

to be successful, as there were no unsolved murders in Quitman County until February 8, 2013.

Sheriff Parker was present at a major milestone in the history of Quitman County which was the unveiling of the Mule Train sign at the city limits of Marks, Mississippi.

Sheriff Parker possesses sound judgment; he has a great sense of accountability to the citizens of Quitman County; and he has an irreproachable professionalism. Sheriff Parker constantly seeks to establish relationships with the community that ensures continued trust and dependability. He is a God-fearing individual who seeks to serve the citizens of Quitman County with the utmost respect, dignity and honesty.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Sheriff Oliver Parker, Jr. for his dedication in being a respected community leader.

IN HONOR OF C.E. "RED"
MCDANIEL, JR.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 2014

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I pay tribute to an outstanding civic leader and public servant of Columbus, Georgia, Councilor C.E. "Red" McDaniel, Jr. Councilor McDaniel passed away on Monday, November 3, 2014. A funeral service was held on Friday, November 7, 2014 at First Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia.

Councilor McDaniel served on the City Council of Columbus for 38 years. When he was first elected in 1969, he served in the old county courthouse until the Government Center tower was built. The Council now meets at the new City Services Center off Macon Road. He was the only current Councilor to have served on the Council before Columbus and Muscogee County merged to form the Columbus Consolidated Government.

Councilor McDaniel was a Columbus man through and through. After graduating from Columbus High School, where he was a football star, he went to the University of Florida on a football scholarship. After an injury, he switched to Mercer University in Macon, Georgia, where he earned an associate degree. He returned to Columbus and ran a private insurance company until his retirement from business.

During his long tenure in the Columbus City government, he advocated for the improvement of city services while keeping a close eye on the budget. He was a champion of public safety and tirelessly supported the city's law enforcement officers and firefighters who often put their lives at risk.

Always open and outspoken about his opinions, Councilor McDaniel stood as a giant redwood in local government, widely respected for his deep institutional knowledge and intrinsic experience. He served as a mentor to newly-elected councilors regardless of their ideological views. A man of integrity and principle, Councilor McDaniel possessed many qualities that make for a strong foundation of character. More importantly, he never wavered on his values and remained true to himself

and to the residents of Columbus throughout his career.

George Washington Carver once said, "No individual has any right to come into the world and go out of it without leaving behind distinct and legitimate reasons for having passed through it." We are all so blessed that Councilor Red McDaniel passed this way and during his life's journey did so much for so many for so long. He leaves behind a great legacy in public service to the countless residents of Columbus whose lives he touched and brightened.

On a personal note, Councilor McDaniel was a close personal friend of mine and one of the first city officials I met when I first came to Columbus in 1972. I have truly been blessed by his friendship, counsel and inspiration throughout the years.

Councilor McDaniel has accomplished much in his life but none of this would have been possible without the love and support of his wife Joanne, two sons, several grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, my wife Vivian and I, along with the more than 700,000 residents of the Second Congressional District, salute Councilor McDaniel for his outstanding public service and his everlasting commitment to his community. I asked my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join us in extending our deepest condolences to Councilor McDaniel's family, friends and the Columbus, Georgia community during this difficult time. We pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

HONORING MRS. TAKIYA FRYE-
LEWIS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable educator in Cleveland, Mississippi.

Mrs. Takiya Frye-Lewis is the daughter of Ms. Carolyn Frye and the late Mr. Levester Frye, Sr. She is married to Mr. Casey T. Lewis and is the mother of two girls; Ciera and Keziah and is expecting a son in July of 2014 who will be named Casey, Jr. Although born in Ypsilanti, Michigan, Takiya Frye-Lewis has been a resident of Bolivar County, Mississippi for 17 years and she considers herself a "transplanted native."

Mrs. Lewis graduated from Willow Run High School in Ypsilanti, Michigan in 1997 and received her Bachelors of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education from Mississippi Valley State University in 2005 and her Master of Arts in Criminal Justice in 2008 from Mississippi Valley State University.

Mrs. Lewis serves in the capacity of a Pre-K teacher at the Coahoma Opportunities Incorporated Head Start Center in Clarksdale, Mississippi. During her 7 years of teaching diverse socio-economic youths ranging in the ages of 3 to 5 years old, she has found it challenging and rewarding. She desires that all of the children in her classroom and care receive the necessary tools to advance their understanding, knowledge of all subject matter which is taught, even devoting time for individualized coaching and tutoring.

Mrs. Lewis loves teaching and believes in helping children and adults strive towards their life endeavors. Her future objectives are to take the teachers exam and become a kindergarten teacher in a public school district.

Mrs. Lewis devoted endless hours to running errands, home care needs, feeding and clothing the less fortunate. Also, she is active in her church by serving as Vice President of the Youth Department, President of the Purity Class, and President of the Youth and Adult choirs.

