

distressed communities outweigh their costs as it has continually extended the national empowerment zone program. The positive effects of the D.C. tax incentives are apparent throughout the city. Among the most visible are the vibrant area around the Verizon Center, which is now surrounded by offices, restaurants and nightlife, and the Penn Quarter neighborhood, which had limited residential, commercial, and retail spaces and is now a popular mixed-use neighborhood. Before the business tax incentives, the city found it difficult to retain, much less attract, businesses. However, one of the business tax incentives enabled the city government to issue more than \$155 million in tax-exempt bonds on behalf of for-profit and non-profit entities for capital projects.

The federal government's decision to build facilities in the District's poorest ward, Ward 8, lays the groundwork for revitalization there. The new headquarters for the U.S. Coast Guard is now open in Southeast D.C. in the city's lowest income ward, the first in a complex of buildings Congress has authorized for the federally-owned West Campus of the St. Elizabeths Hospital. The tax incentives, particularly in areas where the federal government is expanding, as it did in NoMa, have demonstrated that they can revitalize such neighborhoods. Withdrawing the D.C. incentives, particularly after they had proven to be effective in other areas of the city, left the nation's capital with essentially half of a revival, and was tragically timed just as the lower-income parts of the District, which need the incentives most, are ready for redevelopment.

Except for having no representation in the Senate, there is no good reason why the D.C. tax incentives were not extended like those of similar cities. Like the fiscal health of many other cities, the District's overall fiscal health has improved since the tax incentives were established in 1997, but not in the poorest wards and in neighborhood pockets elsewhere. The incentives are particularly indispensable for ensuring that lower-income areas of the city are part of the city's economic progress. It would be tragic to continue to single out the nation's capital as the only empowerment zone not to be renewed just as the eastern, low-income sections of the city are about to develop. As essential as the federal incentives have been, their costs have been de minimis compared to the measurable benefits they have demonstrated they can generate.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

**SIXTH MOUNT ZION BAPTIST
CHURCH SESQUICENTENNIAL**

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Mr. McEACHIN. Mr. Speaker, Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church was founded in 1867 by the Reverend John Jasper in an abandoned confederate horse stable on Brown's Island, along the shores of the James River. Credited as the first church in Richmond organized by an African-American preacher, it relocated to its current space in downtown Richmond in 1869.

Jasper's charismatic ministry drew increasingly large crowds, and his sermon "De Sun

Do Move" became well-known both in the United States and internationally. His speaking talents and powerful faith brought flocks of black and white Richmonders alike to the church, listening and celebrating together.

Six more pastors have led Sixth Mount Zion during its long history, including Dr. Augustus Walter who served for over forty-three years until his death in 1967. Greatly admired for his leadership and faithful dedication, Dr. Walter was instrumental in defending the church from destruction when Interstate 95 was built in downtown Richmond in 1957.

Sixth Mount Zion is one of the nation's pioneers in the field of religious historic preservation, and opened its John Jasper Memorial Room and Museum in January 1926. It contains bibles, books, paintings, clothing, ceremonial artifacts, and furniture from the church's rich history. Among these items are a golden bust of Jasper made in 1904, a rare stone from Mount Zion in Jerusalem, and a quilt commemorating the church's 130th anniversary.

The Commonwealth of Virginia has recognized the church's rich history with two highway markers—one at the church site and another in Fluvanna County near John Jasper's birthplace. Residing within the historic Jackson Ward District, the church is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the Virginia Landmarks Register. In 2004, the Richmond City Council honored the church with a special designation as a local "historic district" encompassing the 3 acres of land on which it stands, the only black church in Richmond to receive this distinction.

For 150 years, Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church has been a central institution in Richmond and Virginia, supporting its members and the wider community through growth and hardship. It has addressed the social concerns of the city's residents, and was one of the first black churches to have an organized charity with a staff social worker to administer to the indigent of the city. It continues to assist individuals and families with the resources necessary to overcome obstacles that prevent them from achieving personal, social, and economic goals.

JOSEPH R. D'ARCO

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the outstanding achievements of Joseph R. D'Arco, whose family and friends celebrated his 80th birthday on August 31, 2017.

Joseph R. D'Arco was born on August 31, 1937, at Passaic General Hospital. As a child, he was raised in Clifton's Historic Botany Village and attended the Clifton Public Schools. In 1957, Joseph volunteered to join the U.S. Army. He was honorably discharged in 1959.

In 1961, Joseph joined the Clifton Fire Department. For the first half of Joseph's fire career, he graciously worked two jobs in order to provide for his four sons—Joseph, Michael, Steven, and David—to have the opportunity to attend private schools. During his 34-year journey with the Department, Joseph ascended through the ranks, and inspired many people,

earning him the Clifton Jaycees' Fireman of the Year Award. During his tenure as Deputy Chief, Joseph served as the Department's Administrative Officer, his first assignment away from the streets of Clifton. Joseph represented Clifton with Passaic County's Mutual Aid and was additionally an instructor at the Passaic County Fire Academy. Joseph always kept the best interest of his men and the department in mind, which gained him the respect of his men and city officials.

