

TRIBUTE TO IMMANUEL UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2003

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the designation of Immanuel United Methodist Church in Roseville, Michigan as a Michigan Historical Site. The site will be dedicated on Sunday, June 8, 2003, when the Michigan Historical Marker is officially unveiled at the church.

The criteria for becoming a Michigan Historical Site are strict. A site must possess integrity of location, design, materials, and workmanship. Additionally, a property's historical significance must reflect the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction.

The Immanuel United Methodist congregation has continuously ministered to this community for over 153 years. The congregation was established in November 1849 and moved to its present location in 1933. This Neo-Gothic sandstone church was designed by Merritt and Cole of Detroit and was dedicated on November 5, 1933.

Many changes and improvement have been made to the church over the years. A thirteen room educational unit was added in 1956, and the existing rooms were refurbished to create a beautiful new church parlor. The church was also renovated in 1997 to include facilities for the physically handicapped. The new structure addition was named Peace Memorial Lobby in honor of the merger of Peace United Methodist Church with Immanuel in 1996.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the leadership and the entire congregation at Immanuel United Methodist Church, as they celebrate this important designation as a Michigan Historical Site.

CONDEMNING THE ATTACKS
AGAINST AUNG SAN SUU

HON. SHERROD BROWN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2003

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I condemn the attacks by Burma's brutal military regime against 1991 Nobel Peace Prize recipient Aung San Suu Kyi (Chee) and her party, the National League for Democracy.

The NLD and its members are the rightfully elected leaders of Burma. For 13 years the military rulers of Burma have suppressed their people and ignored the results of the 1990 elections.

Burma's military regime must not be permitted to attack, murder, imprison, and torture its people with impunity.

Now is the time for the United States to increase pressure against this regime. Now is the time for Congress and the administration to ban imports from Burma and freeze their assets.

I am disappointed in the silence of the Asia Bureau at the U.S. State Department over the past month.

While human rights groups have sought to bring to their attention the need to increase

pressure on this regime, the Bureau has done nothing.

Now Miss Kyi (Chee) is once again being illegally detained against her will, "for her own protection," as the military has termed it. The Asia Bureau sticks to its indefensible position of doing nothing.

Now is the time for Congress to act.

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING
ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN AND
SUPPORTED OPERATION ENDUR-
ING FREEDOM IN AFGHANISTAN
AND OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM
IN IRAQ

SPEECH OF

HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2003

Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, with the passage of H. Con. Res. 177, the House paid tribute to the unwavering dedication of the men and women who serve America as members of the armed forces. In addition to the professional soldiers, sailors and Marines who are risking their lives throughout the world, thousands of reservists have interrupted their lives to answer their nation's call. In my district alone, nearly 650 members of the 1st Battalion 293rd Infantry Division of the Indiana National Guard are currently serving in Iraq.

Whether active or reserve, at home or abroad, members of America's Armed Forces accept their difficult mission and carry out their duty with unparalleled skill, courage and dedication. We owe them our gratitude.

In the aftermath of September 11, 2001, American forces displayed their incomparable skills and adaptability across the rugged terrain of Afghanistan, where they confronted and defeated forces that had threatened the security of the free world. More recently, when called to free the Iraqi people from the rule of an evil despot, the United States Armed Forces performed among the most daring, well-executed military missions in the history of warfare. In both instances, when detractors claimed that the United States would become mired in untenable situations, our military devised strategies to obtain the stated objectives with minimal casualties or collateral damage and then proceeded to unleash the focused force of America's soldiers to carry out decisively the task of victory.

Tragically, as the war on terrorism carries American forces throughout the world to continue the battle for liberty, many of our young men and women will not return. Among them, Lance Corporal David K. Fribley of the United States Marine Corps, originally from Atwood, Indiana, in my district, was killed in the opening days of Operation Iraqi Freedom in an ambush near An Nasiriyah, Iraq. At that time, I rose in the House to pay tribute to this courageous young man, and I would like to express once again the nation's eternal thanks to those like Lance Corporal Fribley who make the greatest of sacrifices for our nation and our freedom.

