

members have gone to college and became public school teachers. Presently about 50% of the members are less than 21 years old. So with God the future of Greenhill is bright.

Rev. Alvis Pryor, Jr. was elected as eleventh pastor of Greenhill M. B. Church in May 2009. Under his leadership, the church has continued to grow spiritually due to the continuation of weekly prayer meetings, Bible Study, Sunday School and the visitation of the sick and shut-in. Pastor Pryor has been very instrumental in the growth of this church through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and some of his most notable accomplishments are: Instituting a plan to liquidate the mortgage on the church, the beautiful church sign (which was purchased by the first family), additional Sunday school teachers and assistants have been added, he is responsible for instituting an Annual Youth and Youth Coordinators Retreat in July, annual fellowship dinners sponsored by first family, fifteen passenger van and hired a full time musician.

Unfortunately, when there's life; death too will come. Throughout the past 106 years, as you can imagine, there's been many warriors to make the transition of life. As history reveals, Greenhill has steered through an array of obstacles. Whether great or mediocre, God's word continues to prevail. So today, they are humbly thankful for 106 years of existence and service unto the Lord.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Greenhill Missionary Baptist Church for its dedication for serving our great people.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. DAVID P. ROE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 2, 2015*

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote yesterday because of the death of a close friend. Had I been present, I would have voted: Roll Call #264—NO, Roll Call #265—NO, Roll Call #266—NAY, Roll Call #267—AYE.

#### 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF D&L FLORIST

### HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 2, 2015*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 25th anniversary of D&L Florist in Houston, Missouri.

Since opening its doors in 1990, D&L Florist has been serving the Houston, Plato, and Licking communities, bringing smiles to the faces of area residents in times of sadness and in times of celebration.

As a family owned and operated business for 25 years, D&L Florist appreciates the importance of customer service and connection to the community. The service, products, and community spirit of Sheri and her team make D&L Florist such a special part of our area.

For the many years of service and commitment to serving others, it is my pleasure to recognize D&L Florist of Houston before the United States House of Representatives.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. BLAKE FARENTHOLD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 2, 2015*

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 267, 266, 265, and 264, I missed votes due to severe weather in Washington, DC, causing my flight to be diverted to Norfolk, Virginia.

Had I been present, I would have voted yes on 267 and no on 266, 265, and 264.

#### CELEBRATING THE 275TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK

### HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 2, 2015*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Township of Pequannock as it celebrates its 275th Anniversary.

On March 24, 1740, Pequannock was proclaimed one of three townships in colonial Pequannock County. At this time, Pequannock was one of the largest municipalities in the region. Though it is celebrating 275 years of existence, Pequannock's history extends as far back as the 1600s when European settlers first arrived to the region. Deriving its name from the Lenni Lenape word 'Paquettahhuake,' meaning "cleared land ready or being readied for cultivation," Pequannock Township has embraced the notion of growth and prosperity. The township is home to more than 15,000 people and was ranked among the top fifteen places to live in New Jersey in 2013.

Pequannock boasts a rich history and played a key role during the Revolutionary War. Both Comte de Rochambeau and George Washington utilized the town to house troops during the war. Pequannock is also home to the Mandeville Inn, which was built in 1788 and owned by former Vice President Garret Hobart. Even after the Revolutionary War, the township played an important role in American history. During the Civil War, Pequannock functioned as a stop along the Underground Railroad. Many runaway slaves stopped at the Giles Mandeville House in their pursuit of freedom.

Today, Pequannock Township is an ideal place to raise a family. Home to three elementary schools, one middle school, and its own high school, the township understands the importance of education for all of its students. Students living in Pequannock learn from wonderful educators and have the ability to take advantage of many extracurricular activities. For example, students attending the Pequannock Valley School presented 'Mulan Jr.,' a play based on the Disney-hit Mulan.

In addition to its superb educational programs, Pequannock Township offers many recreational facilities that people of all ages may enjoy. Boasting three parks, including a dog park, members of the Pequannock community have the opportunity to enjoy a leisure stroll or bike-ride. One can also enjoy Woodland Lake, where boating and fishing is commonplace. Pequannock further takes pride in the Pequannock Township Women's Golf

League, where over 150 women participate in golf outings throughout the year.

