A TRIBUTE TO JOSEPHINE AJAYI

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Sunday, March 21, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Josephine Ajayi for her significant contributions to the nursing profession and her community.

Josephine Moniolola Ajayi is a black American of Nigerian origin, born in Oshogbo, capital of the Oshun state of Nigeria. She had her primary and secondary education in Nigeria. She was trained and registered as a Grade 1 Midwife, and worked in this capacity in Nigeria for four years. She was married to David Ajayi, and later migrated to the United States to join him in 1973.

Josephine attended the New York City Community College and graduated with an Associate’s degree in Nursing and became a Registered Nurse. She went on to earn a Bachelors of Science in Nursing from the Long Island University Brooklyn Center, from where she later earned the MS degree in Community Health and Healthcare Administration.

Currently Josephine is the Regional Clinical Manager for Queens at the Visiting Nurses Service (VNS) of NY Long Term Home Health Care Program. She joined the organization in 1993 as an Admissions Coordinator, moved up to Patient Service Manager and then Compliance Manager. Before joining the VNS, she practiced her profession of nursing in several other institutions including St. John’s Episcopal Hospital, Lutheran Medical Center, Metropolitan Jewish General Hospital, Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center where she held the Assistant Head Nurse position in the Rehabilitation Unit.

She is an active and devoted member of the Calvary First Nigerian Seventh-day Adventist Church. She has been a Church Board member and has held many positions in the church, including, Deaconess, Secretary/Clerk, Women Ministry Leader, Education Director, Youth Teacher, etc. She is a woman who loves God and strongly believes in the power of prayer. She is a Prayer Warrior.

She is blessed with five children, Temitayo, Olumide, Abimbola, Olubusayo (daughter-in-law) Olaoluwa and Atiilola, all of whom are grown and independent. Outside of Nursing, Josephine is quite active. She belongs to Ipoti Ekiti Unity Club (IEUC) of New York, a cultural organization whose main goal is the betterment of the community the members came from, and she was recently the president of the club for five years. She also is a member of Nigerian Adventists in North America (NANA), an organization devoted to the spiritual, mental, physical and cultural well-being of its youth and older members. She is a member of the Africa Advisory Board of the Atlantic Union of Seventh-Day Adventist Church. She is a recipient of the Exemplary Leadership Award from the IUCNY and the Ipoti community. Her hobbies include sewing, photography, shopping and cooking.

She is a woman who believes that “what is worth doing at all is worth doing well.” She fully commits herself to any efforts she decides to pursue, be it in her private or public life, with the goal of making a difference for the better in the job environment and in the lives of consumers of her services. She is a person who does not believe in mediocrity. She learns details of her job and endeavors to produce excellence. She is generous and supportive of others and endeavors to make a difference in other people’s lives.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Josephine Ajayi.

A TRIBUTE TO BARBARA BIGGS GLOVER

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS
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Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Barbara Biggs Glover, a leader in local business and professional organizations and a great asset to the Brooklyn community.

Barbara Biggs Glover is the daughter of Raymond R. Biggs, Sr. and Ruby E. Biggs, both deceased. She is the oldest of her siblings, four sisters and two brothers. Barbara grew up in Brownsville’s Van Dyke Houses. Barbara is a graduate from PS 150, George Gemshwin J.H.S. 166 and Prospect Heights H.S. She attended Pace University and New York Technical College.

Barbara was employed by New York Telephone Company 1968. She was an active Union Shop Steward in 1972 (CWA 1109) and 1986 (CWA 1101) and Chief Steward in 1995 for Communications Workers of America Local 1101. Barbara served as Vice President of the National Black Coalition, NY chapter, a member of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists. CWA 1109 and CWA 1101 Equity Committee, CWA Local 1101 Women’s Committee, CWA International Minority Caucus, Co-Editor for the CWA Local 1101 Newspaper “The Generator” in 1985, National Coalition of Negro Women, Brooklyn Women’s Coalition, and the Association of BellTel Retirees, Inc. In 2001 she retired from Verizon after 33 years of service as a Facilities Specialist and Chief Steward.

