

HONORING PASTOR BILL COATES
OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
GAINESVILLE

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the career of Pastor Bill Coates of the First Baptist Church of Gainesville. After 20 years of service to the church, Pastor Coates delivered his final sermon on August 19, 2018.

A native of South Carolina, Pastor Coates spent most of his childhood knowing that he would eventually join the ministry. In 1998, he and his family moved to Northeast Georgia so that he could become Senior Pastor at First Baptist Gainesville.

Pastor Coates always referred to First Baptist Gainesville's congregation as the "people of the church" to remind them that they are the Lord's people first and foremost. During his tenure, First Baptist Gainesville expanded, adding a new banquet hall and the church's Jubilee Garden to accommodate a growing family of members. Pastor Coates also led groups of Georgians to serve in places like Ireland and Panama.

As a leader, Pastor Coates looked beyond his own needs, focusing on the spiritual growth of others in the Gainesville community. His selflessness ultimately led him to retire, a decision that he hopes will pave the way for new leadership to make a positive impact on the many faces of the congregation.

Pastor Coates' servant heart touched the lives of many. I want to thank him for the 20 years he dedicated to First Baptist Gainesville and hope his retirement is filled with both rest and new adventures.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT
OF COLUMBIA SPECIAL ELEC-
TIONS HOME RULE ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Special Elections Home Rule Act. This bill would give the District of Columbia complete authority to set the date of special elections for local offices, which other jurisdictions have. Our bill simply removes a Home Rule Act limitation on the District that is not only inconsistent with the self-government granted by the Home Rule Act, but is also counterproductive.

This bill follows legislation we got through the Congress in 2012 that gave the D.C. Board of Elections ("Board") more flexibility to set the date of special elections for local offices to maximize voter participation. Although we sought complete authority for the District over the scheduling of special elections, the 2012 law, the District of Columbia Special Election Reform Act, did not include this home-rule principle. D.C. should have complete authority over a matter that is unrelated to any other congressional district and has no relevance to Congress.

The Home Rule Act originally required the Board to hold special elections on the first

Tuesday 114 days from when the vacancy occurred and allowed the Board to schedule special elections on the same day as the next general election if that election occurred 60 days from when a special election would otherwise have been held. This inflexibility led to special elections being held on religious holidays and forced the District to hold a special election separate from an upcoming general election, costing the District hundreds of thousands of dollars in extra election costs. The 2012 law required the Board to hold a special election on a Tuesday occurring between 70 and 174 days after the vacancy.

Our bill is an important step to perfect home rule for the District. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

RIISING TO THE CYBER
CHALLENGE

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, we are in a new age of warfare. Once was a time when bombs, bullets, ships, planes, tanks, and artillery were all that great powers needed to vanquish or intimate their foes. Now with the rapid rise of the information age, any nation can possess digital weapons to undermine our military edge or disrupt our way of life. These new weapons, existing in cyberspace, can reach anywhere, at any time, and do enormous damage but go virtually unseen. They may not always result in the immediate deaths, but like a virus, they disable our defenses and cripple the basic mechanisms we need to support life—eventually costing American lives. Their ever expanding abilities could one day even effect life on a scale that rivals the most destructive nuclear weapons man has ever produced.

We have learned that in our new age, it does not take large industrialized states to develop advanced cyber weapons. We have seen impoverished and isolated nations like North Korea prove they possess cyber capabilities that challenge the defenses of our great nation. We have only just entered this new era of cyber-enabled competition, and the full ability of state-sponsored cyber weapons has yet to be realized. But given the remarkable advance of technology today, we must ensure that we have all the tools and resources necessary to compete and win in cyberspace as we would at sea, in the air, or on land.

But this is not a contest limited to the military or our traditional security agencies to defend against. Our enemies are using their cyber weapons to undermine our economic strength and threaten the very foundations of our democracy. This new age of cyber-enabled warfare, poses risks that require government and the private sector to work together to secure our greatest secrets and guard our most precious rights. Like so many challenges we have faced before, we can overcome this one if we demonstrate our resolve and unshackle America's innovative talents.

