

Major General Cannon is a native of Texas. The general entered the Army upon completion of the Reserve Officer Training Corps Program at the University of Texas—Arlington as a Distinguished Military Graduate. He was commissioned a Regular Army Second Lieutenant in the Quartermaster Corps, detailed to the Infantry, on August 31, 1967. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and a Master of Science in Logistics Management from the Florida Institute of Technology.

He has served in five divisions, and his overseas assignments include Vietnam, Hawaii, Korea, three tours in Germany, and one in Croatia. His initial assignment was as an Infantry Officer with the 3d Battalion, 10th Infantry, 5th Division (Mechanized). In 1968, he was assigned to 2d Battalion, 60th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division in Vietnam serving as a company commander, then as the logistics staff officer.

After attending the Quartermaster Officer Advanced Course, he commanded the 143d Supply and Service Company, organized and ran the Basic Leadership Course, and was a staff officer for the 19th Support Brigade at Fort Lewis, Washington. From 1972–1975, he served as a logistics planner in Headquarters, U.S. Army Pacific, and Assistant G–4 (Logistics), 25th Infantry Division. After attendance at Command and General Staff College and Florida Institute of Technology, he was the Executive Officer for the Petroleum Distribution System—Korea. He was then assigned to Headquarters, Department of the Army, as a logistics programmer and later as Assistant Executive Officer to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics.

In 1982, he was assigned to the First Cavalry Division serving as Division Support Command Executive Officer and Commander of the 15th Supply and Transport Battalion. From 1985 to 1987, he was an Advance Operational Fellow at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. For the next four years, Major General Cannon served in Germany, first as the Director for Bulk Fuels, 200th Theater Army Materiel Management Center, and later as the Commander of the 8th Infantry Division (Mechanized) Support Command. In July 1991, he became Chief of the Logistics Planning Division on the Joint Staff.

In July 1992, he was promoted to Brigadier General and assumed command of the 3d Corps Support Command in Wiesbaden, Germany. From June 1994 until June 1996 he was assigned as the Vice Director for Logistics, The Joint Staff. He was promoted to Major General in October 1995. He was assigned as the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Department of the Army, in June 1996. During this assignment, MG Cannon temporarily served as the Commander for Support, Implementation Force (IFOR) Zagreb, Croatia, from July 1996 until his return to the Pentagon in November 1996. In May 1999, MG Cannon became Acting Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Department of the Army.

He assumed the duties of U.S. Army Materiel Command's (AMC) Chief of Staff Oct. 13, 2000. AMC is one of the largest commands in the Army, with more than 50,000 employees, and activities in 42 states and in over a dozen foreign countries.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Army Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with oak leaf

cluster, the Bronze Star Medal with "V" device and three oak leaf clusters, the Purple Heart, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with "V" device and five oak leaf clusters, and the Army Achievement Medal. He also wears the Combat Infantry Badge, the Army Staff Identification Badge, and the Joint Staff Identification Badge.

Mr. Speaker, Major General Cannon deserves the thanks and praise of the nation that he has faithfully served for so long. I know the Members of the House will join me in wishing him, his wife of 35 years, Karen and his two children, Charles and Dianne, all the best in the years ahead.

HONORING DEB DULEY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join the Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault in recognizing the dedication Deb Duley has exhibited to helping sexual assault victims in Colorado over the past 6 years. It would not be without her compassionate heart and an open ear that these victims receive the support they most delicately need.

Profiled for her volunteer work since 1995 in the Glenwood Springs Post, Deb has volunteered at least 48 hours per month at the Advocate Safehouse while maintaining a full time job as an engineering technician with Schmueser Gordon Meyers. Only a few years before her volunteering began, one of her friends was involved in a case of domestic violence that sparked the flame that fuels Deb's passion today. As noted by Julie Olson, the Executive Director of Advocate Safehouse, Deb has given up numerous evenings and nights to offer her assistance to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. "She is truly a special star among the many stars in our advocate group."

Deb has spent many hours holding conversations and listening to victims. Unselfishly contributing her time and enthusiasm has assisted not only the victims themselves, but also the Advocate Safehouse Project that provides these helpful services in times of detriment and despair. Deb was one of the first advocates to complete the specialized training for the Sexual Assault Crisis Intervention Team, which was organized in 1996. In addition, she recently received the Victim Services Award from the Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault. Perhaps most notable are the lives she has influenced in the dark moments that overshadow the vitality of life. When people experience domestic violence or sexual assault they turn to people like Deb Duley for guidance, tenderness and compassion.