In 1982, Barbara joined the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women’s Clubs, Inc. (NANBPWC) as a member of the former East New York Club (ENYC). Barbara was elected President and became a Life Member in 1993. In 1995, Barbara became a member of the Brooklyn Club, NANBPWC, Inc. Barbara was appointed and serves as the Brooklyn Club’s Liaison to Acom Community High School. She is currently the President of the Brooklyn Club, NANBPWC, Inc.

Barbara is a Charter member of The Brooklyn Restoration Lions Club International, District 20-K1. She has served as Co-Chair of membership and currently serves as Chair of Membership and 20-K1 Brooklyn Chair of Lions Guest. She is the Vice President of the 300 Quincy Street Association and serves on the 79th Precinct Community Council, Inc., as an Outreach Coordinator and has received an Appreciation Award for Service in July 2008 and a member of the Community Board #3 Block and Civic Committee. The East New York United Concerned Citizens, Inc. presented Barbara with a Woman of Distinction Award on Saturday, October 19, 2008.

Barbara Biggs Glover is a member of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church. Faith and Family is the essence of a person. She is blessed to be happily married to James L. Glover; they have two beautiful daughters Jerrita Elydia Teel, Anissa Nicole Glover, son James Malik Glover and two handsome grandsons William Ameer Toland IV and Samuel Alexander Bivens III.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Barbara Biggs Glover.

A TRIBUTE TO ADUKE AREMU

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Sunday, March 21, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Aduke Aremu, an educator and writer whose work has helped children in Brooklyn and throughout the world.

Aduke Aremu was born in Brooklyn, New York where she graduated with honors from George W. Wingate High School. She received scholarships and awards to attend Hunter College where she graduated from with a Bachelor’s Degree and Masters Degree in Education and Theatre. She received her degree in Education Administration and Supervision from the College of New Rochelle and a Ph.D. from New York University.

Her success as an educator and writer took her to Africa many times and eventually she received the loving name Aduke Aremu which she used as an international writer along with her birth name Gwendolyn given to her by her parents.

Aduke Aremu worked for the Department of Education of New York City, the Department of Education of Connecticut and the Department of Education of Westchester County. During this 27 year period, she opened two Innovative schools: The Star Academy which found a home as a small school project which found a home as a small school.
at Wingate High School. Ms. Aremu partnered with Ana Goldson-Walker who introduced the business community and bi-lingual educators and artists.

During the 27 year period as an educator and administrator she created and organized numerous children projects, productions and workshops to include innovative practices in education and progressive arts and reading programs.

For 20 years she created and administered the world renowned Harlem Children’s Theatre, a not-for-profit education and arts organization that performed in Nigeria, Jamaica, Barbados, France, Spain, England, Bermuda and Germany.

This Education Theatre company was also a special guest of the Nigerian Government at Festac (an International Festival of the Arts) and the Jamaican and Barbados Consul General. In Jamaica and Barbados she organized education missions. In 1985 she formed two additional new education nonprofits for the children of Brooklyn: New Dove and the New York Youth Consortium, Inc. in 1997.

Aduke Aremu is also a published writer whose children books were published by Gumbs and Thomas of New York, a book of poetry published in Germany and in Atlanta, Georgia and ten plays that have been produced at the Negro Ensemble Center in Washington, DC, the Public Theatre by the late Joseph Papp, the Negro Ensemble Company by renowned Director Douglas Turner Ward, The Billie Holiday Theatre, Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, Carnegie Hall, The Brooklyn Academy of Music, Town Hall, and 42nd Street Theatre Row.

Aduke also received an Award from the Nigerian Government for her writings.

