

HONORING JOHNSON CHAPEL

HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2017

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Johnson Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church and its pastors for 100 years of teaching, preaching the Gospel, and making strides in our community.

The Johnson Chapel A.M.E. Church was founded in 1915 by John Fair, James Craig, Roxie Graves, Cora Martin, Ed Ackers, and Nancy Craig. It was formally established in 1917 with Reverend S.E. Edwards as its first pastor. Originally a small congregation meeting in a house on State Street, the church is now highly regarded within the community and has relocated to a significantly larger building on Hamilton Street in El Centro, California.

The African Methodist Episcopal Church was formed out of the Free African Society, established in 1787. African Americans faced unending discrimination while trying to practice their faith in American Methodist churches. Some churchgoers went as far as pulling African Americans off their knees as they prayed. Black members of St. George's Methodist Episcopal Church split off to create their own African congregation. Wanting to avoid discrimination and obtain religious autonomy, many black Methodists began to switch over to African Methodist Episcopal churches.

Currently, the A.M.E. Church has membership across twenty Episcopal Districts in thirty-nine countries, on five continents. Although the church was founded by people of African descent and heritage, it is open to people of any background or race. They place emphasis on the plain and simple gospel and tirelessly work to spread the word of Jesus Christ.

The Johnson Chapel A.M.E. Church has been led by thirty-one dedicated ministers over the past 100 years. They have worked to improve the church and build a community around it. Not only does the church take care of their own members, they have also provided educational programs and outreach to benefit youth in their area.

I would like to recognize the Johnson Chapel A.M.E. Church for their 100 years of dedicated teaching and service within our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF FREEDOM
HIGH SCHOOL'S CHARITY PROM**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the students, faculty, and Principal, Doug Fulton, of Freedom High School located in Loudoun County, Virginia, for their leadership and efforts to raise money and awareness for pediatric cancer. For the second year in a row, Freedom High School will be forgoing a lavish, expensive prom and instead will be hosting the event in their cafeteria and gymnasium, where the proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to pediatric cancer organizations.

Two years ago, Principal Fulton and several students saw an opportunity for the school to

engage with their community and join the fight against childhood cancer when they learned about the Prom Challenge, an initiative set forth by St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Through this initiative, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital provides schools with the tools needed to transform their normal prom events into pediatric cancer fundraisers.

Last spring marked the first time that Freedom High School partook in the challenge, and this unique event truly sparked interests and efforts of the entire student body, faculty, and community. When the decision was made to transform the school's cafeteria and gym into a dining room and ball room in an effort to save money on a venue, many students were at first skeptical and disappointed. Yet once they learned about the challenge, they became excited and very eager to raise money and awareness for the event. Additionally, the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, the venue that had already been arranged for the event prior to the conception of this charity ball, generously returned the school its \$5,000 deposit.

The theme of last year's prom was "Hats on to Fight Pediatric Cancer," inspired by Ellie's Hats, a local charity in Loudoun County that provides hats to children who lose their hair during cancer treatments. To raise awareness students were asked to wear hats to the event, and some of the proceeds were in fact donated to this local organization. At the event, the food provided was all donated by Whole Foods and the National Conference Center, and the musical performers and photographers each volunteered their time. Lastly, the prom king and queen were not chosen by the student body, but they were instead selected based on who raised the most money in their name. Every final detail and moment of this event was thoroughly planned with the intent of assisting those with pediatric cancer, and ultimately, the event raised \$48,000.

Mr. Speaker, while the students and faculty take great pride in last year's tremendous prom, they now hope to make this event a permanent tradition at Freedom High School and hope that other schools will follow their lead. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Freedom High School's students and faculty for their extraordinary work on last year's charity prom and their continuous efforts to champion this initiative. Dedicating their time and efforts to helping children and their families fight an unthinkable battle with cancer attests to their unselfish character and determination to better their community.

RECOGNIZING MS. KATHY
O'KEEFFE, A RECIPIENT OF THE
FBI DIRECTOR'S COMMUNITY
LEADERSHIP AWARD FOR 2016**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2017

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Kathy O'Keeffe—the Director of the Braking Traffik organization, who is being recognized in Washington, D.C. as a recipient of the FBI Director's Community Leadership Award for 2016.