FULLY FUND THE NO CHILD LEFT
BEHIND ACT

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2003

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation to right a terrible wrong that has been perpetrated on our schools and our children in this country.

Last Congress, we passed and the President signed into law, the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). I voted for that bill because the Administration promised historic new investments to facilitate education reforms and dramatically improve educational performance in this country.

Unfortunately, that promise has been broken. The Administration has refused to fund its own program and is cutting billions from NCLB. In this year's budget request alone, the Administration is proposing to shortchange NCLB by \$9.7 billion. Over the first three years of the new law, the Administration cuts \$20 billion from the funds that are needed to make NCLB work.

Without the promised federal funds, states and mostly localities will be forced to bear the brunt of these tough new requirements. In North Carolina and across the country, the state budget and those in our counties, towns and cities are in fiscal crisis. The administration's education cuts to NCLB will cruelly punish our children by withholding funds needed to achieve these tough new requirements. And without the promised funding NCLB will become a massive unfunded mandate on our local governments that could lead to higher property taxes, cuts in vital services like police, fire and rescue and roads. Or both.

Mr. Speaker, a promise is a promise and a deal is a deal. Because the Administration has demonstrated its unwillingness to live up to its side of the bargain and provide necessary funding, Congress should rescind its authority to implement the reforms until those funds are forthcoming.

Today, I am introducing legislation that I have been working on for several months to accomplish just that. My bill, the Fully Fund the Leave No Child Behind Act requires the federal government to fully fund NCLB or the requirements in the statute are suspended for the year in which full funds are not provided. My bill specifies Title I and Title II of NCLB, which deal with school assessments and teacher training requirements respectively. My bill does not apply to sections of NCLB on Limited English Proficient Education, 21st Century Schools, public school choice, Impact Aid and other important provisions.

Let me state that I continue to support the goals of NCLB. As the former Superintendent of North Carolina's public schools, I have led the fight for standards based education reform in the state that is widely recognized as the national leader in that effort. I want to make sure NCLB works so that every school in this country is a quality learning environment for our children. This legislation is an effort to hold the Administration's feet to the fire to make sure that its record matches its rhetoric.

Mr. Speaker, Congress must ensure that the federal government honor its commitments to our nation's children. I urge my colleagues to join me in support of this vital legislation.

CONGRATULATIONS DR. GARY E.
JONES

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2003

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and honor that I congratulate Assistant Superintendent Dr. Gary E. Jones of the School City of Hammond on his retirement. Dr. Jones has made many distinguished contributions to the City of Hammond and all of Northwest Indiana during his 41 years of dedicated service.

Dr. Jones earned his bachelor's degree in education at Youngstown State University, and then went on to earn his master's degree and Doctorate in education from Indiana University, Bloomington. He began his career in education in 1962 as the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools in the Geneva Area School System in Ohio. He has been involved as a principal in the Hammond School System from 1976 through 1986. He was the first person to ever be awarded the Outstanding Principal award for his notable achievements. He has served as the Assistant Superintendent for Hammond Schools since 1986. His history of service to the education of our youth is apparent in all facets of his prestigious career.

Of the many outstanding accomplishments made by Dr. Jones, one of his proudest contributions has been the amazing vision of a robotics program that brought about the design of Team Hammond. Team Hammond has competed competitively at the US FIRST National Competition for the past several years. US FIRST is an organization dedicated to motivating America's youth about science, technology, and engineering through hands-on methods. The program involves a unique blend of problem solving and competition that prepares students for real world situations. Through his sincere and honorable service to the students of Hammond, Dr. Jones has been a guiding light to the Northwest Indiana community.