Aduke has studied education abroad and worked with educators, artists and writers in Ghana, Germany, Nigeria, Benin, Tanzania Kenya, Jamaica and Barbados.

Aduke Aremu has served as a consultant for NEA in Washington, DC, the New York State Council for the Arts, the Governor’s Office of New York and the United Nations with the late Mrs. Andrew Young. Presently Aduke is the CEO of the International Public Relations and Fund Raising Company—Dove LLC of Atlanta, Georgia and New York City.

Aduke Aremu is married to Calvin Anderson of New Rochelle, New York and has an extended family of four young adults (Hakim, CJ, Mimi and Tricia).

Aduke Aremu owes her success to Jehovah-God and great mentors, family and friends especially Vivian Y. Bright, Ana Goldson-Walker of Brooklyn, New York and Dawn Alice of New Jersey. These ladies have served as mentors and positive role models for Aduke’s life goals and accomplishments.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements and contributions of Aduke Aremu.

At the beginning, it has been instilled in Ellen Carlisle-Smith, that the correct way to live your life is to do what is right. What was right for Ellen Carlisle-Smith was to achieve a valuable education; She attended public schools in Queens, New York. After high school graduation, Ellen registered for classes at the City College of New York for her bachelor’s in Elementary Education. Setting a new standard for educated women during this era, Ms. Carlisle-Smith received a Master’s Degree in reading from Columbia University, followed by a Master’s in early childhood education from City College of New York. Y. Ellen was selected to participate in a special program in NY for aspiring supervisors. She accomplished her certification in administration and completed this advanced degree in Supervision and Administration from City College of New York.

Ellen values the teaching and learning process, and believes that education gives all a solid foundation that will promote high standards, knowledge and leadership for a better life. Growing up with the encouragement from her educated mother, Ellen remembers vividly how her mother instilled within her the everlasting value of an education.

In Harlem in 1978, she began teaching third grade, then grades kindergarten, second and fourth for the next nine years. Her principal recognized her effectiveness as a classroom teacher and assigned her to a reading specialist to remediate struggling students in reading and writing. Ellen taught a total of six years in her first Harlem school. In 1994, she was promoted to a Reading Coordinator’s position in Brooklyn, NY.

Ellen briefly relocated to Texas in 1996 for six years where she had a valuable learning experience as a principal intern/assistant principal. She returned to NY in 2002 and was offered the Assistant Principal’s position at P.S. 399 in Brooklyn, NY. This journey taken by Ellen Carlisle-Smith brings her to where she is today as Principal of Public School 6, Brooklyn, NY.

Ms. Carlisle-Smith’s philosophy of education begins and ends with the belief that educators must value all children. From that, she feels responsible to ensure that students will be provided with a quality education that will develop their academic, social, and creative abilities. As Principal of P.S. 6, Ms. Carlisle-Smith is a proud of her students and staff. She greatly values how everyone works together and protects each other, all in the sake of unity and strength.

Throughout her career, Ellen has been recognized by her colleagues for her hard work and many achievements. In June of 1998 she was awarded a “Certificate of Achievement” from Plano, TX. When Ms. Carlisle was an Assistant Principal at P.S. 399, she was presented the “Performing Arts Award,” in 2004, April 2005 and April 2007. The NYS Education Department awarded her the Rapidly Improving Gap Closing Schools Award. Ellen was presented the City Council Citation Award in March 2009 for outstanding citizen for both community and the great City of New York.

Ellen’s hobbies are reading, knitting, baking and gardening. She loves spending time with two adult children, Greg, Ellen has an identical twin sister, Emily. She is also a member of the Presbyterian Church of Saint Albans, Queens, N.Y.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the contributions of Ellen Carlisle-Smith.

A TRIBUTE TO MARIE LILY CERAT

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS
OF NEW YORK
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Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Marie Lily Cerat, for her service to the Brooklyn community, commitment to education and promotion of Haitian language and culture.

