

He is past chairman of the South County Regional Wastewater Authority, has served two terms on the Board of Directors of the Valley Transportation Authority and is a past-president of the Santa Clara Cities Association.

Mr. Kennedy has always been mindful of his commitment to the Santa Clara Valley and, although he was born in Nebraska, he has acted like a true local when community interests were at stake. Mr. Kennedy moved to San Jose, California during his high school years and attended Bellarmine College Preparatory School in San Jose. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Santa Clara University and served as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Professionally, it has been a pleasure to work with Mr. Kennedy because he sincerely cares about the residents of the City of Morgan Hill and their interests. I know I stand with many other thankful constituents in congratulating Mr. Kennedy on his years of service and wishing him the very best for his retirement.

HONORING THE RETURN OF BATTERY B, 2ND BATTALION, 116TH FIELD ARTILLERY

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2006

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exploits of one of Florida's National Guard Units—Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 116th Field Artillery.

In April of 2005, 139 soldiers from Battery B began a deployment that would take them to Afghanistan. For over a year, the unit brought security to the Afghani people by conducting patrols, guarding critical military bases, and providing a presence to deter Taliban insurgents. This past July, after their heroic service, elements of Battery B began returning to the United States. Thankfully, during their deployment, the unit suffered no fatalities.

Last month, I had the privilege of meeting with these brave individuals, many of whom live within my congressional district. The courage and selflessness of our soldiers never ceases to amaze me. I was also touched when I learned that during its tour, Battery B used an American flag that flew over the United States Capitol—a little piece of home halfway around the world.

Mr. Speaker, the war on terror is a long-term commitment, one that will require courage, sacrifice, and hard work. When I see the steadfast resolve of soldiers with Battery B, I know that we will prevail in this conflict. In closing, I want to thank the men and women in our Armed Forces, as well as their families, for making tremendous sacrifices to defend our freedom. May God bless you all.

TRIBUTE TO DR. BEATRICE GAMBLE-FRANKLIN

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2006

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable doctor and South

Carolinian, who, on November 19, 2006, will be the only female recipient of the Trailblazer Award for her contributions to the chiropractic profession. Dr. Beatrice Gamble-Franklin is a native of South Carolina, who has spent her career helping others.

Beatrice Gamble was born in Georgetown, South Carolina and excelled as a student. She graduated first in her class from Choppee High School, and was selected for the MARC (Minority Access to Research Careers) honors program, which enabled her to pursue undergraduate and graduate degrees from Benedict College and Atlanta University. Beatrice then attended Life Chiropractic College in Marietta, Georgia.

Dr. Gamble-Franklin has been in the chiropractic field for 20 years. She holds the distinction of being the first African American chiropractor in South Carolina, and has been voted the best chiropractor in the state. At one time, Dr. Gamble-Franklin had six practices. Today, she and her husband, Dr. Gregory Franklin, have two practices in Columbia and Orangeburg.

In addition to her work in chiropractics, Dr. Gamble-Franklin is using her training in scientific research to develop hair products. She has invented the VictoriUs Silk Protein Relaxer, which is highly recommended by hair stylists.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me today in applauding the trailblazing spirit of Dr. Beatrice Gamble-Franklin. Her recognition by her peers is a testament to the extraordinary contributions she has made as a chiropractor, and the difference she has made in the lives of her patients.

A TRIBUTE TO THE AUSTRIAN CONSULATE GENERAL IN NEW YORK AND THE RAV TOV INTERNATIONAL JEWISH RESCUE ORGANIZATION

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2006

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to the Austrian Consulate in New York as they honor one of my district's outstanding human rights groups, The Rav Tov International Jewish Rescue Organization.

Founded in 1973, at the behest of the former Grand Rabbi of Satmar, Rabbi Joel Teitelbaum of blessed memory, in 1973, Rav Tov was initially established to rescue the persecuted Jewish community living in the former Soviet Union. Rabbi Teitelbaum, himself a survivor of the Holocaust, saw his family perish at the hands of the Nazis. He envisioned Rav Tov as the protective shield for the global Jewish community living in tyrannical regimes.

Rav Tov's heroic accomplishments of rescuing and resettling Soviet Jewry was only possible with the unflinching cooperation and support of the Austrian government, which hosted the refugees as they waited for their final resettlement. It is estimated that 367,000 Jews stayed in Vienna between 1968–1989 rebuilding their often shattered lives in free countries. Following the fall of the Soviet Union, the focus of Rav Tov's and Austrian efforts have been to save other endangered Jewish communities that still exist around the world.

As a result of the enduring bonds between Rav Tov and the Austrian government, the Austrian Federal President, Dr. Heinz Fischer, has decided to confer the prestigious Grand Decoration of Honor in Gold to Rabbi David Niederman, Rav Tov's Chief Executive for over three decades, which will be presented to him at a ceremony today at the Austrian Consulate in New York. This wonderful event is not only a testament to the resolve of the Austrian government in saving Jews in peril, but a celebration of the strong relationship between the United States and Austria.

Mr. Speaker, as Rav Tov's representative in Congress, I have been privileged to work with them and the Austrian government on many pressing issues facing Jews in danger. I would like to particularly make mention of Austria's New York Consul General Brigitta Blaha and the Deputy Consul General Andreas Launer for their tireless work on Rav Tov's behalf. I encourage all of my colleagues to join me today in commending the Austrian government and Rav Tov for their phenomenal partnership in rescuing Jews around the world living in fear and danger.

IN MEMORY OF PASTOR BOB KELLEY

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2006

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, services for Dr. Bob Kelley, 65, were held Wednesday, November 1, 2006, at Grace Baptist Church in West Columbia, South Carolina. Officiating were Rev. Milton Ker and Dr. Charles Walker. Thompson Funeral Home of Lexington handled the arrangements. Interment was Thursday, November 2, 2006, at Lakewood Memory Gardens, East Chattanooga, Tennessee; Turner Funeral Home handled the arrangements in Tennessee.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. Psalm 116:15. Upon using every treasured moment that God had graciously granted him in laboring and pasturing his Lord, loving and providing for his family, and living for and proclaiming his Savior, Dr. Robert Earl Kelley gained his entrance into heaven on Saturday, October 28, 2006. Born in Rossville, Georgia, he was the son of the late Clarence Day Kelley and Daisy Lou Hall. Known to most as "Pastor Kelley" he spent the last 43 years preaching and pasturing in West Virginia, Tennessee, and in West Columbia, South Carolina, where he recently retired as the pastor of Grace Baptist Church after 15 fruitful years of ministry. Pastor Kelley received many prestigious awards including The Order of the Palmetto, from Governor Mark Sanford, and The Order of Palmetto Patriot, from Lieutenant Governor Bauer and Senator Jake Knotts.

Survived by his loving wife, April Allene Scott Kelly of West Columbia; daughters and sons-in-law, Rachel Star Kelley Bancroft and John Bancroft of West Columbia; Laura Dawn Kelley Phillips and Chris Phillips of Charleston; Sharon Daye Kelley Goforth and David Goforth of West Columbia; sisters, JoAnn Kelley Tillman and Betty Jewel Kelley Tate both of Ooltewah, Tennessee; brother, Kenneth "Buzz" Kelley of Hixon, Tennessee. He is