As the Director of Braking Traffik, Cathy has made remarkable contributions to our commu-

nity, helping bring justice and resources to victims and survivors of labor and sex trafficking. Through education, legislative advocacy and community partnerships, Braking Traffik has helped raise awareness about this important issue and has strengthened trafficking laws in both Iowa and Illinois. Cathy has devoted her drive, energy and fierce determination to this organization since 2011, and has tremendously helped make our community a safer place to live.

I'm very proud of Cathy's work on this issue and am pleased she's gained the recognition of the Director of the FBI. Mr. Speaker, I want to again formally congratulate Cathy on her award, and I join the rest of our community to wish her every success in the future.

HONORING THE LIFE OF EDWARD
J. DONLEY**HON. CHARLES W. DENT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2017

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Edward J. Donley, former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Ed was a dear friend and mentor to me. After 95 years of life, many of which were spent as a prominent figurehead in the Lehigh Valley's business community and as an impassioned advocate for early-childhood education, he passed away in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania on April 1, 2017. As a testament to Ed's legacy, his son John wrote a tribute to him, a portion of which I summarized and would like to include in the Record today:

Ed Donley was born in Detroit on November 26, 1921. During the Depression, his family moved back to their farm near Richmond, Michigan. After graduating from high school, Donley won a scholarship to Lawrence Institute of Technology (now Lawrence Technological University) in Detroit and earned an engineering degree in 1943. Shortly before graduating, Donley was hired by a new industrial gas company, Air Products, located in Chattanooga, Tennessee, to design portable oxygen generators for Allied bombers in World War II.

Donley met his future wife in Chattanooga: Ms. Inez Cantrell. They wed on October 24, 1946 and were happily married for 66 years until Inez passed away in 2013 from Alzheimer's disease. The couple had three children—Martha, Tom, and John, ten grandchildren, and a growing bevy of great-grandchildren.

Air Products relocated to the Lehigh Valley in 1949, and Donley became Vice President of Sales in 1957, President and Chief Operating Officer in 1966, Chief Executive Officer (1973–86), and Chairman of the Board (1978–86). During his time at Air Products, he was especially proud of his commitment to promoting employee safety, recruiting top students each year, and creating long-term shareholder value.

In the Lehigh Valley, Donley led many local projects. In the 1960s and 70s, he was a trustee of Cedar Crest College, the Allentown Art Museum, and WLVF public television. He and his wife Inez gave their time and financial support to Community Services for Children, the

Allentown Library, KidsPeace, Lehigh Carbon Community College, and the Da Vinci Science Center.

Additionally, Donley served on many business and non-profit boards, including a stint as director of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce for 11 years. He was active in the health care industry as well, helping to create the predecessor of the Lehigh Valley Health Network in the 1970s and working with the Rotary Club to found Lehigh Valley Hospice, Inc. in 1980—the second hospice in the U.S. at that time.

Similarly, Donley held a great passion for early-childhood education. In addition to leading education initiatives, he and his wife gave most of their assets to The Donley Foundation, a trust now run by their children and grandchildren, which supports the work of literacy and early-childhood education groups.

While philanthropy and a strong business acumen served as catalysts for many of Ed's lifetime endeavors, his commitment to his wife, his children, and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren will ultimately be how he is remembered. Mr. Speaker, I ask that the House please join me in celebrating a giant of a man and a life well lived, as well as expressing sympathy to his family and our community, both of which have been made better by his outstanding life and legacy. Rest in peace, dear friend.

RECOGNITION AND COMMEMORATION OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2017

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, earlier this month, I joined with over 80 of my House colleagues in calling upon President Trump to properly recognize the Armenian Genocide for what it is—a genocide.

Unfortunately, the president continued to extend U.S. complicity in Turkey's denial of the Armenian Genocide by failing to properly characterize the near annihilation of the Armenians of the Ottoman Empire as a genocide.

The facts are indisputable. Over 1.5 million Armenians were massacred during the first genocide of the 20th century.

As crimes of genocide continue to plague this world, Turkey's policy of denying the Armenian Genocide gives license to those who perpetrate genocide everywhere.

As we recognize and commemorate the 102nd Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide I join my colleagues in calling upon the Turkey government to end its campaign of denial and urge the administration to end American complicity of this crime against humanity.

REMEMBERING WILLIAM ADAMS KIMBROUGH, JR.

