

Union College. Rabbi Zedek is the youngest man to receive this honor.

He served as CEO of the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati and as the spiritual leader of Congregation B'nai Jehudah in Kansas City, Missouri for 26 years, where he holds the title of Rabbi Emeritus. During his tenure, the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati received national awards for innovative fundraising and programming. Prior to his service at the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati, Rabbi Zedek was the senior rabbi of Temple B'nai Jehudah in Kansas City, Missouri where he served for many years.

Rabbi Zedek is a truly dedicated community activist, scholar, and teacher. He is deeply involved in civic affairs having served on a number of national and international boards. He has also had numerous teaching and speaking appointments around the world on a wide range of topics, especially focusing on spirituality and folklore. He has taught and lectured in South Africa, Russia, China, the former Yugoslavia, and Israel and in many other countries.

He received a Danforth Graduate Fellowship for outstanding teaching, a Fulbright-Hays Grant for advanced study in the United Kingdom, and is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Hamilton College, Clinton, New York. He will still speak internationally on spirituality and folklore and remain a regular presenter at Rancho La Puerta, a spirituality and retreat center, in Tecate, Mexico. He also serves as the host of a radio show, "Religion on the Line," which has been on the air for more than 20 years. I thank Rabbi Zedek for his leadership and service.

I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring Rabbi Zedek for the work he has done for his congregation, the community, the 9th Congressional District and beyond. We thank him for his invaluable service, and wish him well in all future endeavors.

**HONORING TOUGALOO COLLEGE/
DELTA HEALTHPARTNERS
HEALTHY START INITIATIVE**

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public health program designed to reduce infant mortality in the Mississippi Delta, the Tougaloo College/Delta HealthPartners Healthy Start Initiative.

This initiative is one of the 100 Healthy Start Initiatives throughout the nation working endlessly to give every child a healthy start in life. The Delta HealthPartners' Healthy Start program is housed under the auspices of Tougaloo College within the George A. and Ruth B. Owens Health and Wellness Center, under the direction of Dr. Sandra Carr Hayes, the executive director. The program serves a rural population in a seven county area in the Mississippi Delta (Tunica, Coahoma, Quitman, Tallahatchie, Sunflower, Bolivar, and Washington counties). These counties are among the poorest and most medically underserved in Mississippi and the nation.

The Healthy Start Initiative was implemented in 1999 with funding from the Health

Resources and Services Administration under the leadership of Dr. Beverly W. Hogan, who now serves as President of Tougaloo College. Today, Ms. Arletha Howard serves as the project director. Ms. Howard is a registered nurse with over 28 years of experience in oncology, burn trauma, intensive care unit, pediatrics, home health, maternal and child health. She has worked with the Healthy Start Initiative for 16 years. In 2014, under Mrs. Howard's leadership, the Healthy Start Initiative was upgraded from a Level I individual based program to a Level II community based program.

Since its inception, the Healthy Start Initiative has provided case management services through a home visiting model to (1) high-risk pregnant women of childbearing age 10–44 years, (2) their infants; and (3) fathers/co-parents.

Over the past 16 years, the program has achieved several major accomplishments: The Healthy Start Initiative has case managed over 900 mothers and infants just this past calendar year (January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015).

The Healthy Start Initiative has created the Coahoma County Community Action Network responsible for opening the first Diaper Bank in the state of Mississippi funded by charitable donations and Northwest Mississippi Foundation.

The Healthy Start Initiative serves as the lead agency in partnership with the Mississippi State Department of Health in the Mississippi Delta Regional Fetal Infant Mortality Review program.

The Healthy Start Initiative has created Memorandums of Understandings (MOU) with 22 partnering schools in the Mississippi Delta to provide peer support groups to pregnant/parenting teens and co-parents.

The Healthy Start Initiative has been featured in numerous publications and articles (USA Today, Hechinger Report, Huffington Post, Clarksdale Press Register, Tunica Times, and WABG TV Interview) highlighting the comprehensive services of the project.

The Healthy Start Initiative has partnered with Parents for Public Schools to provide trainings for project parents on advocacy skills and educating and mobilizing parents to strengthen public schools.

The Healthy Start Initiative promotes breastfeeding in two (2) clinic sites by providing health education by project's Certified Lactation Counselors (Women's Clinic-Clarksdale, MS and Gamble Clinic-Greenville, MS).

The Healthy Start Initiative hosts a Community Baby Shower in partnership with local hospitals, Federally Qualified Community Health Centers (FQHC), other health care providers and key stakeholders each year in September to promote awareness of infant mortality during National Infant Mortality Awareness Month.

