as President of the Columbus branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) for several years; was the President and Founder of ''A Call To Talk'' (ACTT); Chairman of One Columbus; and Chartering Pastor of the General Missionary Baptist Church Convention of West Germany.

He is also the recipient of the Outstanding Personality of the South Award; Ten Outstanding Ministers in the State of Georgia Award; Alpha Phi Alpha Martin Luther King Jr. Award; Operation PUSH Martin Luther King, Jr. Award; Jack T. Brinkley, Sr. Service Award, and the Knighthood Award from the Congress of Christian Education. In addition, Dr. Flakes was recently awarded the Whitney M. Young Service Award by the Boy Scouts of America Chattahoochee Council for his support of Scouting in the community.

On a personal note, I have been truly blessed by Dr. Flakes' spiritual counsel and guidance over the twenty-four years I was a member of Fourth Street Missionary Baptist Church. His courage, perseverance, and dedication to his church and his Savior will always be a source of inspiration for me. Dr. Flakes was an outstanding man of God who, through his deep and abiding faith, made a tremendous impact on his community. He will truly be missed but his unwavering spirit will live on through the many whose lives were touched and inspired by this remarkable man.

Dr. George Washington Carver once said, ''No individual has any right to come into the world and go out of it without leaving behind distinct and legitimate reasons for having passed through it.'' We are so blessed that Dr. Johnny Flakes, Jr. passed this way and shared with us his legacy of service that will stand the test of time.

Mr. Speaker, my wife Vivian and I, along with the almost 700,000 people in the 2nd Congressional District of Georgia, would like to extend our deepest sympathies to Dr. Flakes' wife of more than fifty-seven years, Robena Gaines Flakes, their three children Sincera, Johnny and Merle, their grandchildren, and the members of Fourth Street Missionary Baptist Church and Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church during this difficult time. May they be consoled and comforted by their abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

TRIBUTE TO PERCEL JONES

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2012

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Percel Jones. It is an honor to represent Mr. Jones in the House of Representatives and I call on my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to such an outstanding citizen.

Bro. Percel Jones was born in Camden, NC to the late Ida Mae Jones Gregory. He was raised by his great grandmother, Ida Mae Dough Jones who also raised his mother. He is the oldest of eight, with six sisters and one brother. He is the father of three sons and has seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. After attending public school in North Carolina, he served four years in the United States Air Force where he went to cooking school. With on the job training, he learned to cook for as many as 2,500 people.

In 1961, he moved to Brooklyn, NY where he applied his skills in restaurants, school lunchrooms and New York hospitals. In 1967, he began employment with the New York City Transit Authority as a conductor, was elevated to motorman and retired as a motor instructor after 24 years, 3 months, and 7 days on the job. He is a member of Berean Baptist church where he serves faithfully as an usher. In 1973, he entered, passed and was raised to a master mason in African 459 Lodge #63, PHA.

In 1974, he became a member of Long Island Consistory #61. In 1975, he joined Mt. Moriah Chapter #3 R.A.M. He was created in ABU BEKR Temple #91 A.E.A.O.N.M.S. of North and South American Jurisdiction. In August of 2009, he received his Honorary Past Potentate degree. In May of 2011, he was elevated to the 33rd and last degree of masonry, the United Supreme Council Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry P.H.A. of the Northern Jurisdiction in Denver, CO. At the 119th Imperial Council Session A.E.A.O.N.M.S. Inc. held in New Orleans, LA in August of 2012, he received his Legion of Honor Certificate.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Percel Jones.

TRIBUTE TO KELLY SHEEHAN MARTIN

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2012

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the members of my Congressional Staff who have served with me over the past six years while I have been in office. A Member of Congress' most important responsibility is to provide exceptional constituent services and my Staff is second to none in providing the best assistance to everyone in our District. I take great pride in the work that each one has done on my behalf and on behalf of everyone in the 11th Congressional District of North Carolina.

Each District Staff member has shown a strong sense of dedication in meeting the needs of each and every one of our constituents. They often go well beyond the call to make sure each constituent is treated fairly and respectfully by our government agencies and that they receive appropriate resolution. I owe a debt of gratitude to each one of them for the support and friendship which they have shown me while I have served in Congress.

Kelly Sheehan Martin began serving on my District staff when I first took office. Kelly helped to establish our office early on as being a source of relief to those having trouble with the Social Security Administration. Kelly then moved into coordinating Grants and Special Projects. She did a tremendous job in leading such efforts as a Regional Jobs Fair that publicized well over 600 available jobs during the height of the recession, providing access and hope to constituents and many more throughout Western North Carolina.

Kelly should be proud of the service she has provided to our District and country. It has been an honor to serve with her and as I retire from office I wish her the very best in the future. Western North Carolina is a better place because of her efforts and I will cherish the memories of serving with Kelly and the team by my side.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking Kelly Sheehan Martin for her hard work on behalf of all of Western North Carolina and to wish her continued success in her future endeavors.

HONORING EURO-AMERICAN WOMEN'S COUNCIL CREATIVE DIRECTOR AND ARTIST KENYA R. TAYLOR

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2012

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I honor Kenya R. Taylor, a hardworking and talented artist who also serves as the Euro-American Women's Council's Creative Director. The Euro-American Women's Council was founded sixteen years ago on the principles of endorsing high ranking professional women from around the world while promoting their strong family values. As a professional accomplished artist who took these values to heart, Kenya joined the Euro-American Women's Council in 2008, bringing his artistic, gifted, and innovative talent to the organization.

Kenya's talents were first recognized at the age of five, when he was enrolled in his first art program at the Edith K. Bergtraum Elementary School in Flushing, New York. It was at this school where Kenya first learned how to paint portraits and still-lifes. Kenya quickly became known as an artist and was often asked to do special works for the school, some of which are still hanging today. However, this was just the beginning of Kenya's talent, continuing to middle school and influencing his later decision to enroll at the renowned High School of Art and Design in New York City where he studied Advanced Placement Environmental Science in addition to Architectural Design. During these high school years, Kenya also immersed himself in classes at the distinguished Parsons School of Design where he then continued his studies as an undergraduate. It was at the Parsons School of Design where he began to branch out into other forms of design such as graphic design, web design, and industrial design.

Upon graduation, Kenya became a graphic designer, and further proved his artistic talent through a vast portfolio of work ranging from television to fashion. He has also designed pieces for a variety of American political families including the Clintons and the Bushes. But after the birth of his two children, Kenya chose to move out of the spotlight to start a career that allowed him to be closer with his family.

For the past four years, Kenya's role as the Euro-American Women's Council Creative Director has allowed him full oversight and vision of the organization's design components including invitations, programs, and the website. One of his most significant accomplishments since joining the Euro-American Women's Council was working on EAWC's Silk Books commemorating 16 years of the organization's accomplishments. These banners were on display at this year's Goddess Artemis Awards and Global Business Forum,