During his working term with the Clifton Fire Department, Joseph received his Bachelors of Fire Science from Jersey City State College. Furthermore, he taught as an Adjunct Professor of Fire Science at Passaic County Community College to give back to the educational forum.

One of the greatest examples of Joseph's passion for ensuring the safety of our public servicemen is advocating for legislation that would allow E.M.T.s the use of portable defibrillation units. This piece of legislation passed, allowing the use of these units to become widespread throughout the state and now the country. The passing of this legislation has significantly helped save countless lives, which is ultimately Joseph's foremost concern.

Joseph and his wife, Patricia, currently reside in St. Lucie, Florida. Even during his retirement, Joseph continues his service for his community, remaining an active life member of the New Jersey State Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association, as well as the Clifton Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association. Joseph is also notably a member of both the Board of Directors for Deborah Heart and Lung Center since 1995, and the Deborah Hospital Foundation Board of Directors since 2002. He has continued to be a conscientious advocate for healthcare, spreading the word of Deborah's cardiac testing for First Responders, an initiative of "A Gift from Captain Buscio" program.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing and commemorating individuals who have dedicated their lives to serving the people. Joseph's commitment to public service is truly commendable.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues to celebrate the 80th birthday of Joseph R. D'Arco, in which we can appreciate his accomplishments.

**RECOGNIZING THE 120TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE HAMLINE CHURCH
DINING HALL**

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 120th Anniversary of the Hamline United Methodist Church Dining Hall at the Minnesota State Fair.

As one of the nation's oldest state fairs, and the largest state fair by attendance, Minnesota's "Great Get-Together" attracts nearly 2 million people each year over its annual 12-day run. Over the years, countless fairgoers have satisfied their hunger for good food and fellowship at the Hamline United Methodist Church Dining Hall. The 2017 fair, which just

wrapped up yesterday, marked a truly special milestone for the dining hall.

Beginning in 1897, a group of women from the Hamline Methodist Episcopal Church Ladies Aid Society decided to raise money for their congregation by hopping in the back of a church member's coal wagon and heading to the Minnesota State Fair to sell sandwiches they had made in their basement. Thus began a great ritual of feeding fairgoers that has continued through two World Wars, the Great Depression, and dramatic demographic changes in Minnesota.

Throughout its 120 years, Hamline Methodist Church has served meals from various locations on the fairgrounds. Its current home site was purchased from the East Immanuel Norwegian Evangelical Church of Saint Paul in 1944. That building was replaced by the current building in 1968, with an addition added in 1983 to accommodate its increasing popularity.

While the physical venue of the dining hall has changed over the years, the heart of the operation has remained its volunteers. Every year more than 60 volunteer servers and food prep workers a day fill over 700 shifts. There, they prepare and serve its signature Hamline Ham Loaf, Swedish Meatballs, famous breakfasts, and bottomless cups of coffee. Delicious food has brought together generations of Minnesotans and other visitors from across the country. It also helped to fund reconstruction of the Church's sanctuary on Englewood Avenue in Saint Paul, after a Christmastime fire destroyed it in 1925. The dining hall remains popular with fairgoers because it offers a place to take a break, sit down, and use real silverware and a plate rather than just food on a stick.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing this proud Minnesota State Fair tradition. I wish the congregation of Hamline United Methodist Church all the best as they plan for the next 120 years of hospitality at the Hamline United Methodist Church Dining Hall.

HONORING CAPTAIN RICHARD A. KIBBEY AND THE AIRMEN ABOARD THE JOLLEY GREEN 05

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, to recognize POW/MIA Day, on September 15, 2017, the Department of the Air Force, 920th Rescue Squadron, will honor the life and sacrifices of Captain Richard A. Kibbey, MIA, by presenting his Dog Tags to his surviving family at Patrick Air Force Base in Cocoa Beach, FL.

Captain Kibbey was one of four aircrew members aboard the HH-3E helicopter, call sign JOLLEY GREEN 05, on a mission to rescue downed pilot Captain Lucius L. Heiskell. On February 6, 1967, despite poor weather and limited visibility, Kibbey and his crew succeeded in picking up Captain Heiskell, but they were hit repeatedly by 37mm AAA fire. The burning HH-3E flew for about a mile before colliding head-on with a limestone cliff.