That is why I am proud to be an original cosponsor to Mr. YOHO's bill, H.R. 5576, the Cyber Deterrence and Response Act of 2018. This bill will set the policy and direction for our

federal agencies to effectively combat the rising cyber challenge. The authorizations in this bill focuses our approach towards state-sponsored cyber activities and allows the President to use our tools of national power to deter and degrade our cyber opponents. Much like our methods to combat terrorism, this bill creates a process to designate adversaries who use cyber weapons against us. We can then bring sanctions to bear on those individuals and entities that are exploiting the cyber realm to wage war or weaken the U.S. Through this bill, our enemies will find that their misbehavior in cyberspace has real costs and that America is already prepared to take on this new challenge.

And that's just the way it is.

IN RECOGNITION OF LEO J.
DELANEY FOR A CAREER OF
SERVICE TO THE U.S.

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Leo J. Delaney on four decades of service to our nation's defense. Leo will retire from the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) on September 30. Mr. Delaney grew up in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania and joined the Air Force following graduation from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He served as an officer in the Air Force for six years.

Following separation from military service, Leo embarked on a civil service career with DIA at the Department of Defense. His career there spanned over three decades during times when America was engaged in the Cold War, Desert Storm, and the 9/11 attacks and their aftermath.

Leo's service in DIA was notable and unique in terms of responsibility, diversity of subject matter, and success. His years of executive service spanned the development of and brought improvements to the entire scope of DIA's collection, analysis, and supporting activities. He received numerous awards throughout his federal service, including being honored twice by the president with the Presidential Rank Award of Meritorious Service.

It is an honor to recognize the Leo as he celebrates his long career and begins retirement. He is a patriot and a committed professional who contributed significantly to our country's well-being. On behalf of both a grateful nation and myself, I extend sincere congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Delaney for the next chapter of his impressive story.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. TED
STARK

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Ted Stark on his retirement from federal service.

Ted served forty years as a member of our Federal Law Enforcement Agencies. I commend Ted on his longevity of service to our

great nation and the enforcement of the rule of law. From his service in the Immigration and Naturalization Service to Immigration and Customs Enforcement, he played a pivotal role in helping teach the next generation of federal agents. His passion and leadership will leave a long-lasting legacy amongst his coworkers.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in wishing continued success to Ted as he continues his service as a liaison official between ICE and the CIA.

HONORING THE AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the American Missionary Association.

The American Missionary Association (AMA) was formed in 1846 by 19th Century missionaries with the sole goal to abolish slavery and educate all escaped and freed slaves. The organization is known for its work of creating 11 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) across the nation.

The diverse leaders of the American Missionary Association consisted of four African-Americans out of its 12-person charter. The entity was rooted in the Christian faith but worked beyond the ministry allowing the creation of Berea College, Clark Atlanta University, Fisk University, Hampton University, Dillard University and my alma mater Tougaloo College. The American Missionary Association also aided in the founding of Howard University.

In 1931, the association joined the Congregational Christian Churches, which is now known as the United Church of Christ.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the history of the American Missionary Association and all the work they provided to educated African-Americans, including myself throughout the nation.

HONORING PASTOR JIM GAINES OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH DAWSONVILLE

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pastor Jim Gaines of the First Baptist Church of Dawsonville. After 20 years of ministry, Pastor Gaines retired this August, making him the church's longest-serving shepherd.

Prior to working at First Baptist Dawsonville, Pastor Gaines served as the executive director of missions for the Georgia Baptist Convention. An avid student, Pastor Gaines holds two bachelor's degrees, a master's degree, and a Ph.D. from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

When Pastor Gaines arrived at First Baptist Dawsonville in 1998, the congregation welcomed 40 men and women through their doors each Sunday. Since then, the congrega-

tion has grown to include 500 dedicated members.

Pastor Gaines coordinated several church-wide mission trips to Alaska and Africa, giving members of the community a chance to step out of our corner of Georgia to meet and serve others.

Pastor Gaines has made a tremendous impact in the Dawsonville community. The congregation of First Baptist Dawsonville will miss his warm guidance, and I hope his next season is full of peace and joy.

