the U.S. Marine Corps for six years. He and his wife Barbara, who reside in Hamburg, NY, are the parents of two sons, Dylan and Tyler.

Dan Veranjes, also a Marine, served our country for eight years including duty during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Dan has been on the UPS team for 13 years. He is known for his customer skills and is always there to help out new employees. Dan is married to wife Erika and together they live in Hamburg, NY with their four children: Isabella, Griffin, Caleb and Zoe.

Mike Burns is not only a veteran of the Marines; he is a 26-year veteran with UPS. Mike served as a Reservist for six years out of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Center on Porter Avenue in Buffalo and received military training in Norway. Mike has an exemplary record at UPS with 16 years of safe driving and an injury-free career. Lancaster residents Mike and his wife Jennifer are the parents of 10-year-old-Madelyn.

UPS is one of the largest employers of reservists and returning veterans. On any given day UPS has about 3,100 employees who are on military leave and there are nearly 25,000 additional UPS employees working today who have served in the military at some point in their lives.

In fact, Erie County Department of Veterans Director MAJ Carlos M. Benitez, a retired veteran of the New York Army National Guard, also previously worked for UPS.

We commend UPS for their commitment to our active-duty and returning veterans and recognize these Western New York employees for extending the same dedication and leadership in the UPS workplace as they did in the U.S. Armed Forces.

A TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT CLINT JOHN CARTON

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Clint J. Carton of Earlville, Iowa for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about 5 percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. For his project, Clint chose to construct five separate exercise stations on the Heritage Trail near Dyersville. Clint's project required extensive coordination with the Dubuque County Conservation Board to account for the lack of water and electricity. In total, this project took more than 110 hours of hard work to complete. The work ethic Clint has shown in his Eagle Project and every other project leading up to his Eagle Scout rank speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Clint and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating him on obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking, and I wish him continued success in his future education and career.

RECOGNIZING WHEELER'S JANITORIAL SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT, INC. FOR ITS COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a determined and self motivated business owner, Rev. Tommy Wheeler of Copiah County, Mississippi for his commitment in keeping Wheeler's Janitorial Supplies & Equipment, Inc. a vital part of the business community.

Rev. Wheeler was born on August 23, 1949, to James and Wilma Wheeler. He attended school at Shady Grove School and William H. Holtzclaw Memorial School in Copiah County, Mississippi. After graduating from high school he attended Hinds Community College. In 2004 he received a Certificate of Biblical Studies from Mississippi Baptist Seminary and later in 2010, attended Bethel Christian University, Hazlehurst Campus and he is presently enrolled at the Copiah County Ministerial Alliance in Hazlehurst, Mississippi.

Rev. Wheeler's entrepreneurial spirit was inspired early in life by his father, who instilled in the basic principle that, "you can do anything you put your mind to" this principle with his desire to be his own boss led him to his path of success, when in 1997, he and a friend selling janitorial supplies to customers throughout Copiah County.

A year later, Wheeler's Janitorial Supplies & Equipment was established. From the beginning Rev. Wheeler used every resource he had to ensure the success of his business, including utilizing his garage as storage for his supplies and cutting overhead by solely selling, ordering and delivering supplies.

In 2007 Wheeler's Janitorial Supplies & Equipment officially became certified as a Minority- Owned and Operated Business Enterprise and received Central Contractor Registration. The notion of hard work and striving to be your own boss is something that Rev. Wheeler continues to believe and it has led to great success. Currently, Rev. Wheeler has expanded his business that started as a team of one in his garage going from door to door to a team of six with dealings with multiple companies within the community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Rev. Tommy Wheeler, owner of Wheeler's Janitorial Supplies & Equipment, Inc. for his entrepreneurial spirit and dutiful service to the community.

ON WAIVING SECTION 907 OF THE FREEDOM SUPPORT ACT

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2012

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on October 24, 1992, President George H.W. Bush signed the FREEDOM Support Act into law. This legislation provided for monetary assistance to be provided to the countries of the former Soviet Union to aid their transition to democracy and build-up their civil societies.

Included in the legislation was Section 907, a provision which precluded the Republic of Azerbaijan from receiving any assistance through the FREEDOM Support Act. Azerbaijan was the only country to be singled out in the statute from receiving assistance.

Since then, cooperation between the United States and Azerbaijan has expanded beyond recognition—encompassing military, intelligence, economic, business, academic, and cultural ties. This has resulted in increasing the security and prosperity of both countries.

Given Azerbaijan's strong partnership with allies such as Israel, and its proximity to Iran, the extent of their contribution to our security cannot be overstated. For this reason, Section 907 has been waived by Executive Order every year since 2001 by Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama.

While these Executive Orders have largely mitigated the practical effects of Section 907, its lingering presence as a part of U.S. law is offensive to Azerbaijan and its people. As American companies prosper from helping access and transport Azerbaijan's rich natural resources, and as Azerbaijani troops stand side-by-side with America's heroes against international terrorism, it is disingenuous to single out our ally as a pariah state.

Every Secretary of State over the past two decades and many prominent members of the American business community support the repeal of Section 907. Twenty years after it was signed into law, Section 907 of the FREEDOM Support Act has become a relic of a previous era and a slap in the face to America's closest ally in the Caspian Region, and I call on my colleagues in Congress to help stand up in support of our friend, Azerbaijan, and repeal Section 907 as expeditiously as possible.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF MILTON FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2012

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to recognize the centennial anniversary of Milton First Assembly of God, in Santa Rosa County, Florida.

Milton First Assembly of God traces its roots back to the early Pentecostal movements of the 20th century, when a small group of fervent believers came together during a tent revival meeting in 1912 and formed the Pentecostal Assembly of God Church. The enlightening sermons given by Reverends Sherman

McGraw and Isaac Jordan, along with the passionate religious conviction of early congregants like Mrs Minnie Cobb, helped to draw additional members and expand the church's role in the community. Shortly after its founding, the church was forced to move from a tent to a larger permanent location to accommodate its growing membership.

In 1969, the church name was officially changed to the Milton First Assembly of God. At this time, Pastor Fred Rogers and his wife Jackie assumed leadership of the congregation. Pastor and Mrs. Rogers further strengthened their fellowship numbers through several outreach programs and a successful bus ministry. After years of dedication and faith in our Lord, the church was able to purchase property to build the campus their growing faith community needed. Now, 43 years later, Pastor and Mrs. Rogers and Milton First Assembly of God continue to foster spiritual and professional growth by providing religious guidance and philanthropy to the church members and surrounding community.

One hundred years after its founding, the strong moral framework and religious convictions of the church's original congregation continue to guide the church as it serves Northwest Florida. Multiple generations of the Santa Rosa County community have raised families while worshipping and rejoicing in the Word of God at Milton First Assembly of God, and the congregation has remained faithfully devoted to the Lord. Santa Rosa County is greatly indebted to their outstanding service.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it gives me great pleasure to commemorate the centennial anniversary of Milton First Assembly of God. My wife Vicki joins me in congratulating the congregation and thanking them for their service to the community. May the Spirit of the Lord continue to bless the church on this important milestone and the many to come.