudan, and Sri Lanka; and initiated trail-blazing approaches to conflict resolution in Pakistan and Nigeria.

As the first Assistant Secretary of CSO, Ambassador Barton put a laser-sharp focus on innovation and locally-driven solutions to break cycles of violent conflict. Under his direction, CSO has harnessed the power of mass communications and advanced analytics to drive ground-up initiatives in Syria, Burma, Honduras, Bangladesh, Kenya, and Nigeria. Not surprisingly, he was honored in 2013 with a Distinguished Honor Award from the State Department "in recognition of [his] groundbreaking work to create the Bureau of Conflict and Stabilizations Operations, promote peacebuilding and empower women, youth and other change agents."

Prior to CSO, Ambassador Barton served as the U.S. Representative to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, co-director of the Post-Conflict Reconstruction Project at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, Deputy High Commissioner of the United Nations Refugee Agency, and founding Director of USAID's Office of Transition Initiatives. Ambassador Barton's diplomatic career began as an election trainer and observer in Latin America, a region that is dear to both our hearts.

Mr. Speaker, as war and conflict raged around the globe, Ambassador Barton has been a stalwart advocate for peace. Ambassador Barton, as you head off to the Great State of Maine—where you made your mark both in the Democratic Party and on the squash court—I honor your tremendous public service. The world is better for your work.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF GIORGINA PINEDO-ROLÓN

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, to recognize Giorgina Pinedo-Rolón. Born in Caracas, Venezuela, Giorgina obtained a degree in Business Administration from Andres Bello Catholic University in Venezuela. She also earned a Masters in TV Production and Journalism. Currently she is pursuing her PhD in Social Psychology.

Giorgina worked for Walt Disney World for nine years as a Merchandise Buyer, after which she began a new career in the field of media. She has extensive experience in television, print, and radio. Giorgina served as Director of Production and Public Relations, and TV host for Telemundo Orlando. After nine years with Telemundo, she became Chief Editor at Casiano Communications' Image magazine. Currently, she is the founder and President of Gio Communications, a communications agency focused on public relations, His-

panic outreach, media buys, government affairs and marketing.

Giorgina has been very involved with the business community and the local government of Central Florida. She has received several prestigious awards in recognition of her work including, HABLA Awards' Executive of the Year, Girl Scouts of Citrus' Women of Distinction Awards Visionary of the Year, the Orlando Business Journal's Forty under Forty Award, and the Orange County Sheriff's Office and Orlando Police Department's Good Citizen Award.

Giorgina serves as Chairman of the Board for Metro Orlando's Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Board Member of the Hispanic Heritage Scholarship Fund, Board Member of the Hispanic Business Initiative Fund, Chair of the Public Relations Committee for the Hispanic Heritage Scholarship Fund and Board Member of the Hope Community Center. She is also a former Board Member of the Orange County Membership and Mission Review Board, Coalition for the Homeless, and Easter Seals, and the former President of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists' Central Florida Chapter.

She is a member of the National Association of Professional Women, National Association of Hispanic Journalists, the American Association of Marketing and Public Relations, Hispanic Public Relations Association, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Metro Orlando, National Association of Professional Women, and lifetime member of the National Association of Latino Elected Officials (NALEO).

Giorgina is married to Orlando Rolón. She has two step children and two granddaughters.

I am honored to recognize Giorgina Pinedo-Rolón, during Hispanic Heritage Month, for her leadership and contributions to our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF CAREY AND BETTY MCCAIN

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2014

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize Mr. and Mrs. Carey McCain who have been married 57 years and serve as clergy in Lee County, Alabama.

Carey and Betty met at Hank's Drive-In in Alexander City, Alabama, in 1956 after Carey's return from serving in the Air Force. They were married in Jackson, Mississippi on July 22, 1957.

The McCains moved to Iowa, Texas, New York and Pennsylvania before moving back in Alabama in 1969. In 1970, Betty and Carey began spreading the gospel throughout Alabama and Georgia. Betty began her evangelistic ministry in 1977 serving for 22 years and then became a pastor for eight years.

Carey and Betty raised three children and are the proud grandparents of six grandchildren. Children include: Lisa McCain, Linda Lollar who passed away on May 5, 2012 and Susanne Boyd.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking Mr. and Mrs. McCain for their tireless service in the Lee County community.

TRIBUTE TO DR. RON ANDERSON

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2014

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Ron Anderson, my dear friend, who passed away on September 11, 2014. I am humbled to have shared in his successes and to have been able to support his vision for transforming public health in Dallas County. Dr. Ron Anderson served as the CEO and President of Dallas' Parkland Memorial Hospital for twenty-nine years. I am deeply saddened by his passing, but I am honored to celebrate his legacy and contributions, not only to Dallas County, but to the global health community.

During my career as a psychiatric nurse with the Dallas Veterans Affairs Medical Center and as a state and federal legislator, I have never known a public health official who treated his patients with as much compassion as Dr. Anderson. His passion and commitment to treating each and every individual who visited his hospital is unparalleled. He dedicated his life to healing people, regardless of their race, economic class, ethnic origin or immigration status. He was steadfast and visionary.

Through his years of service to Dallas County's only public hospital, Dr. Anderson's name has become synonymous with Parkland. Dr. Anderson's tenure at Parkland began in 1973 as an intern seeking training in a large city. He grew up in poverty in Chickasaw, Oklahoma and was able to connect with the high population of low-income patients who sought health care at Parkland. Not only did he help to treat the underserved in Dallas County, he led the charge in advocating for every individual to receive the best care possible.

After he became President and CEO in 1982, Dr. Anderson lobbied tirelessly to stop patient dumping, or the practice of transferring unstable patients from private to public hospitals because of the patient's inability to pay. In 1986, federal legislation was passed and signed into law prohibiting patient dumping. Dr. Anderson also fought to allow Parkland's physicians to treat every patient, no matter their citizenship status. In the mid-1990s, Dr. Anderson became a national spokesperson when welfare reform proposals threatened to force health care providers to report undocumented immigrants to the Immigration and Naturalization Service. He advocated for the preservation of the confidentiality of the physician-patient relationship.

Under Dr. Anderson's dynamic leadership, Parkland's system expanded to include twelve local primary care clinics and twelve school-based clinics. The Homeless Outreach Medical Services branch was also established, providing care in more than twenty homeless shelters in Dallas County. Hospital administrators travelled from all over the world to see Parkland and to learn from Dr. Anderson's visionary and compassionate leadership style.

In 2005, Dr. Anderson's colleagues recognized his leadership by awarding him the Dallas County Medical Society's Max Cole Leadership Award. He is responsible for the new \$1.8 billion Parkland facility across the street from the original campus.