Marie Lily Cerat came to the United States in 1981, and made Brooklyn, New York her adopted home away from her native Haiti. She has been an educator with the New York Public education system for over eighteen years. At present, she works as a Resource Specialist with the Haitian Bilingual/ESL Technical Assistance Center (HABETAC) at Brooklyn College where she is responsible for planning and conducting professional development sessions for teachers working with Haitian English language learners in the public schools and Haitian parents. She is co-founder and Advisory Board member of the Women for Haitian Refugees (HWHR), a thriving and respected community-based organization in Brooklyn. The organization was created by Ms. Cerat and Ninaja Raoul, in 1992, after the two returned from working with the U.S. Department of Justice as a Haitian language specialist in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. They assisted in translation and other human services with the Haitians housed on the U.S. base after the 1991 coup d’etat against President Jean-Bertrand Aristide in Haiti. At its beginning, HWHR provided English as a Second Language (ESL) and adult literacy programs, but its services have since extended to advocating on behalf of Haitian refugees and immigrants, defending worker exploitation, and lobbying against anti-immigrant policy.

Cerat has huge interest in literature, writing and the arts, and is a doctoral student in the French Doctoral program at the CUNY Graduate Center where she will pursue a specialization in francophone literature and inter-human rights. She holds a master’s degree in English/Creative Writing from the City College of New York and a bachelor’s degree from the College for Human Services.

The respect and promotion of Haitian language and culture, human and girls/women rights are among some of the issues she is most passionate about.

In 1992 she published a West African folk tale, Do Tòti, The Turtle’s Back, in Haitian Creole for children. She has written a commentary for National Public Radio, which was aired in 2001 as part of the Racism Conference in South Africa. Over the years, she served on the Board of Directors of the Network of Educators on the Americas (NECA), two biographical essays on Vodou are part of the 1998/2005 Ten Speed Press book, Vodou: Visions and Voices by the photographer Phyllis Galembo. She is a regular contributor to Haiti Livre, a weekly Haitian newspaper in New York. Most recently, one of her short stories was selected to appear in an upcoming 2010 anthology by the Haitian-American writer/editor Edwidge Dantin.
A TRIBUTE TO BEVERLY COLLIER
HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Sunday, March 21, 2010
Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Beverly Collier, for her commitment to human services and her many contributions to her community.

Beverly Collier is the Director of the “My Turn Program” at Kingsborough Community College, in Brooklyn, NY. She is a native New Yorker and was raised in Queens, NY. She attended Baruch College, CUNY where she received a Masters in Business Administration and Management. Ms. Collier has a graduate certificate in Aging from Brookdale Center for Healthy Aging & Longevity of Hunter College (formerly Brookdale Center on Aging).

As the Director of the My Turn Program, Ms. Collier oversees the registration and advisement of the program’s students, all of whom are 50 years of age. The program allows senior citizens to take courses on a matriculating or non-matriculating basis, and currently has over 500 students enrolled in day and evening classes.

The majority of Ms. Collier’s professional experience has been in human services, specifically providing services to elders and their families. Prior to joining Kingsborough Community College, she worked for Services for the Underserved as the Senior Vice President for Home Care Services for 23 years and played a critical role in the expansion of the Home Care division. In this position, Ms. Collier managed two home care agencies and a home modifications program for disabled individuals.

In addition to her administrative positions, Ms. Collier is an adjunct instructor in the Human Services Department at New York College of Technology in Brooklyn, NY where she has taught courses in the management of human service organizations and gerontology. She is also a workshop facilitator and has conducted a series of trainings in effective communication and management skills for the Research Foundation of CUNY in New York City and upstate New York.

Recently, Ms. Collier has combined her professional background in elder care with her personal experience as a care giver for her late mother, by developing and presenting trainings to professional and family care givers. She is passionate about the opportunity to share her caregiver story through helping others care for their loved ones.