IN HONOR OF JOHN F. "JAY" HURLEY OF SOUTH BOSTON, MA

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and honor a true son of South Boston, John F. "Jay" Hurley, in recognition of over fifty years of dedicated service to the South Boston community.

The son of Catherine (Murray) of South Boston and John Hurley of South Boston (via Medford, MA), Jay was born in Boston on September 1, 1954 and lived on East 4th Street in South Boston until he married his wife, Patricia (Farrell) "Patty" Hurley in 1979. They moved to Hart Place in South Boston, where they still reside.

Jay attended Saint Brigid School at O Street and East Broadway and graduated in 1972 from South Boston High School. On June 5, 1974, Jay became a member of Ironworkers Local Union No. 7 (Book No. 922845).

Upon completion of a three-year apprenticeship, Jay became a journeyman ironworker on June 1, 1977. Jay held various offices at Local 7 between 1988 and 2001, including: Recording Secretary, President, Business Agent, and as the first Business Manager in Local 7's then 101-year history.

On December 1, 2001, Jay was appointed General Organizer for the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental, and Reinforcing Iron Workers, and was subsequently elected the President of the Ironworkers District Council of New England in September of 2002. Jay was elected as the 9th General Vice President of the International in May 2005 and retired as the 1st General Vice President on March 1, 2018.

Over the course of his career, Jay poured his heart and soul into bettering the lives of all workers through the machinations of the labor movement. The admiration and respect of his colleagues and peers throughout the United States and Canada is unsurpassed.

Along with providing distinguished service to the Ironworkers, Jay is also an active member of his community. He has won many awards over the years, most notably in 2006, when he won the Cushing Gavin award for outstanding service to the Labor community. In 2008, Jay wrote a novel, *Irony . . .*, and he has donated all proceeds to Julie's Family Learning Program, a South Boston non-profit organization.

Jay is known as a loyal, hardworking leader in the labor movement; but also, a loving and caring family man. He has had the good fortune to be married to his wife Patty for 39 years, and they are the proud parents of John,

Kaitlyn and Brian and proud grandparents to John ("Jack"), Michael and James.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to join with John F. "Jay" Hurley's family, friends, and contemporaries to thank him for his remarkable service to his union brothers and sisters and to his community of South Boston.

HONORING THE 89TH BIRTHDAY OF ARTHUR MYLES

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary life of Arthur Myles who celebrated his 89th birthday on August 14, 2018.

Arthur Myles was born on August 14, 1929 in the state of Alabama. Arthur is the youngest son of twenty-five children born to President Myles Sr. and Mary Rena Williams-Myles. Arthur attended primary school in Uniontown Alabama, which he walked nine miles to attend. Shortly after relocating to Niagara Falls Arthur attended adult education classes at Center Avenue School and completed his education at Laborers Local 91.

Throughout Arthur's life he had various jobs during his career working at companies such as the City of Niagara Falls Street Department, New York State Power Authority, McClendon Blacktop, and J. Myles & Sons, before launching his own business. Arthur launched A. Myles Paving, and most recently started A. Myles & Sons. After sixty-six years of employment, Arthur retired in 2016.

Family is very important to Arthur as he is the father of ten children, twenty-one grandchildren, forty great-grandchildren, and ten great-great grandchildren. Arthur has always actively sought to help others in ways too numerous to mention. He is consistently willing to lend a helping hand, and volunteering his services for the good of aiding others. Arthur still enjoys dancing, storytelling, being the life of the party and traveling.

Arthur's community is very important to him and he is an active member in his church, a member of the Niagara Community Center, NAACP, and is a current member of Laborers Local 91 for fifty-eight years. Arthur is believed to be the longest "African-American Member" in good standings.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for allowing me a few moments to recognize Arthur Myles. His love and devotion to his family is truly inspiring. I wish many fortunes to him and his family in the years to come.

IN MEMORY OF SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart at the passing of a great American Hero and Leader, The Eagle of The Senate John McCain of Arizona. A selfless patriot, a man of courage, faith, and conviction. With his life well led, he is a lesson to our