The Healthy Start Initiative has implemented a male outreach initiative to address parenting issues among male co-parents and hosts an Annual 5k Walk in June to promote Men's Health Awareness.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing The Tougaloo College Delta HealthPartners Healthy Start Initiative for its continued efforts to reduce infant mortality in the Mississippi Delta.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DIANE BLACK

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call Number 273 on Ordering the Previous Question for H. Res 767, Roll Call Number 274 on Agreeing to the Resolution of H. Res 767, Roll Call Number 275 on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended H.R. 3826, Roll Call Number 276 On Agreeing to the Amendment of H.R. 4775, Roll Call Number 277 On Agreeing to the Amendment of H.R. 4775, Roll Call Number 278 On Agreeing to the Amendment of H.R. 4775, Roll Call Number 279 On Agreeing to the Amendment of H.R. 4775, Roll Call Number 280 On Agreeing to the Amendment of H.R. 4775, Roll Call Number 281 On Motion to Recommit with Instructions for H.R. 4775, Roll Call Number 282 On Passage of H.R. 4775 which took place Wednesday, June 8, 2016, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained.

Had I been present, I would have voted Aye on Roll Call Number 273 on Ordering the Previous Question for H. Res 767, on Roll Call Number 274 on Agreeing to the Resolution of H. Res 767, on Roll Call Number 275 on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended H.R. 3826 and on Roll Call Number 282 for passage of H.R. 4775.

I would have voted Nay on Roll Call Number 276 On Agreeing to the Amendment of H.R. 4775, on Roll Call Number 277 On Agreeing to the Amendment of H.R. 4775, on Roll Call Number 278 On Agreeing to the Amendment of H.R. 4775, on Roll Call Number 279 On Agreeing to the Amendment of H.R. 4775, on Roll Call Number 280 On Agreeing to the Amendment of H.R. 4775.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MARC
STEPP

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Marc Stepp, who passed away on June 3rd, 2016, at the age of 93. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

Born on January 31st, 1923, in Versailles, Kentucky, he grew up in Evansville, Indiana before coming to Detroit. He was a graduate of the University of Detroit and a U.S. Army veteran.

Marc now rests as a legend of the labor movement—one of the greatest friends to working people that our nation has ever known. I speak here for Detroit, for the members of the United Automobile Workers Union, and the people whose lives he has touched, when I say that we will miss him dearly.

I stand before you today as the Dean of the Congress because when I was a young man, Marc Stepp stood up for me. He provided me crucial guidance, support, and advice as I sought elected office, and throughout my career he has inspired me to fight harder with his own dedication to securing jobs, justice, and peace for all people.

The first African American to lead negotiations with a major Detroit automaker, the second African American member of the United Automobile Workers International Board, and an organizer who fought alongside my father to secure collective bargaining at the major automakers, Marc helped create the reality of an American middle class. Countless workers owed their jobs and the lives and families those jobs made possible to his efforts. His work to save Chrysler in the late 1970s and early 1980s preserved a proud American manufacturer who might have otherwise faded away.

Marc's legacy of advocacy though was not limited to collective bargaining alone. He helped shape movements to secure healthcare for the disadvantaged by establishing the Community Health Association, to elevate our discourse on race as part of the NAACP, and to end apartheid in South Africa. Indeed, some twenty years after helping me get elected to Congress, he helped get me arrested protesting apartheid in front of South Africa's Washington, D.C. embassy—a fight that would be won ten years later when Nelson Mandela became President of South Africa.

The legacy Marc Stepp leaves us goes beyond the wages and conditions he secured and the rights he helped ensure for all. He will remain an example of how to live our lives for generations. He will continue to influence the fight for jobs, justice, and peace through those who he inspired and influenced. He may be gone but he will not be forgotten. I am thankful for his service and his friendship, as are all who knew him and called him friend.

TRIBUTE TO SHERRIE MORTON TETRICK

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize and express my condolences in mourning the loss of Mrs. Sherrie Morton Tetrick, a distinguished member of our community.

Mrs. Sherrie Morton Tetrick was a member of the Belleair Women's Republican Club for 16 years and held a variety of posts throughout her membership. She began as an assistant treasurer and then, in 2007, was elected to the treasurer position. For eight years she served in this position, managing the club's financial affairs, monitoring and updating the membership roster, reporting to the State of Florida, and planning arrangements for the Belleair Country Club for luncheons.

Sherrie was a well-known and respected member of our community who was known for being willing to help anyone in any way she can. She was strong, courageous, determined, and she will be deeply missed among her family, friends, and all who knew her.

