

well as cooperation with a dozen nations on the development of a truly international space station. When we read reports of the difficulties that United States-Russian cooperation in space is encountering, it is well worth remembering how far we have come from the days of a dangerous rivalry, and how much we are trying to accomplish together. Space is not the province of a single nation—it is the province of all humanity.

In sum, we have accomplished much in the 40 years since that tiny metallic globe circled the Earth for the first time. We cannot predict with any great confidence what the next 40 years will bring. However, if the past is any guide, we can look forward to our future in space with anticipation, hope, and a sense of wonder.

TRIBUTE TO BISHOP VICTOR T. CURRY, PASTOR OF NEW BIRTH BAPTIST CHURCH

**HON. CARRIE P. MEEK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 1, 1997*

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is truly a distinct honor and privilege to pay tribute to one of Miami's great leaders, Bishop Victor T. Curry. I want to echo the same sentiments of joy and gratitude that the 10,000 members of the New Birth Baptist Church in Miami lifted up to Almighty God this past weekend to celebrate his sixth pastoral anniversary.

Bishop Curry, 37 years old, truly represents the best and the noblest of our community. As bishop, senior pastor, and teacher of New Birth Baptist Church, he is remarkably leading his congregation in the ways of God and has tirelessly worked to enlighten our community on the agenda of spiritual wisdom and good government based on our God-given conscience and responsibility.

It is indeed fitting for those of us who subscribe to the Judeo-Christian faith to pause and reflect on the important role that Bishop Curry plays in the day-to-day affairs of our community. I want to acknowledge the tremendous work he is doing in constantly guiding not only the members of New Birth Baptist Church, but the entire community. He has truly exemplified the example of Christ as the Good Shepherd, and has led his flock of believers, sharing with them the words of God's wisdom and the good news emanating from the Gospel.

His motto, "From Vision to Victory," has impacted the lives of countless people, propelling him into one of our Nation's charismatic televangelists par excellence. Along with many others in our community, I am indeed a fortunate beneficiary of Bishop Curry's televised teachings and radio ministry through the church-owned Radio WMBM-1490 AM, especially in his advocacy to demonstrate both by way of word and example our unconditional love for and commitment to the children and the elderly, the poor, the disenfranchised, and the least fortunate among us. I have learned from him the very centrality of God in our daily lives, conscious of the fact that the mandate of our faith must characterize our attitudes toward those who could least fend for themselves.

In its laudatory recognition the Miami Times aptly described him as "a forceful, courageous, and visionary leader not only of the religious community but also of our wider society \* \* \* with the recognition that our churches are part of a larger network of institutions that are the pillars of our community." Bishop Curry is fully living up to his vocation as a genuine pastor. His standards for learning, caring, and achieving, especially among the youth has won for him the accolades of our ecumenical community. Public and private agencies have oftentimes cited him for his untiring consecration to the truth and his uncompromising stance on justice and equal opportunity for all.

Moreover, his crusades in teaching many a wayward inner-city youth has become legendary. He has gained the utmost confidence of countless parents and teachers who see in him a no-nonsense motivator. They are wont to entrust him with the future of their children, fully cognizant and genuinely confident that they would learn from him the tenets of scholarship and the pursuit of scholastic excellence under a conscientious commitment and rigorous discipline.

Our community is deeply touched and comforted by his undaunted leadership, compassion, and personal warmth. As head of one of the fastest growing churches in Florida, Bishop Curry preaches and lives by the adage that under the grace of God's Providence our common quest for personal integrity and professional achievement is not beyond the reach of those who are willing to dare the impossible. As a man of God and as an indomitable leader in our community, he has rightfully earned our deepest respect and genuine admiration.

This is the great legacy Bishop Victor T. Curry is unselfishly sharing with all of us. I am greatly privileged indeed to have his friendship and his confidence, and I am grateful that he continues to teach us to live by his noble ethic of always loving God and serving our fellowmen.

SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS RE-AUTHORIZATION AND AMENDMENTS ACT OF 1997

SPEECH OF

**HON. BART GORDON**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 2, 1997*

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 2261, the Small Business Programs authorization. H.R. 2261 incorporates the provisions of H.R. 2429 which reauthorizes the Small Business Technology Transfer Program as reported by the Science Committee.

First, I want to say it has been a pleasure working with the Small Business Committee in this legislation.

During the Technology Subcommittee's hearing on the STTR program we heard strong bipartisan support for this small business, university, government partnership.

This program has been very successful at linking the research capabilities of universities and national laboratories, with the business sense and drive of our Nation's small business community.

A number of amendments have been drafted to the original legislation and I would like

to call the attention of my colleagues to one amendment in particular.

From reviewing the STTR awards made during the past 3 years, I became concerned that the majority of awards are made to only a few States.

Therefore, I suggested a provision that would require SBA to develop an outreach program to under represented States. Under represented States are defined as those which receive less than 20 awards during the prior 2 year period. During fiscal years 1995-96 only 8 states received more than 20 awards.

During the Technology Subcommittee's hearing it seemed clear that other States have fully qualified small businesses, universities, and nonprofit labs to enable them to compete successfully in the STTR program. However, in many States the program is not well-known nor does the business community know how to apply to the program. The goal of these provisions are to expand participation in the STTR program.

I want to thank Chairman SENSENBRENNER and Ranking Member BROWN of the Science Committee and Chairman TALENT and Ranking Member LAFALCE for including these specific provisions in H.R. 2261.

I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2261.

HONORING CALVARY COMMUNITY CHURCH FOR ITS 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

**HON. ESTEBAN EDWARD TORRES**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 2, 1997*

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me today in honoring the Calvary Community Church on its 50th year of unselfish dedication to the community.

For 50 years, Calvary Community Church has provided a comfortable space for worship and social gathering for residents of Norwalk, Downey, Whittier, and other neighboring cities. Founded in October 1946, the church was officially established in April 1947, when Rev. Dale E. Hundsdoerfer was named its first pastor.

In 1949, Calvary Community Church purchased property on the corner of Pioneer and Mapledale, in the city of Downey; holding services in a tent while constructing its permanent building. On April 4, 1950, the church held its first service in its new chapel. A larger sanctuary was built in 1956 to facilitate the growing congregation.

Calvary Community Church has emerged as a revolutionary church providing service for the hearing impaired, initiating food and clothing drives for the needy, holding weekly services at the California Youth Authority facilities in Norwalk, bringing SHARE, a low-cost food program, to Los Angeles County, and for the past 10 years cosponsoring summer camps for abused and neglected children. In addition, the church currently provides support for 15 missionaries and provides weekly programs for boys (Royal Rangers), girls (Missionettes), teenagers, and adults of all backgrounds.

I would also like to recognize and thank the pastors for their selfless devotion to Calvary Community Church: Rev. Dale E. Hundsdoerfer 1947-62, Rev. A.J. Sovern 1963-77, Rev. Dennis Millat 1977-87, and