In 2009, Ms. Collier was elected Chair of the Board of Directors for Unique People Services a non-profit organization providing services to individuals and families affected by developmental disabilities, mental illness and AIDS. She has also volunteered with the Speakers Bureau of the Medicare Rights Center and the Home Care Council of NYC.

Ms. Collier loves to travel and has been fortunate to visit Ghana, Nigeria, Jamaica, Argentina, Guyana, England and more. Her travel has mostly been for pleasure. In 1996, however, she traveled to Argentina to deliver a presentation on hiring and training home care workers to health care professionals who were working to expand a similar program in their country. The trip was organized by the CUNY Consortium for the Study of Disabilities.

Ms. Collier lives in St. Albans and is the mother of two adult children; her daughter, Maia Rosser, is a social worker, and her son, Akunna Rosser, is a guidance counselor.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Beverly Collier.

A TRIBUTE TO AYLAN DAWKINS
HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Sunday, March 21, 2010
Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Aylan Dawkins for her continued dedication to the service of others.

Mrs. Aylan Dawkins was born and raised in the beautiful island of Trinidad. After several visits to the United States, she decided to relocate to New York in 1987. She is married to Paul Dawkins, who is a corrections officer. They have three loving children: Aisha, Darwin, and Devon. Aylan is also a proud grandmother to one grandchild named Ethan.

Mrs. Dawkins joined Interfaith Medical Center in 1996 and worked in the Home Care Department for 1 year. She was then transferred to the Finance Department and eventually moved on to the Chief Financial Officer’s Department. At present, she is the Executive Assistant to the Chief Financial Officer.

In her capacity as Executive Assistant, Aylan represents the Finance Department on a number of committees set up by the institution including the annual ball which raises money for the hospital and honors outstanding members of the community. She also organizes the summer golf outing which has given the hospital visibility in the health industry.

Aylan became a Certified Nursing Assistant in 1997. She devotes her weekends to service at the Isabella Geriatric Center where she extends her recognizable compassion, patience, and understanding to the elderly.

She excels in communication, team effort, and providing professionalism and courteous service with a smile at all times.

She is extremely hardworking and dedicated at work and at home. Mrs. Dawkins is a devoted religious woman and the rock of her family. She organizes yearly family picnics, summer events, and also enjoys cooking all her favorite dishes for her friends and family. Aylan Dawkins is certainly a dynamic woman.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Aylan Dawkins.

A TRIBUTE TO CARON MARIE MARTIN CLOVIE
HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Sunday, March 21, 2010
Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Caron Marie Martin Clovie for her commitment to serve communities in need in Brooklyn.

Caron Marie Martin Clovie is the President and Founder of Sister, Sister In-Law. Sister, Sister In-Law began as a group which provided affirmation and bonding and has grown to a�n’s group which provided affirmation and bonding and has grown to a support group which provides affirmation and bonding and has grown to a women’s group which provides affirmation and bonding and has grown to a community group which provides affirmation and bonding and has grown to a community group which provides affirmation and bonding and has grown to a community group which provides affirmation and bonding and has grown to a community group which provides affirmation and bonding and has grown.

The organization encourages women to love...
themselves and to love one another. The motto is designed to uplift and empower each other, it teaches that “A Sister Can’t Fly With Just One Wing.”

Caron Marie Clovie was born on March 10, 1955 to Jessie and Lillie Martin. Her home growing up was in East New York, Brooklyn, working for the neighborhood youth corps and the anti-poverty programs of East New York. Caron’s focus was ensuring the safety and well being of the adolescents in the community. With a strong focus on females, she worked for the anti-poverty programs of East New York until called to work for the Health & Hospital Corporation of New York.

