

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF REVEREND TYRONE
CHESS

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 22, 2002

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Tyrone Chess for his exceptional service as pastor and founder of Holy Ghost Tabernacle Ministries in Jersey City, New Jersey. Rev. Chess was honored on November 3, 2002, at Holy Ghost Tabernacle's Ninth Annual Anniversary Banquet held at the Marriott International in Newark, New Jersey.

A native of Jersey City, born there in 1956, Rev. Chess has devoted his life to the improvement of his community. Having been a pastor for nine years, Rev. Chess now serves as the social and political chairperson of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, and in the past served as its second vice president. His passion for the well being of humankind led him to participate as a member and chairperson of the Human Rights Commission. Presently, he is a member of the Jersey City Board of Adjustments, and founder and CEO of the Lincoln Center Community Development, Inc.

Reverend Chess began his religious education at Essex County College, and continued his studies at the American Fellowship Seminary. He recently earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology from the Adonai Temple Christian Center Bible Institute.

Rev. Chess is married to Martha Chess and they are the proud parents of five children: Daarina, Thaddeus, Tyrone, Jr., Safiyah, and Zaynah.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Reverend Tyrone Chess for his many years of dedicated service as a pastor and mentor to the Jersey City community. The Reverend's selfless contributions to the community have not gone unnoticed; without a doubt, he is one of New Jersey's most outstanding religious leaders.

HONORING MORGAN WOOTTEN

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

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Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, Morgan Wootten has been changing the lives of young men in the Washington area for the last half century. Last month, Mr. Wootten, the head basketball coach at DeMatha High School in Hyattsville, MD, since 1956, announced his retirement.

Coach Wootten finished his career with 1,274 wins, 44 consecutive seasons with 20 or more wins, 33 Catholic league championships, 16 city titles, and five national championships. Under Coach Wootten, DeMatha finished the season ranked No. 1 in the area, a record 22

times. More than a dozen of his players have gone on to play in the NBA, 150 have received college basketball scholarships, and more than 20 are currently coaching basketball at some level. And two years ago, the all-time winningest high school basketball coach in America was inducted into the basketball Hall of Fame.

But numbers do not tell the story of Morgan Wootten, nor the impact he has had on the lives of those young men he has coached at DeMatha. He is most remembered by his players, and the students in his history classes, for the lessons he taught them about life. Coach Wootten preached to his players the importance of God, family, school and basketball, in that order. His true value is measured in the professional and personal success of those he has taught and coached, and by the number of former players and students who have remained close to him over the years.

Mr. Speaker, President Theodore Roosevelt said that "To educate a man in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society." Morgan Wootten has educated several generations of young men in both mind and morals, and I offer him my warmest congratulations on his well-deserved retirement.

HONORING THE OUTSTANDING
CITIZENSHIP AND WORK OF MR.
BILL COLE

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor Mr. Bill Cole, an outstanding citizen of Northern Virginia.

Mr. Cole has completed an exceptional career that has positively impacted our community. As a retired Army Officer with 28 years of service, Mr. Cole's last assignment was with the Department of Defense in helicopter research and development. While holding a master's degree in public administration, Mr. Cole currently works for William W. Cole & Associates, a business consulting firm he formed in 1992. Mr. Cole has also served as General Manager of Capital Lighting & Supply, Inc, an electrical distributor, for 18 years. Concurrently, he was co-owner and Vice President of Shannon Builders, a residential construction company, from 1978-1982.

Perhaps one of Mr. Cole's most important contributions to the community was his service as President of the Occoquan Watershed Coalition, an all-volunteer organization that is committed to the protection of "The Downzoned Occoquan Watershed" and the drinking water that it provides. Mr. Cole formed the Occoquan Watershed Coalition in the fall of 1994 and on December 7, 1994, the coalition was recognized as an official organization.

Bill Cole's efforts have motivated others to dedicate their time and energy to improving

quality of life for others. He is that rare individual who cares more about doing good than getting credit.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, it is with great pleasure that I extend this recognition to Mr. Bill Cole. His contributions to Virginia and his community have been great. Virginia is proud to have such a distinguished citizen in its professional and social community. I call upon my colleagues to join me in applauding him for all that he has done.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE BLOOD
OF THE MARTYRS—MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR. BLOOD DRIVE

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Blood of the Martyrs—Martin Luther King, Jr. Blood Drive and its sponsors, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lansing, the American National Red Cross, and the National Black Catholic Congress. This very important blood drive will take place from January 15-22, 2003 as part of National Blood Donor Month.

The Second Annual Blood of the Martyrs—Martin Luther King, Jr. blood drive in 2002 was met with a response of nearly 650 donors, who donated a total of 520 pints. These pints provided a supply of 2,080 blood units to be used for patients needs. I offer heartfelt thanks to all those who gave last year and contributed to this wonderful turnout.

The goal for this year's drive is 1205 productive units of blood which will result in blood supplies for nearly 5000 people. I encourage everyone who is able to donate blood, to do so for this worthy cause—it may be you who saves a life!

Mr. Speaker, at this time in our Nation's History, when our President is encouraging all Americans to serve a purpose greater than themselves, when we must rely on our neighbors, I can think of a few ways to better serve our fellow Americans than by giving the gift of life, by donating blood.

IN HONOR OF THE URBAN LEAGUE
OF HUDSON COUNTY

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 22, 2002

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Urban League of Hudson County for its efforts to revive communities throughout Hudson County, and to congratulate it upon the completion of its new headquarters on Martin Luther King Drive in Jersey City, NJ. To commemorate this event, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held on October 18, 2002, at the site of the new headquarters.

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