Mr. Speaker, I want to extend my most heartfelt wishes and thoughts to Sherrie's husband Rick, and her friends and family. Sherrie was an amazing individual that will be sorely missed in Pinellas County. I ask that this body recognize Sherrie Morton Tetrick for her dedication to our community. May God bless Sherrie, Rick, and all those who knew her.

HONORING PASTOR CASEY D. FISHER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a God-fearing and impressionistic man, Pastor Casey D. Fisher. Pastor Fisher has shown what can be done through tenacity, dedication and a desire to serve God.

A Spirit-fed and Spirit-led minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Pastor Casey D. Fisher was born in Utica, Mississippi, on July 8, 1966. He is the son of Sharkey and Katie Fisher. He received his formal education from the Hinds County School system and graduated from Utica High School in 1984. He attended the University of Southern Mississippi, where he majored in Business Administration. He later received a Bachelor in Religious Education, a Masters of Divinity and a Doctorate of Ministry from Living Word Bible Institution in Tyler, Texas.

Pastor Fisher is married to the former Michele Chambers. They were married on September 17, 1988. He is the father of three lovely children: twin sons, Bryan and Ryan and a daughter, Casey Michele. Pastor Fisher finds time to love and care for his family as Christ does the church. He is devoted to strengthening them and helping them to grow in their everyday walk with the Lord, just as he does with the church.

Pastor Fisher has served his country as a soldier in the United States Army. During this time, he truly accepted Jesus Christ as his personal savior on October 23, 1993 in Livorno, Italy. He served eight years in the U.S. Army, where he was part of two tours in Southwest Asia. He departed military service in July 1997. Afterwards, he was employed with the U.S. Postal Service in Vicksburg, Mississippi, where he recently retired in December, 2010.

He is currently a Life Member of the Vicksburg Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and serves as the Guide Right Chairman. His purpose is Achievement, in which he mentors young men, twelve through eighteen years of age, providing them with tutoring, community involvement and religious principles. He is also a member of Masonic Order of Prince Hall Free and Accepted Mason.

In 1984, Pastor Fisher became the first known athlete in Mississippi to be selected All-State in four sports. While attending University of Southern Mississippi, he was a member of the basketball team, in which he led the Golden Eagles to the NIT championship in 1987 and later was inducted into the USM hall of fame. Although he loves basketball, he also has a passion for golfing. Dr. Fisher is a die-hard fan of the Los Angeles Lakers and the Dallas Cowboys.

Pastor Fisher's motto is "If you don't take it personal, it will make you a better person". He is inspired by one of the Greatest Ministers, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., because of his willingness to serve and his willingness to give up his life for humanity. Greater Grove Street M. B. Church has stood the test of time through dedication, faith, stewardship, and commitment from this soldier on the battlefield for the

Lord. He is a man of integrity, loyalty, dignity, and honesty leading his people to do the will of God.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Pastor Casey D. Fisher for his dedication to God, family, community and country.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION EXPANDING THE YELLOW RIBBON PROGRAM

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program. For too long, through too many wars and too many deployments, we have treated our active duty servicemembers and their families as expendable once their usefulness on the battlefield has ended.

We hear too many stories of members of the military who do not have the right tools to adapt back into civilian life. The Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program was aimed at helping address the unique challenges facing the National Guard and Reserve Component community during this transition.

The Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program has helped these Guard and Reserve servicemembers with: accessing benefits, geographic isolation, lack of access to military family support groups in local communities, continued and repeated deployments, and unemployment and underemployment.

The Yellow Ribbon program has also helped to educate servicemembers on the rigors of deployment, implement reintegration curriculum throughout the deployment cycle, and inform servicemembers and their families about the resources available and connect members to service providers who can assist them in overcoming the challenges of reintegration.

The Yellow Ribbon program has been successful in making sure the backbone of our society, those men and women who pursue their chosen profession, but also choose the military as an obligation to secure the liberties and freedoms we hold most dear.

It is only right that we help speed the transition of those active duty servicemembers who have essentially put their lives on hold while they serve in the military full time. They need to have the same access to services and information.

My legislation will expand this successful program to all active-duty servicemembers and their families. This will give these young men and women the ability and information to transition successfully to civilian life after protecting of our freedoms for so long.

Once they leave the military and are the responsibility of the VA, it is too late. We need to speed the transition to civilian life and in the process, reduce suicide, and get these soon-to-be veterans in to the VA system for their health and claims benefits.

Many of these men and women, when they leave the military, do not have the support structures they need to successfully reintegrate into civilian society. One young man I know of was homeless and could not have custody of his child and go to school on the