Health care became Caron’s passion. In 1975 she worked for the East New York NFCC, a pilot program for a new way to administer health care to underprivileged families. After working hard at this facility she became a clerical supervisor in less than a year. The need for quality health care began to increase fast. A new site was built on Pitkin and Pennsylvania Avenue. The small facility became the East New York D&TC. Caron’s career now continued with HHC where she was hired to work for another new program called The Metro Plus Health Plan. This program was designed to ensure quality health care for all who needed it. Caron enjoyed this, her career met her passion as her job was to make sure that affordable quality care was available to the residents of East New York. Caron became field manager and was assigned to the Brooklyn North, where her team was responsible for the enrollment of more than 300 families in their first quarter.

In addition to playing Sister, Sister Law’s and Girls Alummi!this May, Caron is currently working at Odyssey House in their adolescent facility for girls only. She is married to Robert Clovie and has raised two sons: Aaron and Jamie.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the work of Caron Marie Clovie.

WHEN WILL AMERICA RECOVER?

HON. PETER HOEKSTRA
OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Sunday, March 21, 2010

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Madam Speaker, I submit the following.

WHEN WILL AMERICA RECOVER?

(By Hon. Nick Smith, former U.S. Representative (MI–07))

I just returned from speaking at several British universities on American politics and the economy. England, like the United States, has high unemployment and huge government debt. Many I spoke to believed that the current global economic mess is all our fault. In a sense, they are right. As the world’s leading economy, our economic health affects everyone, especially trading and investment partners at $400 billion–

The students were most interested in my opinion on how long it would take before America recovers economically. Some White House economists are predicting that we can fully recover from this recession in a year or two. As I told my students, however, it will take ten years or more to rebuild our economy—and then only if we can control spend-

ing. It’s not just, “the government” or even “the Democrats.” All of us, government and consumers alike, have been living on borrowed money. Our national savings rate three years ago was a negative number. One bit of recent good news is that consumers have increased their estimated average individual annual income by five percent, which means less consumer spending in the short run but a stronger overall economy in the long run. The Government needs to do likewise.

But Congress not only continues to borrow, it is borrowing more than ever with no sign of stopping. Deficit spending, expected to hit $1 trillion by the end of the President’s proposed budget. His budget projects huge deficits every year for the foreseeable future. This debt, which is the sum of all historical deficits, now adds up to $12 trillion. Interest on that debt consumes almost ten percent of federal spending. Without dramatic change the future will be much worse. Interest rates will be doubling and the unfunded liabilities (what we’ve promised to pay out in the future) for entitlements such as Medicare, Social Security, Medicaid and veterans’ benefits adds up to another $60 trillion debt—in today’s dollars.

Reckless spending has mostly been driven by Congressmen caving in front of voters who demand ever more money and services from “the government” to solve their problems. But this gets money, from current taxpayers and lenders. Who will repay these lenders? Future taxpayers. Each baby born in this country is instantly saddled with $40,000 of government debt, not including interest. And that does not include future deficit spending or the $60 trillion in unfunded liabilities. We have ended up with a tax, borrow, and spend government that will handicap future generations. Ten years ago, our federal spending was 18% of GDP. 4 years ago, it was 20%, and today it’s over 24%. The dollar increase will have gone from $1.8 trillion in 2000 to $3.8 trillion in the President’s budget. That is over 200 percent of spending ten years ago.

Washington’s over-spending not only mortgages our children’s future, it crowds out business and industry borrowing today, for research, expansion and ultimately jobs.

As alarming as these numbers are, even more worrisome is that our political and economic system is nearing a tipping point that, if reached, will change this country forever. Today 56% of voters pay less than 2% of the total income tax. These voters want the government to solve more of their problems, and why not? It’s in their best interest to elect politicians who will spend more because they don’t have to pay for it, and it’s in politicians’ best interest to vote for that spending to get reelected. Meanwhile, countries like Communist China, which has lent the United States nearly a trillion dollars, gains more and more influence in foreign affairs, literally.

