

HONORING SAMUEL CHAPEL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable church, Samuel Chapel United Methodist Church.

Samuel Chapel United Methodist Church, originally named Samuel Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church, had its beginning in 1880 under the leadership of Rev. McBeth. With the help of God and a few members, a one room frame building was erected in the Southeastern section of Itta Bena.

Following the leadership of Rev. McBeth, Rev. Grant Orange was assigned to pastor the few members of Samuel Chapel. As time elapsed, Rev. Orange was replaced by Rev. E.C.F. Troupe. As the church grew under the leadership of Rev. Troupe, it became necessary to choose a new site which was in the Western section of Itta Bena, its current location. In 1911, the frame structure was replaced by a brick structure as Rev. Troupe's vision for growth emerged.

Rev. H.B. Hart was the next pastor who lead the members in purchasing a parsonage, a house bought from Mrs. Nellie Mitchell. His leadership encompassed the organization of the church choir and securing pews and other serviceable facilities for the church.

During Rev. M.J. Stallings tenure, the membership diminished because of mass migration from the Itta Bena area. Under Rev. Stallings leadership, plans were drawn up to rebuild Samuel Chapel and the old structure was demolished and a new church was rebuilt in 1968. The dedication of the new Samuel Chapel United Methodist Church was February 20, 1977. Rev. Stallings Pastorage extended for thirteen years. Following the homegoing of their dearly beloved pastor, Rev. M.J. Stallings, many pastors served, and the church continued to grow. Each pastor poured into the members their vision of excellence in living a life pleasing to our Almighty God. Seeking the lost and discipling the found stimulated all facets of the church membership.

Samuel Chapel's current Pastor is Rev. Jonathan Parker who is also the Director of the Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry at Mississippi Valley State University.

The church's motto of identity is that "we are the church with warm hearts and friendly hands." Their health ministry has touched the lives of the entire community with its community garden, quarterly health screenings, the church's connection with the Mississippi Delta Health Collaborative, and their partnership with the Society of St. Andrews Gleaming Ministry. This gleaned network organizes volunteers to collect and distribute fresh produce gleaned from farmers' fields and orchards after the harvest. Samuel Chapel's United Methodist Men travel to Jackson or other areas and transport gleaned produce to the Itta Bena community and citizens are welcome to come to the church and receive all types of food items at no cost. The church's outreach ministry has been instrumental in being a source for those in need of nutritious food.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Samuel Chapel United

Methodist Church for its longevity and dedication to serving others.

HONORING DAVID SNAPP

HON. ANDY LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor my dear friend and former colleague, Dave Snapp on the occasion of his retirement. I met Dave Snapp in the late summer of 1983 when I had just turned 23 years old and we were trying to learn how to help nursing home workers organize for a better life with the Service Employees International Union. Thirty-seven years later, Dave is still at it, helping workers organize for dignity, voice and power in an America that suddenly deems them essential even while asking them to toil in poverty, in unsafe conditions, even under threat of deportation.

After I left SEIU in 1988, Dave kept right on organizing. And he never stopped working for the labor movement. He played many roles for the union over the years. He has often been in the middle of the activities that have made SEIU so innovative. Dave has often served as a facilitator and organizer for the executive leadership of the union. He has been a scriptor and choreographer of conventions. He has organized strategic planning. He has conceived and undertaken special projects. He has helped drive long-term thinking to an extent and scope remarkable in the labor movement and, indeed, in other parts of the American political economy.

Through it all, Dave has displayed a remarkable mix of traits that are rarely found rolled up in one person. Flat-out smarts. Intellectual curiosity. Practicality—a groundedness in how things might actually work in the real world. Maybe that's the health and safety guy in him. Humility. A willingness to speak truth to power and not to tell leaders what they want to hear, somehow without alienating them and indeed engendering their loyalty. A wry sense of humor, sometimes bleeding into bad jokes. Compassion and caring for his fellow travelers along the road to justice, person to person.

How lucky I have been to have acquired Dave as an adopted-without-permission big brother so many years ago and, I might add, to have acquired a big sister in his life partner, Carol Regan. That's the best two-for-one deal I ever got, all by signing up to help nursing home workers find a little power over their own work lives.

Now Dave says he is laying down his tools. If we're honest, we often have mixed feelings about friends retiring as a reflection of our own mortality. But I have to admit, I can't think of anyone who has earned a bit of rest from relentless labor more richly than Dave Snapp. He always looked at work organically, as how best to organize something that needed to be accomplished, and thus seemed to own what he was doing so completely. Thank goodness he chose to labor on behalf of America's workers.

