

a beautiful new school; and a growing reputation for commitment to the arts. Also, the Wildcats are doing well.

All this grew as much from heart as calculation. This is a little bit like faith. It has to stand the tests of reason—in this case, economic reason—and it does, but there are other factors in the blend: appreciation for tradition; memories of loved ones; love of neighbor. As Newman said of faith, belief in El Dorado lives in the desire for that which it confesses. There are things between earth and heaven, my dear Horatio, undreamt of by Investor's Weekly. To Theodosia, such things were real and exceedingly important—and in some small part because she saw them as such, they took hold. Through grace, grit and imagination, El Dorado perseveres against the tide.

If you knew Theodosia, you know where else her love of place and family coalesced: the Coast and Cherokee. When we say "coast" we don't mean the Pacific Palisades, we mean Pass Christian and the Mississippi Sound—waveless, brown and shallow. We couldn't wait to get there: slathered up with Off and Coppertone, fishing from the pier, catching crabs and speckled trout and occasionally a stingray; swinging in a hammock with a good or trashy book; zooming up and down the Gulf Coast Highway; eating better than kings. All that, we lost to Hurricane Katrina. Even the house that Bubba built couldn't hold against that primal tide. Safely inland, Cherokee endures.

If you knew Theodosia, you know that, as we reckon long, she lived a long time: from Model T to Prius. Not that she would drive a Prius: she belonged in Thunderbirds. She lived through social revolutions. I always knew what Polly Keller thought about those revolutions as they happened. I also had a solid take on William Nolan's views, which reliably ran opposite to Polly Keller's. Theodosia held her opinions closer to the vest. She seemed neither restless with the way things were, nor much disturbed by the thought that they were changing. There would still be town and family to attend to, come what may.

I do know that in 1966 she supported David Pryor's run for Congress in the Fourth District, because I read that in his book (actually, my son Christoph read the whole book and showed this to me. I read only the two or three sentences concerning Theodosia.) In the primary, Charles Murphy was backing Richard Arnold. (Show me a congressional election from New York to California that involved such commendable opponents.) The battle went to Pryor and Theodosia over Charles and Richard Arnold. As I said, meek she was not.

Watch over thy child Theodosia, O Lord, as her days increase. Bless and guide her, wherever she may be.

If you know Theodosia, you know her faith: Methodist, with the occasional Episcopal accoutrements; and you know that she called her children, and their children, and theirs, on their birthdays, to pray with them from the Book of Common Prayer.

Strengthen her when she stands, comfort her when discouraged or sorrowful . . .

Well, certain aspects of that prayer are no more applicable to Theodosia. She leaves sorrow and discouragement behind. She leaves you, her beloved family, with that prayer, to say for one another as you carry on. As you say that prayer, as I know you'll do, you will think of her. As you think of her, remember her in faith. The faith in that prayer imbues our attitude towards place and family—actually, our attitude towards everything, Theodosia's death included. At least, it should; and for her, it did.

This place, First United Methodist, was the church through which she lived that

faith through all her many years. Here, she commended the souls of Charles and Bertie her parents; William her husband; Charles her brother; and Bill her son, to the good Lord who was grace itself, incarnate.

If you know Theodosia, you know that, good Methodist that she was, her faith in Christ was first and last a matter of the heart.

She had a good one, didn't she. She was a gift.

#### RECOGNIZING OPPORTUNITY VILLAGE AND THE ABILITYONE PROGRAM

### HON. STEVEN A. HORSFORD

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 5, 2014*

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Opportunity Village and the AbilityOne Program. The AbilityOne Program harnesses the purchasing power of the Federal Government to buy products and services from participating community-based nonprofit agencies that are dedicated to training and employing individuals who have significant disabilities or are blind. Organizations like Opportunity Village, located in every state of our great nation, employ nearly 50,000 Americans who are blind or have significant disabilities through this Program.

AbilityOne affiliated non-profit agencies like Opportunity Village offer people who are blind or who have significant disabilities opportunities to acquire the job skills and training necessary to receive good wages and benefits and ultimately improve their quality of life. Today, over 75 percent of people with significant disabilities do not have jobs. Census statistics indicate there are 9.4 million people with significant disabilities in the United States who could work given the appropriate opportunity and support.

Opportunity Village is a shining example, providing employment opportunities and training to over 1,990 individuals with disabilities; many of whom live in the 4th district of Nevada; through this Program. Opportunity Village helps them to lead more productive lives, support their families, gain important work experience, and share in the same pride that each of us has after a day's work. Many of these individuals work in support of our men and women in uniform, doing their part to improve our country and ensure safety and security for us all.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I extend my support to the AbilityOne Program and to Opportunity Village. I also want to commend the dedication and commitment of Mr. Ed Guthrie, the Executive Director of Opportunity Village, and to his staff for helping individuals who are blind or have significant disabilities find employment opportunities. Their work helps people live fuller lives and become more active members of society. I also commend each of the nearly 50,000 AbilityOne employees who work every day to improve their lives, and make our country a better place to live.

