

not to disadvantage themselves when they request the Japanese Government at the ADB for loans and to position themselves to receive additional foreign aid credits from Japan.

Mr. Speaker, it sadly appears that the Asian Development Bank is at a crossroads. Confidence is eroding in the capacity of the institution to pursue effective development strategies in a manner that is accountable, participatory, and transparent.

At the risk of presumption, it would appear high time that the administration make clear in no uncertain terms its deep concern over the present leadership at the Bank. As the chairman of the authorizing subcommittee with jurisdiction over the international financial institutions, I would simply note that both Treasury and the ADB should be on notice that an institution that pursues the narrow objectives of a few, adopts a haughty and intolerant management style, and now lags all other regional MDBs in key reforms is unlikely to command broad congressional support.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, wise leaders on both sides of the Pacific understand that, despite our occasional differences, the two major shareholders of the ADB—Japan and the United States—must work together if the Bank is to effectively address poverty reduction as well as help meet the many other needs and challenges of the Asia-Pacific region in the 21st century. I hope and expect our two great countries can work hand in hand at the ADB, as we have so often in the past, to uplift the lives of people throughout the region and reach our common goals to foster sustainable development.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM N. MORGAN ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE OHIO BANKERS ASSOCIATION AND IN CELEBRATION OF HIS PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE STATE OF OHIO

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2000

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding individual and a devoted public servant from the State of Ohio. Later this summer, William N. Morgan will retire from his position as senior vice president of the Ohio Bankers Association after more than 25 years of dedicated service.

Bill Morgan's call to duty and service began as he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1957. After three years of work with the Military Police Criminal Investigation branch in Germany, Bill left the military and prepared for his future taking a position as chief deputy sheriff in Perry County. Bill also served as chief probation officer with the New Lexington Juvenile Court.

With a keen interest in government and politics, Bill was elected mayor of the city of Shawnee in 1966. Bill's commitment to public service continued when he was named deputy director of the Tax Collection Department within the Ohio Treasurer's Office. Four years later, in 1970, Bill assumed the role of director of public affairs for the Ohio Association of Insurance Agents. Then, in 1974, Bill began his distinguished tenure with the Ohio Bankers Association.

Mr. Speaker, I have known Bill Morgan for many years and have had the opportunity to work with Bill on a variety of issues during my tenure in the U.S. Congress and as president of the Ohio Senate. I am not alone in saying that Bill Morgan is a man of honor and integrity and has given freely of his time and talents to further public policy. Bill has been a good friend and his public service to the State of Ohio will be sorely missed.

At this point, Mr. Speaker, I would urge my colleagues in the 106th Congress to rise and join me in paying special tribute to Bill Morgan on the occasion of his retirement. We wish him, his wife, Virginia, and his entire family the very best now and in the future.

HONORING VELUPPILLAI
SIVAPALASINGAM

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2000

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I am joining Montefiore Medical Center, a keystone of health care for the Bronx community, in honoring Veluppillai Sivapalasingam for his quarter century of conscientious and compassionate service to the citizens of the Bronx, especially those from the Norwood neighborhood.

He joined Montefiore's Radiation Oncology Department 25 years ago and began a career of helping his professional, administrative and support staff, his students, and most especially, his patients.

When he joined Montefiore he was the first Clinical Instructor for the School of Radiation Therapy Technology and in the ensuing 25 years he has taught all of the graduates as well as the current students the clinical skills required to use a Linear Accelerator for patients diagnosed with cancer. He has dedicated his time and talents to the technical and medical staff and has served as a tireless advocate for patients.

His devotion to family, friends, colleagues and patients over his quarter century with Montefiore has earned him the honored sobriquet of a true gentleman. Mr. Sivapalasingam has given much to this community. I congratulate him for all of his good work and wish him many more years with us.

165TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF
ROME, GEORGIA

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2000

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, the history of the Seventh District of Georgia is rich in the accomplishments of its citizens and institutions. Today I recognize the celebration of the 165th anniversary of Georgia's Rome First Baptist Church. The Church has played a historic role in Rome and Floyd County in northwest Georgia.

The "Rome Baptist Church" was organized on May 16, 1835, by six charter members. The first church home was a frame building at

the corner of West Eighth Avenue and West First Street. In 1855, the second sanctuary was constructed on the corner of East Fourth Avenue and East First Street. This church was damaged during the course of the War Between the States, and was closed from 1864 to 1865. The Church was re-opened in the spring of 1867 after extensive repairs were made. In October 1882, the church voted to "take down the present building and put up a new one in proper style; a house that would seat seven to eight hundred persons and would be a credit to our denomination and city and would probably cost \$18,000 to \$20,000." This new, bigger building was dedicated in 1883. The name was changed in 1893 to "First Baptist Church." Later, in 1924, the Sunday School annex was added to the Sanctuary, and in 1947 the new chapel was dedicated. The present sanctuary was constructed in 1958. The First Baptist currently has approximately 1,000 resident members.

The First Baptist Church of Rome has always been involved in missions. Luther R. Gwaltney, pastor of First Baptist from 1869–1876, was instrumental in founding Cherokee Baptist Female College (now Shorter College) with the help of Alfred and Martha Shorter in 1873. Several other churches in Rome grew out of First Baptist, including Thankful Baptist Church, founded by many former slave members of Rome Baptist Church in 1867; DeSoto Baptist Church (later called Fifth Avenue Baptist Church) in 1882; Lindale First Baptist Church in 1898; East Side Baptist (later called Second Avenue Baptist) in 1907; South Broad Baptist in 1909; DeSoto Park Baptist in 1910; Lahaina Baptist Church, Maui, Hawaii in 1973; Lebanon Valley Baptist Church, Pennsylvania in 1979; and Towne View Baptist Church in Kennesaw, Georgia in 1989.

The church has sponsored numerous members on mission trips to many parts of the world, such as Liberia in 1986, and Honduras in 1988; a youth mission trip to Lake Placid, New York; a mission trip to Panama; a mission team to Prague in 1995; a mission trip to Spain in 1996; mission trips to Romania, Czech Republic, Tennessee, and South Dakota in 1997; a medical mission to Honduras in 1998; a mission trip to the Middle East in 1998; and trips to England and Alaska in 1999. In addition, the Koinonia Soup Kitchen was founded in 1982 by the downtown churches and meals have been served the last week of each month in the fellowship hall since that time.

The mission of the First Baptist Church is to be a community of believers who seek to mold their lives after the heart of Jesus Christ, and where they seek to be His hands in missions and ministry. "Seeking His heart . . . being His hands."

When speaking of the South, the phrase "the Bible Belt" is often used. The importance of family values and family worship is of profound importance to the majority of the people in Georgia, and they are proud of their religious beliefs and heritage. Congratulations to the staff and congregation of the First Baptist Church of Rome, for their devotion to God and their service to our community and fellow citizens.