Mr. Speaker, through her volunteering, Deb has assisted many lives and I commend her on her public involvement. Although she maintains a humble character, it is with great admiration that I thank Deb and offer my congratulations on the Victim Services Award.

UCSC: TOPS IN RESEARCH

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2001

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and pride that I offer my congratulations to the students, faculty, staff, and administration at the University of California at Santa Cruz. The university has recently been named the second-best research institution in the world for physical sciences, based on the number of times research performed at UCSC has been cited by other scientists in journal articles.

Opened in 1965, UCSC began as the "Great Experiment" of the University of California system. The campus, home to both redwood groves and vast meadows overlooking Monterey Bay and the Pacific Ocean, has experienced a steady increase in enrollment to more than 12,000 students currently. The students, sons and daughters of farmworkers, doctors, teachers, and lawyers, have come with a common goal: to take advantage of the multitude of opportunities made available to them at this public university.

These opportunities continue to expand. A branch of the Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics opened on the UCSC campus two years ago. The campus was already home to the Institute of Marine Sciences and the Santa Cruz Institute for Particle Physics. The University of California Lick Observatory, utilized by researchers throughout the University of California system, is also headquartered at UCSC.

The success of the physical science program, and indeed of all the programs, at the University of California at Santa Cruz is due to the vision of the people who first studied, worked, and lived at the university. It is equally shaped by the dedication and hard work of those there now. They share a strong belief in the importance of improving the research facilities and academic opportunities while preserving the natural surroundings. This belief has fostered a unique academic community and I look forward to its continued success. Congratulations.

IN HONOR OF THE REVEREND
MARVIN DAVID WILLIAMS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2001

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Reverend Marvin David Williams, Pastor and Founder of the Greater St. Stephen United Church of God, in recognition of his service to both his church and his community.

Reverend Williams, born to the late Reverend Norman Williams and Rossie Lee Williams in North Carolina, was reared in the St. John Missionary Baptist Church where he accepted Christ at a young age. He graduated from the Pender County public school system with honors and furthered his education at the City University of New York where he earned a degree in Public Administration. Reverend Williams extensively studied Theology at the Bethel Bible Institute.

With his mother's passing immediately prior to his high school graduation, Marvin Williams moved to Brooklyn where he found work in order to send money home to his younger siblings for their education. He joined the United Pentecostal House of Prayer where he accepted his call to the ministry. After 18 years of faithfully serving at the United Pentecostal House of Prayer, he accepted the assistant pastorship position at St. Matthew Glorious United Church of God. After serving in the position of assistant pastor for four years, Reverend Williams founded St. Stephen United Church of God in 1974, which was renamed Greater St. Stephen United Church of God after moving to its new home in 1980.

As Pastor, Marvin Williams' church operates as a non-profit community based organization that offers a variety of community programs including a soup kitchen, food pantry, clothing bank, as well as both after school and summer day camp programs. Reverend Williams is also renowned for sponsoring programs, which assist individuals in moving towards self-sufficiency by helping them to get jobs by training them, and building connections with agencies that will hire.

Reverend Williams' success in the Church has not been limited to being the founder of the overwhelmingly successful Greater St. Stephen Church, but also extends to his exaltation to the office of Overseer as well as his consecration as a bishop in 1998. Bishop Williams also serves as Chairman of the General Board of Directors of the United Church of God of America Incorporated in addition to holding membership on many other prestigious boards.

Bishop Williams is married to Callie Louise Powell. Together they have been blessed with eight children, thirteen grandchildren, and a host of godchildren.

Mr. Speaker, Reverend Marvin David Williams devotes his life to serving his community through his church. As such, he is indeed worthy of receiving our recognition today. I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in honoring this truly remarkable man.

IN SUPPORT OF THE FALUN DAFU

HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2001

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize the determination and perseverance of the Falun Dafa, a peaceful movement seeking freedom to think as they wish and believe as they choose.

But freedom they cannot have, as long as the Chinese-dictatorship government remains strong; i.e., as long as the rest of the world is willing to ignore the pervasive human rights abuse ongoing throughout China.

The Chinese government is "cracking down," i.e., executing as many followers they can capture, while much of the rest of the world looks the other way. Unbelievably, the world even awards China as host of the 2008 Olympic Games—Games meant to celebrate life and the human spirit. China celebrates neither; rather, China bathes in blood. As Am-

nesty International recently reported, more people have been executed in China during the past three months than in all the rest of the world during the past three years.