HON. BRADLEY BYRNE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2017

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Mr. William Adams

Kimbrough, Jr. Billy, as he was known, was a leader in the Mobile community and a former U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama.

Billy was born in Selma and grew up in Thomasville. He attended the University of the South, or Sewanee, where he was a member of the football team and active in campus affairs. He later graduated from the University of Alabama School of Law.

Under President John F. Kennedy, Billy served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney before working in the legal department at the GM&O Railroad in Mobile. He later joined the law firm of Stockman & Bedsole. In 1977, President Jimmy Carter appointed him to serve as the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama. He held his position until 1981. Following his service as U.S. Attorney, Billy joined the law firm of Turner Onderdonk where he practiced law until his retirement in 2012.

Billy was a proud Mobilian and participated in many groups and organizations around Southwest Alabama. He was active in politics throughout his life and took part in many political campaigns. He also worked with the Greater Gulf State Fair, of which he was the President in 1967.

He was also a man of strong and steady faith. He sang in the choir and taught Sunday School at Dauphin Way United Methodist Church in Mobile. He took great pride in seeing his church grow and flourish.

Sadly, Billy passed away on March 31st after a lengthy illness. Billy was more than just a colleague and fellow member of the Mobile Bar Association; he was also a friend of mine and my family.

On behalf of Alabama's First Congressional District, I want to share my deepest condolences with his wife of 58 years, Kay, his two children, Mary Elizabeth and Will, and his entire family. I hope you can take great comfort in the many memories together and the fact that Billy had such a profound impact on our community, state, and country.

HONORING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED WAY OF MIDLAND

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2017

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished service of the United Way of Midland as they celebrate their 70th Anniversary.

For the past 70 years, The United Way of Midland has been dedicated to enriching the Permian Basin through their various outreach programs. UWM works directly with program providers in supporting over 50 programs and services that target individual needs throughout the community. These initiatives focus on three building blocks to a better life, which are: promoting quality education that leads to stable employment; empowering individuals to achieve economic stability and financial security through proven methods like job training and financial planning courses; and vital health services that promote healthy lifestyles and choices. Through their work, UWM assists roughly 65,000 people annually and invests over \$3 million back into the community.

As a Lifetime Member of the Board of Directors for the United Way of Midland, I have been fortunate enough to see firsthand the great work that this organization does for the Permian Basin community. I wish them best of luck with their future endeavors.

CURTIS RHYNE

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2017

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank an exceptional North Carolinian, Curtis Rhyme, who has served our state well here in Congress. After getting his start in my office several years ago, he worked for several Chairmen of the Republican Study Committee and later with my colleague, Rep. RICHARD HUDSON. He brought conservative Carolina values to that service, which were instilled in him by his parents, Jerry and Elaine Rhyme, and his entire family during his formative years in Statesville, N.C.

As an East Carolina University Pirate and graduate, Curtis was well prepared intellectually for his work here in Washington, which was primarily on energy, trade, and other policy issues. He is well known in Washington for his personal attention to individuals and issues and is held in the highest regard for his professionalism and knowledge.

Regardless of where he resides, I'll always think of Curtis as a constituent and wish him well as he moves on to serve our state as a Policy Advisor for North Carolina House Speaker Tim Moore in Raleigh.

U.S. WANTS TO COMPETE FOR A WORLD EXPO ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, it's been more than three decades since the United States hosted a World's Fair, even as there has been a recent upsurge in local and national interest to do so. Under rules from the Bureau of International Expositions, the U.S. is effectively prevented from hosting Expos and World's Fairs because we are no longer a part of the organization.

That's why I'm joining with my fellow Minnesotans, led by Congressman EMMER, and a bipartisan coalition to authorize the U.S. to rejoin the BIE. This effort also urges U.S. government assistance in advancing Minnesota's bid to host EXPO 2023.

I believe my home state of Minnesota is the perfect place to usher in a new era for American membership in the BIE. Business, civic, and community leaders in Minnesota have already created the Minnesota's World's Fair Bid Committee to start preparing for this unique opportunity to show what our state, our region, and our country have to offer.

We should work with the appropriate federal departments and agencies, and take the necessary steps to ensure the United States rejoins the BIE so that we are not at a disadvantage and so our great cities and states can experience being on display on the world stage.