Madam Speaker, happily, there is no retiring from adopted big brotherhood. I will continue to seek Dave's advice and counsel on life's journey. And to take inspiration from his example of doing things well for all the right reasons.

IN MEMORY OF HERMAN "HERK"
STREITBURGER

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2020

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Herman "Herk" Streitburger, a World War II hero and prisoner of war who passed away in late May, less than a month before his 101st birthday. Through both his military service and his subsequent community engagement, Herk will be remembered as a shining example of American fortitude, ingenuity, and empathy.

During World War II, Herk served in the U.S. Army Air Corps as a radio operator and gunner on a B-24 Liberator bomber. During his final mission with the 98th Bombardment Group, his plane was shot down over German territory. He was taken to the Stalag Luft IV prison camp, where he and fellow prisoners listened to war reports on a contraband radio they carefully concealed in a hollow table leg. Buoyed by radio reports of Allied success, they made a risky escape during a deadly winter march. After being caught by a German soldier, Herk's quick thinking and compassion secured their safety: he spoke German with the officer, offered him coffee and a smuggled American cigarette, and they shook hands, parting in peace.

After the war, Herk attended college through the GI bill and later started a family, first on Long Island before moving to Bedford in 1967. Following a career in marketing, he spent decades mentoring small business owners with SCORE and visiting with school groups to talk about his POW experience and life lessons. All those who knew Herk or ever heard him speak remarked at his positive attitude and optimism about life.

Herk was an engaged member of local and regional veterans associations, including Honor Flight New England, the American Legion NH, the NH Ex-POW Chapter #1, and the Northeast POW/MIA Network. In his community, he was admired for his ardent faith, generosity, and optimism.

On behalf of all of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I share my condolences to Herk's four children, seven grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. May Herk Streitburger's memory be for a blessing.

HONORING CASHONEY CARTER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable leader, Ms. Cashoney Carter of Jefferson County.

Ms. Cashoney Carter has 12 years of educational experience in the Jefferson County School District. She is a graduate of Tougaloo College with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, a Masters of Arts in Teaching from Alcorn State University, a Masters of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from Strayer University and is currently pursuing an

advanced degree at Arkansas State University.

During Ms. Carter's educational career, she has been an elementary school teacher in the areas of English and History. She also served as an Instructional Coach before joining the administrative team as an Assistant Principal in 2017.

Mrs. Cashoney Carter has been involved in many professional memberships along her journey including, the National Council for Social Studies and Mississippi Association of Educators in conjunction with the Jefferson County Association of Educators where she serves as the local representative. She is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated and the President of the Nubian Social Aid and Pleasure Club. Her most treasured role is being the mother of Harley Elizabeth.

Ms. Cashoney Carter believes in her students and believes that the student's growth is the most important aspect of learning. She believes that visibility, teamwork, and collaboration between home and school promotes a school culture that empowers students to reach their academic and personal goals while becoming educated young adults.

The Jefferson County School District is pleased to announce that Ms. Cashoney Carter has been appointed as principal of the Jefferson County Upper Elementary School for the 2020–2021 school year.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Cashoney Carter for her dedication and remarkable works.

INTRODUCTION OF THE GEORGE FLOYD LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST AND INTEGRITY ACT OF 2020

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2020

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise to announce to the House that I have introduced the George Floyd Law Enforcement Trust and Integrity Act of 2020 (LETIA) to modernize law enforcement training, practices and procedures, and to address the issue of police accountability and build trust between police departments and the communities they serve.

Over the past two decades, tensions between police and communities of color have grown as allegations of bias-based policing by law enforcement agents, sometimes supported by data collection efforts and video evidence, have increased in number and frequency.

This legislation is designed to provide incentives for local police departments to voluntarily adopt performance-based standards to minimize incidents of misconduct, improve operations and enhance community accountability.

Since the tragic police-involved shooting of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, there has been public outcry for Congressional action to address police accountability and public safety issues through the adoption of substantive law enforcement policy reforms.

Despite the fact that the majority of law enforcement officers perform their duties professionally and without bias, the relationship between the police and some of minority com-

munities has deteriorated to such a degree that federal action is required to begin addressing the issue.

With recent Washington Post reports of more than 1000 reported police-involved shooting fatalities in the last year, the time is long past for bipartisan action.