Mrs. Lewis is a member of the NAACP and Congressman BENNIE THOMPSON'S Bi-Monthly Municipal Meetings which is hosted by his Mound Bayou District Office where she is outspoken on issues which affects her community and our great nation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing an amazing Head Start professional for her dedication and service to educating the youths.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 33RD
ANNUAL BIG PIG JIG

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 2014

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 33rd Annual Big Pig Jig held in Vienna, Georgia on November 7-8, 2014. Sponsored by the Dooly County Chamber of Commerce, the Big Pig Jig is Georgia's Official Memphis Barbecue Network (MBN) State Barbecue Cooking Championship. Thousands of people from all over joined the residents of Vienna to enjoy the finest barbecue in the world at this widely celebrated pig-cooking contest this year.

In 1982, a group of talented chefs living in Vienna, Georgia made a bet on who could prepare the best barbecue. This private wager quickly grew into a full-fledged barbecue cooking competition after it combined forces with a local crafts fair and an annual hog show hosted by the county's livestock association. That fusion has since evolved into the annual Big Pig Jig, the world's largest MBN-endorsed contest as well as Georgia's biggest and oldest sanctioned contest of its kind.

The Big Pig Jig's broad national recognition contributes heavily to the economy of the rural community of Vienna, Georgia, as well as the surrounding area. It draws a crowd that almost triples the city's average population and showcases the charm and beauty found within the city of Vienna on a grand scale. It is a beautiful thing when a community comes together to welcome people from all walks of life to their hometown to create a lasting and time-honored tradition like the Big Pig Jig.

Next year's festivities will be particularly exciting as the National Whole Hog Championship will be held in conjunction with the Big Pig Jig. The addition of this brand new event in November of 2015 will only add to the palpable excitement the Big Pig Jig already inspires throughout the Southeast.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the Big Pig Jig as well as the folks of Dooly County, Georgia for cultivating this once small, local event into all that it is today. The Big Pig Jig promotes a delicious part of the South's cultural heritage and

fosters a sense of unity among all those who travel from far and wide to our beloved community in Vienna, Georgia.

CONGRATULATING KENNETH
NASER

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 2014

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kenneth Naser upon his retirement as Executive Director of ALIVE! (ALEXANDRIANS INVOLVED ECUMENICALLY). ALIVE! is a nonprofit organization of 42 faith communities working together for 45 years to help Alexandrians facing emergency situations or long-term needs become capable of assuming self-reliant roles in the community. Many people talk about getting faith communities involved in helping those in need, but, through his work with ALIVE!, Ken has lived and led that effort in Alexandria.

Prior to becoming the first Executive Director of ALIVE! 10 years ago, Ken volunteered for ALIVE! for close to 30 years, served as chair of two of its programs and as President in 1982–83. During Ken's term as Executive Director, ALIVE! increased its reach and its assistance to families in need. This growth

now allows ALIVE! to help over 14,000 individuals in need each year with food, financial assistance, early childhood education, transitional housing, furniture and house wares.

ALIVE!'s largest programs—the monthly Last Saturday Food Distribution and the Family Emergency Program daily delivery of food—have grown from assisting approximately 1200 individuals each month in 2003 to serving over 3000 individuals each month in 2014. Financial assistance provided to families who cannot make rent, utility or medical payments has grown from \$130,000 annually to over \$310,000 this year. Ken has worked closely with City social workers and other nonprofits in the City to assure that families who need food, financial aid, furniture or house wares receive assistance.

Ken also has helped ALIVE!'s Child Development Center grow and improve, both as a volunteer chair of the committee overseeing its operation and in the Executive Director role, where he exercises a key, day-to-day oversight function. Ken has been instrumental as the Center has received national accreditation and also was highly rated by the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Center assists working families who pay sliding scale fees based on their income level, and fundraising efforts, under Ken's direction, make up the difference in cost.

During Ken's term as Executive Director, ALIVE! House, which is a transitional housing

program for four women and their children, has expanded its program and undergone a major renovation. The women at ALIVE! House are provided the support they need to secure a job, improve parenting skills, and develop other life skills that will allow them to live on their own. Over the past five years alone, Ken has been involved in helping 21 families change their lives and live independently.

Ken has been active in other non-profit activities as well. He was recognized for his efforts in 2010 when Volunteer Alexandria awarded him the Nonprofit Leader of the Year award. Most recently, he has been a leader in the effort to bring faith communities, nonprofits, local businesses and the City together in support of "A Hunger Free Alexandria." Lending his skills to this initiative, Ken has worked to assure that families and individuals in Alexandria have access to affordable, healthy food and that no one in Alexandria goes hungry.

Mr. Speaker, once again, let me congratulate Ken Naser on his outstanding career at ALIVE! and his many contributions toward making Alexandria a better place to live for all citizens, but particularly those most in need. After close to 40 years as a volunteer and then Executive Director at ALIVE!, we wish Ken a long and happy retirement and know that, even in retirement, he will continue to find ways to help the less fortunate in our community.