TRIBUTE TO BISHOP DR. STEWART REESE, JR.

### HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 5, 2014*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, Bishop Dr. Stewart Reese, Jr., is celebrating forty five (45) years in pastoral leadership this year as the founder of Bethesda Cathedral of the Apostolic Faith, Inc., and has provided stellar leadership to his church; and

Whereas, Bishop Reese, under the guidance of God has pioneered and sustained Bethesda Cathedral as an instrument in our community that uplifts the spiritual, physical and mental welfare of our citizens; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious man of God has given hope to the hopeless and is a beacon of light to those in need; and

Whereas, Bishop Reese is a spiritual warrior, a man of compassion, a fearless leader and a servant to all, but most of all a visionary who has shared not only with his Church, but with our District and the nation his passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Bishop Reese, as he celebrates forty five years in pastoral leadership on this the Founder's Day of Bethesda Cathedral of the Apostolic Faith; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim June 1, 2014 as Bishop Dr. Stewart Reese, Jr. Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 1st day of June, 2014.

#### COMMENDING THE SALVATION ARMY OF BROWARD COUNTY ON THE LAUNCH OF THE OPEN DOOR PROJECT

### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 5, 2014*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Salvation Army of Broward County, Florida. In the coming week, the Salvation Army will launch the Open Door Project, a new homeless shelter in Fort Lauderdale that will focus on helping the chronically homeless.

Our nation is currently faced with a harsh reality. Roughly 2 million Americans face homelessness every year. We have made great progress in reducing the number of Americans without a home, but there is much more to be done. The Open Door Project will be instrumental in helping vulnerable individuals in Broward County find shelter, support, and eventually, a permanent home.

The Salvation Army of Broward County has been serving the South Florida community since 1926, tirelessly working to serve the needs of the less fortunate. The organization offers transitional housing, life-skill training, and a structured support system to help individuals and families escape the cycle of homelessness. With the launch of the Open Door Project, the Salvation Army of Broward

County has again demonstrated its dedication to providing resources for anyone grappling with homelessness in the Fort Lauderdale region.

The Open Door Project is a low demand facility. All they ask of their guests is their name, and do not require more private information. This ensures that individuals suffering from drug and alcohol addiction, mental illness, or those who would otherwise avoid these services can still find a safe place to sleep for the night. By providing homeless individuals with a safe bed and a meal the following morning, the Open Door Project will build a system of trust, in hope that these individuals may be comfortable seeking further help in the future.

Mr. Speaker, as the Co-Founder and Co-Chairman of the Congressional Homelessness Caucus, I believe that ending homelessness must be one of our top priorities as a nation. Allowing men, women, and children to live on the streets is not a standard America should be willing to accept. I am pleased to offer my deepest appreciation and congratulations to the staff and volunteers of the Salvation Army as they continue in their mission to combat homelessness in Fort Lauderdale. I look forward to working with the Open Door Project in the future to advocate for those who so often cannot advocate for themselves.

HONORING FREDERICK LEE  
McHENRY, SR.

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 5, 2014*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, Mr. Frederick Lee McHenry, Sr., a tenacious and illustrious man from Lawrenceville, Georgia, utilizes his gifts, talents and wisdom everyday to ensure that citizens are inspired and lives are touched; and

Whereas, Mr. Frederick Lee McHenry, Sr., is a renowned advocate, business leader, motivator and community leader in the state of Georgia; and

Whereas, he is the Grandmaster of the Genesis Willingham Grand Lodge of Georgia, Chief Deputy Supreme Commander of the United Supreme Council of Scottish Rite Masonic Order and has been an active Mason for over thirty years; and

Whereas, this model citizen has shared his time and talents for the betterment of his community and his nation through his tireless works, words of encouragement and inspiration that continue to be a beacon of light to those in need; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mr. Frederick Lee McHenry, Sr., for his outstanding leadership and service to the citizens in the state of

Georgia; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim May 17, 2014 as Frederick Lee McHenry, Sr. Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.  
Proclaimed, this 17th day of May, 2014.

TO RECOGNIZE BOY SCOUTS FROM  
TROOP 28

**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 5, 2014*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize three Boy Scouts from Troop 28 of Southampton, Bucks County. Harrison Kampf, Dylan McKernan, Ron Brown and one of their Scoutmasters Tom McCullough were on a white water rafting trip last October when another rafter became trapped underwater due to the strong river current and pinned up against a rock formation. Realizing the situation at hand, the Scouts acted quickly and decisively to stabilize their own raft and pull the man out of the water—saving his life. For their courageous and life-saving action, the Boy Scouts of America recognized these young men with the Honor Medal, which has only been awarded to 2,354 scouts since its inception in 1923. I am honored to recognize these individuals and proud to say that the values and skills taught by the Boy Scouts of America are alive and well in Pennsylvania's 8th Congressional District.