To celebrate 275 years of prosperity and cultivation, Pequannock Township plans on hosting several different events. On May 25th, Pequannock will hold a parade commending and honoring American veterans and their contributions to America's success. This parade will feature an additional float devoted to the township's anniversary, and a presentation created by the Pequannock Township Historic Commission honoring American veterans. In addition to the parade, Pequannock will host a street fair, "hoe-down" and an open house at Pequannock Valley Park. These events will occur throughout the summer season and will assuredly make the 275th Anniversary one to remember.

I commend the people of Pequannock Township for their dedication to ensuring that their township remains a wonderful home. Pequannock continues to serve as a model community and will undoubtedly continue to flourish for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Township of Pequannock as it celebrates its 275th Anniversary.

#### HONORING ST. MATTHEW M. B. CHURCH

### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 2, 2015*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor St. Matthew M. B. Church of Jackson, Mississippi.

In 1900, Rev. Jack Hill called a group of people together for the purpose of worshipping God. It was in a brush harbor located at Trips Crossing (the intersection of Northside Drive and North State Street) there a band of baptized believers decided to follow Rev. Jack Hill. This was the beginning of St. Matthew M. B. Church.

Rev. Hill led some spiritual followers that had been responsible for the survival and progression of St. Matthew. History is not clear of the number of years that early leaders were with the growing Christian followers.

The church was later moved to Terry's Place (the present location of Watkin's Elementary School) under the leadership of Rev. Johnnie Harris. At this site, Rev. W. L. Jordon took the reign of leadership and completed the construction of the newly relocated building.

Terry's place was on 16th section school land and had to move. The congregation was faced with finding a new location for church service. With God's blessings and determination the congregation began searching again.

Approximately in 1927 or 1928, Rev. J. D. Hayden became pastor of St. Matthew and purchased deeds for the present location. It was the hope of the members that this would be a permanent place. Rev. Hayden accepted a calling from another church and was succeeded by Rev. W. M. Creshon. Under Rev. Creshon's sixteen years of service the Church was rebuilt and rapidly became one of the most progressive black churches in the City of Jackson.

During the late 1940's, St. Matthew M. B. Church served as part of the New Hope Public

School. This elementary school gave many children an opportunity to get an education. Rev. Creshon was proud of the church and school's progress. In 1947, Rev. Creshon's health failed and he resigned his position as a pastor.

Rev. Sylvester Thomas, a young and inspiring minister, was asked to lead the flock. Under his strong hand guided by God, the church was remodeled and a blueprint was drawn to rebuild the present structure. Rev. Thomas served for sixteen years and the congregation grew spiritually. Then Rev. Thomas went to his heavenly home.

Rev. Wroten McQuirter, the assistant minister, accepted the position as a full-time pastor. St. Matthew continued to grow and Rev. McQuirter worked with the members to erect the present facility we now worship in each Sunday. St. Matthew M. B. Church stands as a beacon in the community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing St. Matthew M. B. Church.

#### COMMEMORATING CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

##### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 2, 2015*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in commemoration of Caribbean American Heritage Month, which celebrates and recognizes the significant contributions made by Caribbean Americans that have strengthened our country and made it better.

This month also marks the 53rd anniversaries of independence for the Caribbean nations of Jamaica and of Trinidad and Tobago.

Although a half century has passed since they gained their independence, the struggle they waged to win their freedom still stands as a testament to the ideals of our own great nation.

I am privileged to represent a large segment of Houston, Texas, which is home to more than 300,000 Americans of Caribbean heritage, making it one of the largest, most diverse, and vibrant Caribbean-American communities in the nation.

Mr. Speaker, Americans of Caribbean heritage have made a positive impact on virtually every aspect of American life, including the arts, science, business, education, athletics, military, and government.

For example, in the area of government and public affairs America has benefitted from the contributions of Colin Powell, a former Secretary of State and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice; former Members of Congress Mervyn Dymally of California, and Shirley Chisholm of New York, and current Congresswoman YVETTE CLARKE of New York; and Kamala Harris, the Attorney General of California.

Caribbean Americans have enriched American art and culture with the legendary performances of Sidney Poitier, Harry Belafonte, Cicely Tyson, Nia Long, and Cuba Gooding, Jr.; the writings of authors W.E.B. DuBois and Malcolm Gladwell; the music of Beyonce Knowles, Lenny Kravitz, Rihanna, and Wyclef Jean; and the prowess of great athletes like Carl Lewis, Tim Duncan, Patrick Ewing, Sandra Richards-Ross, and Ndamukong Suh.

Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased that this Saturday, June 6, the city of Houston will be hosting the 5th annual Caribbean American Heritage Month Festival, which celebrates the rich culture of the Caribbean with a showcase of beautiful costumes, music, food, and enjoyment for all.

I also wish to recognize the leadership of the Caribbean American Heritage Foundation of Texas, which works to assist Texas Caribbean Organizations achieve their goals and to advocate on behalf of the peoples of Caribbean descent.

I congratulate the Caribbean American Heritage Foundation of Texas, the Caribbean Heritage Organization in my home city of Houston, and the many community organizations and volunteers across the nation for their efforts in making Caribbean American Heritage Month the success that it is.

During this month I hope all Americans will join with me in celebrating the remarkable history, culture, and contributions of Caribbean Americans to our nation's past and future.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. MARK TAKAI

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 2, 2015*

Mr. TAKAI. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, June 1, 2015, I was absent from the House to attend my daughter Kaila's 6th grade graduation from Waimalu Elementary School in Hawaii. Due to my absence, I am not recorded on any legislative measures for the day. I would like to reflect how I would have voted had I been present for legislative business.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call 264, Roll Call 265, and Roll Call 266. On Roll Call 267, and final passage of H.R. 1335, I would have voted "no".

#### 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF MO-SCI CORPORATION

##### HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 2, 2015*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 30th anniversary of Mo-Sci Corporation headquartered in Rolla, Missouri. Since 1985, Mo-Sci has been at the forefront of innovation in the glass and ceramic products industry. They are also celebrating the grand opening of their new 22,000 sq. ft. facility, Mo-Sci Precision Materials.

Mo-Sci was founded by Dr. Delbert Day in order to supply glass and ceramic products for niche market applications. Their founding product was TheraSphere, a glass microsphere component that no other company would manufacture and is used to treat inoperable liver cancer. Starting with only one engineer at a rented desk in a university lab, Mo-Sci has since grown into one of the most successful small glass businesses in existence today and serves more than 2,000 customers with exports to over 50 countries.

For their continuous development of new and innovative products, as well as their recent expansion, it is my pleasure to recognize

the 30th anniversary of Mo-Sci and their achievements before the House of Representatives.

#### HONORING THE SERVICE OF MR. CLARENCE EWELL MAZE

##### HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 2, 2015*

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a true American hero, a part of the greatest generation, Mr. Clarence Ewell Maze, of Owingsville, Kentucky. He is to be commended for his distinguished military service during World War II. Mr. Maze served our nation in the United States Army.

Mr. Maze, like many other brave young Americans, left the comforts of home and family and answered the call for duty with the United States military. His service took him to the European Theater of Operations. He fought the German Army in Belgium, France, and Germany. He and his fellow soldiers endured harsh weather conditions, fatigue, hunger, and dangerous enemy fire as they ultimately defeated the Germans. He spent time at the end of the war in Munich, Germany.

Following his service in World War II, Mr. Maze returned home to Bath County. He started his own business, a garage and body shop. For Mr. Maze, this was a fulfillment of the American dream. He has been married to Bernice since 1946. He has a daughter Regina and a late son Ricky. Mr. Maze has been a faithful attendee at Polkville First Church of God ever since returning from the war.

Mr. Maze is a true patriot, a good family man, and a servant of the Lord. Because of his courage and the courage of other brave young people from Owingsville and from all across our great nation, our freedoms have been saved for our generation and for future generations. He is truly an outstanding American, a brave patriot, and a hero to us all.

#### HONORING OLD ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH

##### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 2, 2015*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable historical house of worship, Old Antioch Baptist Church in Sumner, Mississippi.

Old Antioch Baptist Church has been in existence since 1904 in Sumner, Mississippi. The congregation today still consists of many of the founder's children and grandchildren. In earlier years church services were held only on the second Sunday of each month and had a large congregation, primarily because of the vast Black population around the Sumner community. It was one of the only places they had to worship. Today the membership consists of 60 members, three deacons and two trustees. In 1979 a part of the Old West District School building was added to the Old Antioch Church which added five Sunday school classrooms, a baptismal pool, a kitchen and three bathrooms. In 1991, the Old Antioch