

managing development within the city, represented the city in federal litigation concerning the Fair Labor Standards Act, negotiated and wrote development agreements for major city projects, negotiated acquisition agreements for new city water supplies, re-wrote the city's development impact fee ordinance, reduced dependence on outside counsel in tort litigation to less than 5% of all claims and created and implemented a long range computerization plan.

In addition to his duties with the municipality, he has served as President of the Solano County Bar Association, President of the County Counsels' Association of California, Committee Member of the County Counsels' Benchbook, Member of the League of California Cities Legal Advocacy Committee, Member of the League of California Cities Municipal Law Handbook Editorial Board and Delegate to the State Bar Association Conference Delegates.

Mr. Lamoree received special recognition when he was named the 1993–94 "Boss of the Year" by the Solano County Legal Secretaries Association.

Prior to becoming the City Attorney in Vacaville, he served for seven-and-a-half years as Solano County Counsel, as Assistant City Attorney in Vallejo and Deputy County Counsel in both Solano and Fresno Counties.

Mr. Lamoree completed his undergraduate work at Sonoma State University and received his law degree from the University of California, Davis. He was admitted to the State Bar of California in 1972 and is also admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court of Appeal and the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Northern Districts of California.

Mr. Speaker, Charles Lamoree has had a long and distinguished career and has had a lasting impact on his community. It is therefore fitting that we honor him today for his many accomplishments and contributions.

COMMEMORATING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TIBBITS CADETS OF TROY, NEW YORK

HON. JOHN E. SWEENEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2002

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, the Tibbits Cadets of Troy, New York, were founded on August 18, 1876. With strong ideals and a fervent belief in community service, the Tibbits Cadets have consistently acted with dignity and honor in their quest to preserve and share the rich history of Troy, New York.

The Tibbits Cadets by name and deed have perpetuated and honored the memory of Major General William Badger Tibbits for the past one hundred and twenty-five years. And it may be through the courageous life story of Major General Tibbits that we most clearly discover the strength, dignity and pride with which the Tibbits Cadets act—as well as the noble ideals they encompass and uphold.

William Badger Tibbits was born on March 31, 1837 in Hoosac, New York. As a young man, William strove for excellence in all of his endeavors. With a strong work ethic, fervent dedication and a robust thirst for knowledge, William Tibbits earned a reputation as a true and honest man, cultivated a brilliant capacity

for motivation and participatory leadership, and received a bachelor's degree from the prestigious Union College in 1859. At the outbreak of the Civil War, driven by an ardent belief in the Union, strong ideological passion, and a devotion to state and nation, William Tibbits raised a company of the Second Regiment, New York Volunteers. In 1863, he recruited the Griswold Cavalry, and with overwhelming popularity and support became its Colonel. With faith and valor, Tibbits distinguished himself in various battles and was brevetted Brigadier General in 1864. Although wounded to the point of eventual incapacitation from military duties later in life, his brilliant leadership, grit, determination and bravery won him the rank of Major General at the age of twenty-seven.

Established in part by Major General Tibbits, the Tibbits Cadets have stood for one hundred and twenty-five years as a constant reminder of so much more than local history or the life of one great man. Since their inception, the Tibbits Cadets have exemplified the greatest of American values—diligence, compassion, volunteerism, dedication of purpose, loyalty, passion, and courage. The Tibbits Cadets of Troy, New York have wholeheartedly advanced that spirit of united purpose and shared concern that so uniquely defines our glorious American experience; and it is in that spirit that I wish to commend the Tibbits Cadets at the conclusion of the year-long celebration of the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of their founding.

HONORING DAVID WAYNE COOPER

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2002

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate David Wayne Cooper of my district in San Diego for achieving his masters degree in business administration (MBA) from National University. David has fared some long and arduous tasks in life, but did not allow these challenges to stop his determination to overcome adversity and fulfill his life ambitions.

David was born with cerebral palsy, which resulted in orthopedic and speech disabilities. These disabilities would affect many aspects of David's life, however, he persevered and graduated Clairemont High School at the age of 19. In 1998, David built upon this achievement by earning a bachelors degree in science with a concentration in Information Systems from San Diego State University (SDSU).

During his academic pursuits, David worked as a computer programmer at the Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) in San Diego. At SAIC, David's duties included working on the County of San Diego information systems updates and maintenance contract.

While working at SAIC, David was able to take advantage of their tuition reimbursement program, earning a graduate degree from National University in his spare time. On May 12, 2002, David walked across the state at the Convention Center in San Diego and received his MBA, the culmination of a solid work ethic, dedication, and triumph over adversity.

David lives in his own home, drives his own car, and goes to work every day. He has worked tremendously hard and overcome great obstacles to reach his goals. Please join me in applauding the remarkable spirit, dedication, and work ethic of David Wayne Cooper. His efforts are a reminder of the power of the human spirit.

TRIBUTE TO DR. LEROY DAVIS,
SR.

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2002

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend and fellow South Carolinian, Dr. Leroy Davis, Sr. On June 30th Dr. Davis will retire as president of our alma mater, South Carolina State University (SCSU) in Orangeburg, South Carolina.

Dr. Davis is only the second alumnus and the first Orangeburg native to be inaugurated as president of South Carolina State University in its 125-year history.

Dr. Leroy Davis, Sr. received a bachelor of science degree in biology and a master of science degree in microbiology at SCSU. He matriculated at Purdue University and received his doctoral degree in molecular biology in 1979. Most of Dr. Davis' professional career has been spent serving his alma mater at South Carolina State University, where he quickly advanced and became a tenured professor of biology. He also worked at Brookhaven National Laboratory as a research assistant and the National Institutes of Health where he was an extramural associate. However, his love for his home State and S.C. State brought him back to South Carolina.

Dr. Davis has served as director of the Office of Institutional Self-Studies, Provost for Academic Admissions, vice president of Student Services, and interim president. On April 10, 1996, Dr. Davis became the eighth president of this exceptional institution.

While serving as president of South Carolina State University, Dr. Davis has shown tremendous leadership and innovation. The University established its first staff senate, increased scholarship support in order to recruit more academically talented freshmen, the first Emeritus awards to professors have been presented, and community service programs in the fields of health care and economic development have been put into action. In addition to his many accomplishments at South Carolina State University, Dr. Davis has spread his talents to other Universities in the region by being active in the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). In this organization, he serves as Commissioner on the Commission on Colleges and presents workshops and symposiums, Dr. Davis also holds memberships in many professional and service organizations including the American Council on Education, The American Association for the Advancement of Science, and Rotary International.

Dr. Davis is husband to the former Christine McGill of Kingstree, South Carolina and the father of two children Tonya and Leroy, Jr. Throughout his life, Dr. Davis has shown an unrelenting pursuit and love for education. Through his example of diligence and perseverance in his studies and as an educator, Dr.