The point is that we’re close to losing our status as a strong economic power. That affects us, our children, England, and the rest of the world who rely on us for our leadership and for much of their own economic well being. It is in all of our interest to be more self sufficient, ask less of Washington and bring down government spending.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEITH ELLISON
OF MINNESOTA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Sunday, March 21, 2010

Mr. ELLISON. Madam Speaker, on March 20, 2010, I was absent but had I been present, I would have voted “aye.”

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE PENCE
OF INDIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Sunday, March 21, 2010

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I was absent from the House floor during rollcall votes 141, 144, 145, 146 and 147. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes” on each rollcall vote.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ZOE LOFGREN
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Sunday, March 21, 2010

Ms. LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, due to an immediate family health situation, I was absent from vote for the afternoon of March 18, and absent from votes for March 19 and 20, 2010. Had I been present I would have voted: rollcall Nos. 128—“yes”; 129—“yes”; 130—“yes”; 131—“yes”; 132—“yes”; 133—“yes”; 134—“yes”; 135—“yes”; 136—“yes”; 137—“yes”; 138—“yes”; 139—“yes”; 140—“yes”; 141—“no”; 142—“yes”; 143—“yes”; 144—“yes”; 145—“yes”; 146—“yes”; 147—“yes”; 148—“no”; 149—“yes”; 150—“yes”; 151—“yes”; 152—“yes”; 153—“yes” and 154—“yes.”
Representative Charles T. Canady on the occasion of his appointment as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Florida, marking a distinguished career in judicial and public service.

Justice Canady’s steadfast commitment toward upholding the laws and principles on which our nation was founded will serve the people of the State of Florida well through his appointment as Chief Justice to the Florida Supreme Court.

During his tenure in the U.S. House of Representatives, Justice Canady served this nation and the people of the 12th Congressional District, which I now represent, with honor and distinction. He began his public service career as a member of Florida House of Representatives from 1984 to 1990. In 1992, Justice Canady was elected to the 103rd Congress and served four terms in the United States House of Representatives from January 1993 to January 2001.

Throughout his tenure in Congress, Justice Canady was an active member of the House Judiciary Committee. For three terms from January 1995 to January 2001, former Rep. Canady was the Chairman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution. In this capacity, his efforts toward protecting and defending the laws of our nation made a lasting mark not only on this body, but on the American people for whom we are called to serve.

Justice Canady kept his term limits pledge, and did not seek reelection to a fifth term in 2000. After leaving Congress, Justice Canady returned to the practice of law, acting as Legal Counsel to Florida Governor Jeb Bush. In 2002, Governor Bush appointed him to Florida’s Second District Court of Appeals. On August 27, 2008, Governor Charlie Crist nominated Justice Canady to the Florida Supreme Court. His nomination was confirmed and Justice Canady took his seat as the 82nd Associate Justice to the Florida Supreme Court on September 8, 2008, and was sworn in through a formal investiture on December 3, 2008.

He began his distinguished career in judicial and public service upon earning a bachelor’s degree from Haverford College and a juris doctorate degree from Yale Law School. Former Congressman Charles T. Canady is a resident of Lakeland, Florida, and is married to wife Jennifer and has two daughters, Julia and Anna. Charles T. Canady is the son of Charles and Delores Canady.

On behalf of the 12th Congressional District, it is honor to pay tribute to Justice Canady, as a former member of this body and one who has served his State and nation with honor and distinction, upon this appointment as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Florida.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF STAFF AND CBO

HON. PAUL RYAN
OF WISCONSIN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Sunday, March 21, 2010
Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, for over a year, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has been working on literally a non-stop basis on this legislation.

Their objective non-partisan analysis is critical to us as we develop legislation. I want to thank Director Elmendorf and all at CBO for their service to Congress in providing analysis and budget estimates on this legislation.

In addition, we held a markup last week on Monday that ran until nearly midnight. The House Budget Committee staff and staff in my personal office spent last weekend, all this past week, and this weekend working on this legislation. I want to thank them for their work on this legislation. A list of the staff appears below.

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