Dr. Jones has not only served his community through his educational accomplishments, but he has also positively contributed in other ways by being a dedicated member of various community service organizations such as the Woodmar Kiwanis Club, the Hammond Board of Health, the Public Improvements Task Force, and Lake Area United Way to name just a few. He is also a ten-year member of the PTA Executive Committee and has received the PTA National Life Membership Award, which was presented to him by the Hammond Council of PTA's. He has received

many awards that exemplify his dedication and leadership to the Hammond community. He is a member of the Indiana Congress of Parents and Teachers, as well as a recipient of the Outstanding Volunteer Service Award.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Jones has contributed graciously to not only the youth of Hammond, but also to the entire Northwest Indiana community. His dedication and devotion to the youth of our nation is a goal we should all strive to achieve. I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Dr. Jones on his retirement. His valiant effort to educate the youth of Northwest Indiana is most commendable, and will be truly remembered.

IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL J.
HANDY

HON. VITO FOSSELLA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2003

Mr. FOSSELLA. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week New York City suffered a blow with the untimely death of Mike Handy. He leaves behind his wife, Edna Wells-Handy, and four daughters. He was 55.

Mike served as Director of Veterans Affairs for New York City, a position he held under Mayors Ed Koch, David Dinkins, Rudy Giuliani and Mike Bloomberg. Professionally he had earned a great deal of respect, but it was his personal dealings with veterans, colleagues and friends that had earned him so much love. He will be very much missed.

A veteran of Vietnam, he served as a "Quick Reaction Team" leader (with a rank of E-5) and was a .50 Caliber Machine Gun Instructor at Phu Cat.

He was active in veterans affairs for nearly 30 years, acquiring more than 50 honors and awards from city, State and Federal levels. He was a member of the American Legion, the Catholic War Veterans, the Navy League, an honorary member of the New York Society of Military & Naval Officers, and a member of the Veteran Corps of Artillery.

Mike led New York City's fight to save the Times Square Recruiting Station and then chaired a City/Army Corps of Engineers Task Force to facilitate its renovation.

In 1991, he was appointed to the Operation Welcome Home Commission, which organized what was at the time the largest Ticker Tape Parade in the city's history. In 1995, he was the Mayor's representative for the "Nation's Parade" NYC tribute to the 50th anniversary of World War II. He was the Mayor's representative for seven of thirteen "Fleet Week" celebrations in New York City.

Without fanfare, Mike helped thousands of veterans. He did this not for credit but to help his comrades-in-arms who were in need. His is a loss not only for New York, but for the Nation as well. He will be missed.

ALL AMERICAN CITY AWARD

HON. DAVE WELDON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2003

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the residents of Palm Bay, Florida Since 1949 the National Civic League has recognized great American cities from across the Nation. Palm Bay is among the 30 finalists that will compete for the title of "All American City."

An All American City is a city that has addressed community issues through the strong collaborative efforts of its citizens. It is no surprise to me that Palm Bay, my hometown for many years, has been selected as a finalist for this honor.

During the 1980s, Palm Bay's population more than tripled from just 18,560 to 62,540. Then in the early '90s the General Development Corporation declared bankruptcy. Although this could have had a stagnating effect on city development, Palm Bay's grassroots rose to the occasion. Deteriorating infrastructure and poorly groomed public areas have been replaced by better roads, new parks and recreation areas, a community pool, the renewal of the U.S. 1 corridor and the continued efforts of "Keep Brevard Beautiful" and the Marine Resources Council.

The All American City competition specifically seeks cities in which key civic projects are community and citizen driven. Palm Bay certainly has an abundance of community driven projects and organizations. These include the Volunteer Citizen Observer Program started in 1995 and the more than 100 Palm Bay Citizens who dedicate their time who assist the Palm Bay police force as volunteers.

Next week nearly 100 residents of Florida's 15th district will travel here to Washington, DC to compete for the 54th Annual "All American City" Award. City employees, elected officials, activists, pastors, school children and other Palm Bay citizens will have an opportunity to share just a small piece of Palm Bay with the National Civic League. I commend the city and its citizens for all of the hard work that has made Palm Bay the wonderful place that it is today. I wish these delegates the best as they represent all of the great Floridians living in Palm Bay.