

TRIBUTE TO DANIEL BOONE
FARNSWORTH

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 1998

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, as we enter the month of June in which we celebrate Father's Day, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Daniel Boone Farnsworth of Greenville, South Carolina, a pillar of the community who served his church and family tirelessly. Mr. Farnsworth died on August 24, 1994 but his three daughters continue to celebrate his life each Father's Day.

Mr. Farnsworth moved to Greenville in 1914 with his family. He gained his experience in the furniture building from his father, a furniture merchant. He worked in the furniture business for 77 years of his life, selling from a number of locations and operating a store in Gastonia, N.C. for 11 years. After his retirement, he continued to work with his sister at the Greenville Furniture Exchange helping customers and sharing stories of the past for over two decades. He felt, "the best thing about working . . . is working with people, I love people, I love people and always have."

Mr. Farnsworth was very devoted to his family. He had two sons from his first marriage in 1914 to Lizzie Farnsworth (deceased), and three daughters from his second marriage to Betty Farnsworth (deceased). At the time of his death, he was survived by a son, Jack F. Farnsworth, and his three daughters, Nellie Elizabeth Farnsworth, Emma Nance Farnsworth and Julianne Farnsworth (Mrs. Douglass A.) Snyder. He had four grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. Also a devout church member, in October 1992, Mr. Farnsworth was recognized and honored by Central Baptist Church as the oldest deacon in the church and over sixty years of service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me today in honoring Daniel Boone Farnsworth for his outstanding work as a devoted father and community member. During his life, he was a role model of commitment to community service and parenting, and he will be greatly missed by his three daughters on Father's Day this year.

A TRIBUTE TO MIDWOOD HIGH
SCHOOL AT BROOKLYN COLLEGE

HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 1998

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a few minutes to recognize the parents, students, and faculty of Midwood High School for outstanding academic achievement. On May 22 of this year Midwood was awarded the Blue Ribbon by the United States Department of Education; one of only 166 secondary schools to receive the award nationwide. The students and faculty have distinguished themselves and the Borough of Brooklyn through hard work and dedication.

Midwood High School has maintained a consistently strong academic program for several years. The United States Department of

Education named Midwood a School of Excellence for the 1986-87 school year. The College Board Advanced Placement Program rated Midwood one of the 50 best high schools in America and The National Council of Teachers presented a Midwood student with the writing achievement award for the tenth consecutive year.

The multi-ethnic, multi-racial student body at Midwood High School is committed to the school's exceptional academic standards. The number of students who pursue higher education bears testimony to the success of the school. As much as ninety-eight percent of Midwood's 1997 graduates went on to college. This year two Midwood seniors were selected as National Merit finalists. In 1997, Midwood students were awarded \$28 million in scholarships.

I commend the faculties of Midwood High School and Brooklyn College for affording Midwood students opportunities to enrich their education. The faculties of these institutions provide students with programs, designed to broaden students' academic experience. Students are encouraged to use the Brooklyn College library and other college facilities. Students are also encouraged to participate in academic competitions by the Midwood faculty. At the annual Midwood Student Congress students are exposed to legislative processes by debating issues and casting votes.

I hope that my colleagues will join me in recognizing Midwood High School as one of the finest secondary schools in America. The success of Midwood is an inspiration to urban school systems throughout the nation. I congratulate Principal Lewis Frohlich and all the teachers and students of Midwood High School.

FLAG DAY 1998

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 1998

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend birthday wishes to our nation's flag. June 14th marks flag day, and the 221st birthday of "Old Glory." My colleagues may find it interesting to note that Flag Day was first celebrated in 1877, on the centennial of the U.S. flag's existence. In 1949, President Harry Truman signed legislation making Flag Day a day of national observance.

In 1777, the Continental Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes pattern for the national flag. These stars and stripes represent more than just the original colonies and the number of states in this nation, they represent freedom and independence for Americans. In times of war, young soldiers die to ensure it will continue to stand for a symbol of freedom. They will rush to the front of the battle line to keep it waving strongly above the heads of their fellow soldiers.

Mr. Speaker, the next time we rise to pledge our allegiance to our flag, let us also be reminded of our responsibility as elected officials to defend the constitution, and to keep this nation one, where liberty and justice can be enjoyed by all.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND CHARLES
DOYLE

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 1998

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to congratulate a prominent humanitarian activist, the Reverend Charles Doyle, of Beverly Shores, Indiana, for his lifetime of service, compassion, and leadership in Northwest Indiana. After forty-five years of service with the Catholic Church, Father Doyle is retiring. On Sunday, June 28, 1998, a celebration will be held in Father Doyle's honor at St. Ann's Church, where he has served as pastor for the last thirty years.

Father Doyle has never believed that his work as a priest was limited to Sunday mornings. Even though he is extremely dedicated to the people of his parish, Father Doyle has never restricted his humanitarian activities to only his parishioners. Instead, he aids as many people as he can, no matter their situation. Indeed, Father Doyle's activism spans four decades and includes service as Chaplain at the Indiana State Prison, Chaplain of the Beatty Memorial Hospital in Westville, Indiana, priest for seven different parishes, Public Defender in LaPorte County, Indiana, and a member of the Indiana State Bar, with a specialization in criminal defense. In addition, Father Doyle has served as a board member of the National Institute Against Prejudice and Violence, the Calumet Chapter of the Indiana Civil Liberties Union, the Indiana Coalition Against the Death Penalty, and the Northwest Indiana Open Housing Center. He was also Counsel to the Michigan City Human Rights Commission, the Chairperson of the Indiana Chapter to the Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants, and a founding member of the Northwest Indiana Coalition to Abolish Control Unit Prisons. Father Doyle has been honored as an Honorary Chaplain for the Indiana House of Representatives. He has also received numerous awards including: the Whitlock Award, from the Indiana Civil Liberties Union; the Artisan Award, from the Academy of Fine Arts and Friends; and the Life Achievement Award, from the Indiana Public Defender Council.

Born in Nappanee, Indiana in 1927, Father Doyle is a lifelong Hoosier. As a young man, he chose to serve God and graduated from St. Meinrad College and Seminary, with a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy, followed by his ordination. In 1962, Father Doyle continued his education by earning a Master degree in counseling from Loyola University. After marching with Martin Luther King, Jr., from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama in 1965, Father Doyle decided to turn to law as another way to further his ministry and to aid people. Turning this dream into reality, he graduated from Valparaiso University's Law School in 1974 and soon passed the bar examination.

One of the true activists of the region, Father Doyle may be leaving the pulpit, but he will never abandon his work for social justice and prison reform. He plans to work for the goals of prison reform, abolition of the death penalty, and an end to the spirit of vengeance that pervades our society. Toward these ends, Father Doyle plans to write articles and lecture in high school and college classrooms to raise