The George Floyd Law Enforcement Trust and Integrity Act of 2020 provides incentives for local police organizations to voluntarily adopt performance-based standards to ensure that incidents of deadly force or misconduct will be minimized through appropriate management and training protocols and properly investigated, should they occur.

The legislation authorizes the Department of Justice to work cooperatively with independent accreditation, law enforcement and community-based organizations to further develop and refine the accreditation standards, and authorizes the Attorney General to make grants to law enforcement agencies for the purpose of obtaining accreditation from certified law enforcement accreditation organizations.

Beyond the human toll created by law enforcement accountability issues, there remains the fiscal impact created by the high cost of litigation settlements for police abuse claims.

Currently, there are no federally recognized minimum standards to follow for operating a police department.

The ad hoc nature of police management has left many officers and agencies in the dark about how to cope with changes in their communities.

While most cities fail to systematically track the cost of litigation, the cost reports for major cities can prove staggering.

In New York City alone, during Mayor Michael Bloomberg's three term tenure, NYPD payouts were in excess of \$1 billion dollars for policing claims.

For small departments, the cost of a single high-profile incident could prove crippling in its impact on public safety.

While the Department of Justice has a range of criminal and civil authority to address policing issues, the Civil Rights Division will never have the resources necessary to investigate more than a small fraction of those departments engaged in unconstitutional conduct, even with the enhanced funding and task force authority granted by this legislation.

Through the support of a robust accreditation regime, like that existing for the healthcare industry, Congress can ensure that all communities have the best trained and managed police departments.

Only by establishing acceptable police operations standards can we begin to address issues like use of force before they occur and heal the rifts within our communities.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House to observe a moment of silence in memory of George Floyd and for all Members to join me in sponsoring the George Floyd Law Enforcement Trust and Integrity Act of 2020 (LETIA).

RECOGNIZING ALMA LEE LOY

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2020

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, on April 10, 2020, Vero Beach said good-bye to its First

Lady and prolific community leader, Alma Lee Loy, who passed away at 90 years old of pneumonia-related complications. As a personal friend and beloved member of our community, I would like to take this time to recognize the countless contributions Alma has made to Indian River County and celebrate a lifetime of extraordinary personal achievements.

Alma Lee Loy was born in Vero Beach on June 10, 1929 and from a very young age dedicated her life to the betterment of Indian River County, the community she so loved and was revered by. Ask any Vero Beach Resident if they knew of her, and they would surely say yes, with mentions of fond memories and stories.

Throughout her life she wore many important hats that made her into the iconic woman that our community grew to respect and love. Alma was a compassionate neighbor, a philanthropist, accomplished athlete, successful businesswoman, historian, and a mentor to our community's youth, just to name a few.

For the first 42 years of her career, she operated and ran a children's clothing store in downtown Vero Beach, Alma Lee's Clothing Center, alongside her close friend Lucy Auxier. It was here that the community first befriended her, as they shopped for years for back-to-school clothes and dresses and came to know her giving heart. But in more than one way, Alma was compelled to further serve her community.

Her civic engagement spans many sectors. She became a founding member of the Vero Beach City Recreation Board, the Vero Beach Downtown Merchants Association, Education Foundation of Indian River County and the Indian River Community Foundation. Her altruistic spirit drove her to volunteer and lead several philanthropic organizations including what is now the Vero Beach Museum of Art and the Gifford Youth Orchestra. From 1968 to 1980, Alma served on the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners, serving as Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Alma's unwavering commitment to preserving her community's natural beauty and treasures, in addition to educating the public about its' historical significance, has long helped spread awareness of important issues in Indian River County. She played an important role in raising the awareness that saved the 18-acre McKee Botanical Garden from housing development, serving twice as President of the garden. She served on the board of the Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary Committee, served two terms as President of the Indian River Land Trust, and received the "Love Your Lagoon" award for her dedication to cleaning up our waterways.

Many of Alma's achievements succeed her in the form of local buildings and awards, including the Alma Lee Loy Bridge on 17th Street and the Alma Lee Loy Indian River County Chamber of Commerce, where she served as the first female board member. There have been many contributions and awards made in her honor and through them, she will be revered and dearly missed as a leader in our community.

I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Alma Lee Loy. May her dedication to our community serve as a reminder of what it means to be a public servant, a good neighbor, a mentor, and leader. Her impact and legacy will