Of the five men aboard JOLLEY GREEN 05, only one survived—pararescueman Dwayne Hackney, who was found after the incident. The other four airmen were designated

as Missing in Action: Major Patrick H. Wood, pilot, MIA; Captain Richard A. Kibbey, copilot, MIA; SSgt Donald J. Hall, flight engineer, MIA; and Captain Lucius L. Heiskell, O-1F pilot, MIA.

Although the four men were carried in MIA status for some years, an Air Force review board ultimately determined that all available evidence indicated that they had died in the crash. Captain Kibbey's Dog Tags were recently discovered near the accident site by a local farmer and were transferred to the U.S. authorities.

Captain Kibbey and the crew of the JOLLY GREEN 05, including Captain Heiskell, laid their lives down on the altar of freedom for the benefit of our nation and our way of life. Posthumously, for his actions, Captain Kibbey was promoted to Colonel and awarded the Silver Star and the Purple Heart. On behalf of the United States Congress I would like to express my sincere appreciation for their sacrifices. At my request, on August 30, 2017, the Architect of the Capitol flew the United States Flag over our Capitol Building to further honor the sacrifices of Captain Richard A. Kibbey and his crew.

I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting these brave airmen, and their families, for their commitment to serving our nation and protecting our freedom.

RECOGNIZING EDWIN GILROY

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize—and say farewell—to a member of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce staff who has dedicated more than 20 years of public service to the People's House.

Edwin Gilroy began his congressional career on the staff of former Congressman Rod Chandler of Washington, and he would then go on to serve as Professional Staff Member for the Committee. But most of us know Ed for his nearly 16 years of service as the Committee's Director of Workforce Policy.

It was in this capacity Ed led our efforts to expand access to affordable health care for small business employees; provide moms and dads more flexibility in the workplace; protect the rights of workers and employers; and hold officials accountable for how our nation's health and safety laws are enforced.

Ed has also had a remarkable impact on policies affecting the retirement security of working families. He was instrumental in our bipartisan efforts to strengthen the defined benefit pension system with passage of the Pension Protection Act in 2006, and again with enactment under President Obama of the Multiemployer Pension Reform Act in 2014. And he has played a vital role in ensuring all Americans have access to affordable retirement advice.

He has guided us through countless hearings, markups, floor debates, field hearings, member briefings, round-table discussions, and stakeholder meetings, and through it all, he has been a trusted adviser, dedicated public servant, distinguished colleague, and an invaluable member of our Committee family.

Ed Gilroy, on behalf of my colleagues, we are deeply grateful for his many years of serv-

ice to the American people and the U.S. House of Representatives, and we wish him all the best in the years ahead.

**20TH ANNIVERSARY OF
SOJOURNER TRUTH HOUSE**

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and admiration that I recognize the Sojourner Truth House as the organization celebrates its 20th anniversary. In honor of this special occasion, the Sojourner Truth House will host an open house followed by a celebration mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Angels on September 16, 2017. The organization will then conclude its day of celebration with a reception at Avalon Manor in Merrillville, Indiana.

The Sojourner Truth House, a not-for-profit organization located in Gary, Indiana, serves an average of 2,092 homeless and at-risk women and children per month. The outstanding and compassionate employees and volunteers at the Sojourner Truth House assist and encourage their clients to regain their dignity and sense of purpose for themselves, their children, and their communities. The organization's dedication to its four core values—Openness to the Spirit, Community, Simplicity, and Dignity and Respect for all—fosters a safe environment for their clients to identify and overcome the barriers in their lives. Clients are provided with access to resources, classes, counseling, and various activities aimed at healing the mind, body, and spirit. Among the organization's numerous and important contributions, the Sojourner Truth House has clothed over 2,000 clients and has provided meals for nearly 15,000 people in need. Clients of the Sojourner Truth House share their appreciation for the warm, welcoming assistance they receive at the Sojourner Truth House, which only further reinforces the positive and lasting impact the organization has on the community of Gary and the entirety of Northwest Indiana. Recently, they have become a special limited partner in the Village of Hope, a 40-unit apartment building for homeless individuals and families with mental illness and/or addiction.

I would like to take time to mention some of the inspiring leaders in Northwest Indiana who have worked with the Sojourner Truth House to bring about positive, impactful change and to inspire the community. They include Executive Director Sister Peg Spindler, Chairwoman Judith Stanton, and the rest of the current Board of Directors: Leo Barron, Regina Biddings-Muro, Susan Cohen, Denise Dillard, James Donovan, Sister Michele Dvorak, Mike Gluszewski, Jason Griffin, Roxanne Morton, Sister Cathy Schwemer, Vickey Sultzman, Michelle Taylor, Scott Yahne and Pamela Ytri. I am also grateful for the sponsorship of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, who work tirelessly to spread the goodwill and hope the Sojourner Truth House exudes.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating the Sojourner Truth House on its 20th anniversary. For the past 20 years, the staff and leadership have touched the lives