

International Monetary Fund is now a leading advocate for debt relief in poor nations, while the World Bank incorporates environmental and labor groups into about half of its lending projects.

Now that they have the world's attention, the demonstrators should say, specifically, how they would improve upon those useful developments.

TRIBUTE TO THE PILGRIM  
BAPTIST CHURCH OF SAN MATEO

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2000

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the proud history and social contributions of the Pilgrim Baptist Church of San Mateo, California. Since its founding over seventy-three years ago, this house of worship has grown not only in numbers but also in its commitment to community service.

During the 1920's, the Peninsula south of San Francisco was dotted with small towns, neighborhoods filled with people of many colors and creeds who were drawn to the beauty and promise of the Bay Area. In this era of change the Pilgrim Baptist Church was born. On New Year's Eve 1925, A.J. Lucas of San Mateo hosted a prayer and watch meeting in his North Fremont Street residence. These gatherings became regular occurrences in the months to follow, as Mr. Lucas and his fellow believers convened on Sunday and Thursday evenings at the Lucas' home. On April 4, 1926, the church was formally organized and named the Abyssinia Missionary Baptist Church.

During the decades to come, as America waged a world war and the City of San Mateo grew into a vibrant community of culture and commerce, the Pilgrim Baptist Church continued to thrive. In 1962, when it constructed its present sanctuary at a cost of over \$100,000, Pilgrim had over four hundred members. The church's outstanding reputation inspired the formation of new congregations throughout the Peninsula, many of them guided by former Pilgrim members.

In addition to educating its congregation and community about religious principles, the Pilgrim Baptist family offers a network of support that reflects the finest of its Christian values. Men and women with problems can turn to the church for spiritual guidance, emotional strength, and peer support. Others turn to Pilgrim Baptist Church in times of joy, among them the many Peninsula students who celebrate their high school graduations at the church's annual festivities to honor the accomplishments of African-American youth in the Bay Area. Some of these young people have received college scholarships from The Dukes and Duchesses, a group of Pilgrim congregants who work together to encourage minority educational advancement.

Mr. Speaker, chronicling every one of Pilgrim's religious and cultural contributions would be an arduous task. From the Home Bible Study Ministry to the annual concerts of the Mass Choir in honor of Black History Month, the Pilgrim Baptist Church offers extraordinary blessings to so many Bay Area residents.

Today, more than three-quarters of a century after A.J. Lucas began holding prayer meetings in his home, Pilgrim Baptist Church remains a beacon for the San Mateo community. Under the able leadership of its current pastor, Rev. Larry Wayne Ellis, membership is now approaching 600 people, and the congregation prepares to dedicate a new Education and Fellowship Building addition this July.

Mr. Speaker, the contributions of Pilgrim Baptist Church truly reflect the Biblical injunction to love and serve one another. I urge all of my colleagues in the Congress to join me in commending the values and public service of this exceptional San Mateo institution.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HERBERT H. BATEMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2000

Mr. BATEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I was regrettably absent during the evening of May 10, 2000, and missed six recorded votes on amendments to H.R. 701. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: Regula—vote No. 160—"nay"; Radanovich—vote No. 161—"yea"; Tancredo—vote No. 162—"nay"; Shadegg—vote No. 163—"yea"; Chenoweth-Hage—vote No. 164—"yea"; Pombo—vote No. 165—"nay".

I was also absent on Monday, May 15, 2000, and consequently missed three recorded votes. All three were conducted under suspension of the rules. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: H. Res. 491—vote No. 180—"yea"; H.R. 4251—vote No. 181—"Yea"; H. Con. Res. 309—vote No. 182—"yea".

HONORING THE THOMASVILLE  
HIGH SCHOOL, LEDFORD SENIOR  
HIGH SCHOOL, AND WEST-  
CHESTER ACADEMY BASKET-  
BALL TEAMS

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2000

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, with the 2000 NCAA basketball season having drawn to a close and the NBA season in playoff fever, I would like to recognize three schools from the Sixth District of North Carolina that captured state basketball championships recently. Thomasville High School, Ledford Senior High School, and Westchester Academy, have all been crowned 2000 North Carolina high school basketball champions.

Thomasville High School captured the boys 1-A state title. Champions for the second time in three years, the Bulldogs had an impressive season. We congratulate Wingate Smith, Brandon Jefferies, Leandor Poole, Justin Fordham, Derrick Peake, Michael Christian, Roy Peake, Jeremy Tillman, Brandon Setzer, Anthony Harris, and Josh Cockman. Other people who contributed to Thomasville's state title were Head Coach Woody Huneycutt, Assistant Coach Lacardo Means, manager Josh Winnex, as well as Tracy Quick, Shalonda Long, and Matthew Mathis.

Ledford Senior High School claimed the girl's 2-A state championship, their third title in six years. For the first time in school history, the Panthers won 30 games in a single season, ending with a spectacular 30-2 record. We congratulate Leslie Hinkle, Kara Mendenhall, Pam Oast, Kristen Ferrell, Kristal Robbins, Katie Ralls, Jennifer McCarthy, Britt Krull, Casie Thomas, Nancy Hinson, Lindsay Smith, and Alicia Stokes. The Panthers achieved their success with the help of Head Coach John Ralls, and Assistant Coaches Alan Patterson, Joe Davis, and David Sands. They were ably assisted by managers Jennifer Shuskey, Michael Scheurman, Tim Bass, and Hunter Morris.

Westchester Academy won the boy's state independent school championship for the first time since 1976, dethroning five-time state champions Victory Christian. The Wildcats completed their season with an amazing 28-2 record. We congratulate Martin Rosenthal, Scott Craven, Brooks Weller, Jim Swaringen, Doug Esleeck, Kellie Jones, Tyler Hustrulid, Joel Foster, Matt McInnis, T.C. Crouch, Chad Habeeb, Lorenz Manthey, Johnston Spillers, Dwon Clifton, and Peter Tsampas. Head Coach Pat Kahny, Assistant Coach Jason Hailey guided the Wildcats to their state title, along with managers Jeff Finch, Rebecca Cochran, Trey Jones, and scorekeeper Lindsay Sams.

The Sixth District of North Carolina is proud of these three teams from Davidson County for their hard work and dedication. Congratulations to the boys from Thomasville High School and Westchester Academy, and the girls from Ledford Senior High School. Congratulations to all three teams for a job well done.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT E. WISE, JR.

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2000

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 193, I was meeting with constituents and did not realize a vote was taking place. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

CONGRATULATING ROBERT STINE  
UPON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2000

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to recognize Mr. Robert Stine, as he plans for his retirement from the Prince William County School System and Woodbridge Middle School. Mr. Stine has devoted 35 years of his life to the field of education. For the past 17 years he has been the principal of Woodbridge Middle School in Woodbridge, Virginia.

Mr. Stine was born in 1944 in Meadville, Pennsylvania. It was at an early stage of life that Principal Robert Stine first distinguished his extraordinary leadership skills. During his youth, he was actively involved in school organizations and rose to serve as President of