I support the efforts of the Falun Dafa to realize freedom, and pray that the day may soon come when the citizens of China, and all the world, will be free to worship the religion of their choosing and enjoy the basic human right of religious freedom. That is what the Pilgrims came to America for, and it is disheartening that freedom remains elusive for so many people nearly four-hundred years since the Pilgrims' perilous departure across the seas.

It is past time for America and the world to take a proactive stand against the alarming human rights abuse in China. As we speak, another will likely be executed, or as the Chinese officials may report, another will commit "suicide."

Ladies and Gentlemen, we are looking down the fangs of a dragon. There have been forty-nine Falun Dafa deaths reported in the past month; tens of thousands are suffering in labor "re-education" camps where the use of torture, forced confessions, arbitrary arrest, rape, and denial of due process are reportedly rampant. We must stop this death and dying at the hand of Communist Chinese dictators. I hope that the world will soon unite in proactive support for the freedom of mankind that so many have given their lives for. Let them not die in vain.

I appreciate this opportunity to lend my support to the efforts of the Falun Dafa Practitioners to realize freedom, and I wish them well in their quest for this ideal. May this serve as opportunity for the world to do right.

IN HONOR OF GEORGE GOODDECURNOU'S COURAGE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, sometimes there are people that inspire others, just by living. George Gooddecurnou is one of those rare people. George has been faced with the strongest of adversity and has slowly triumphed. His survival after what should have been a fatal accident four years ago is due in part to a miracle, but also due to George's fighting spirit.

Four years ago, George an avid cyclist from Golden, Colorado, was riding in a race in Santa Fe, New Mexico when a drunk driver crashed into him at seventy miles per hour. It was a miracle that George was still alive when his wife, Luann, was rushed to his side in the emergency room. Luann's training as a physical therapist alerted her to the immediate conclusion that there would be severe brain damage, when she noticed that George's right hand was clenched in a fist. The severity of the damage would be unclear until George woke up from his coma. Doctors predicted that George would never walk again, and that his mental capacity would be diminished. George rejected this prognosis, and has gone through numerous types of therapy to achieve his new goal, to ride in a 100-mile bike tour again.

George has come along way in four years, he now speaks complete sentences, although the effort exerted to express his thoughts is great, he does not give in. George's refusal to accept his injury, and his chance meeting with the therapist Rick Olderman, are the factors that brought George to another race in Santa Fe. Rick understood George's need to ride a bike once again, and gave him the encouragement George needed. Three years after the accident George was on a bike again. Although the ride lasted only five minutes, it exhausted George, but left him with a feeling of gratitude. Four years later amongst the other two thousand cyclists, George Gooddecurnou, mounted his bike. He pedaled for 29 miles, leaving him with a mixed feeling of pride and sadness.

George has already set a goal of 50 miles next year for the race in Santa Fe, and will continue to push himself to the limits. His fighting spirit and courage against adversity is an inspiration to all, and that Mr. Speaker, is why I believe Congress should honor George. I wish him the best of luck in life, and I will be rooting for him to accomplish next year's goal of 50 miles in Santa Fe.

TRIBUTE TO HELEN H. SMITH

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2001

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Helen H. Smith of Marion, South Carolina, who is retiring after a long and distinguished career in public service. I join the citizens of Marion County in expressing our deepest gratitude for her outstanding service.

Helen Smith was raised in Marion, South Carolina. After graduating from Mullins High School, she attended Columbia College. She and her husband, Mr. Rupert W. Smith, Jr., are the proud parents of Rupert W. (Smitty) Smith, III. Mrs. Smith has worked for Marion County for twenty-one years, retiring as the Director of the Marion County Voter Registration and Election Commission. She distinguished herself by graduating from the Institute of Government for County Officials, and became a key figure in the South Carolina Association of Registration and Election Officials, commonly known as SCARE. Mrs. Smith has served SCARE as Director of the Sixth District, Second Vice President, First Vice President, and President. She also served as the historian of SCARE, and wrote the first history of this Association.

Mrs. Smith has received much recognition for her contributions to the Marion County community. She was honored with three outstanding service awards from the SCARE Association, was the recipient of the Betty Moore Award, and was presented with two awards from the South Carolina House of Representatives in recognition of her contributions to the election process.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me today in honoring Helen H. Smith for her many years of service to her community and for her significant contributions to the South Carolina election process. I wish her the happiest days in a well-deserved retirement.