

Mr. Speaker, Margaret Lamb is an inspiring woman who has lived her life according to her motto that getting along with people is the key to a successful and satisfying life. Margaret has served her community throughout her 83 years. Her hard work and dedication are an inspiration to all those around her, and I am honored to join with my colleagues today in saying thank you to her and wishing her good luck in the years to come.

A TRIBUTE TO FRIENDSHIP  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 17, 2003*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Friendship Baptist Church in Pasadena, California. Friendship Baptist Church is one of the oldest congregations in Pasadena—celebrating its 110th anniversary this month with the theme “God’s People Working Together.”

Founded in September 1893, it was the first Negro Baptist church in the city and for many years had the largest membership of any African American church. Throughout its history, the church has played an important religious and civic role not only here in Pasadena, but also in Mexico, Australia and Africa as well.

Beginning as a Sunday school for Pasadena’s early Negro settlers, the devoted members later chartered themselves as a full-fledged Baptist Church. The church was organized in the hall located at 12 Kansas Street which has since become known as Green

Street. In 1897, the first building was erected on South Vernon Avenue at a cost of \$950.

The church grew and prospered under the leadership of several ministers until the 1920’s when Reverend W.H. Tillman led the members to acquire a new site and erect the present edifice. In January of 1925, the Reverend W.D. Carter was called to lead the congregation spiritually and complete an ambitious building, which stands today as a monument to the heritage of Pasadena’s African American citizens.

Since its ground breaking ceremony held in March of 1925, the Friendship Baptist Church has stood prominently for over 70 years as one of the visible landmark churches in Pasadena. It is the first African American related cultural landmark, recognized as a state of California landmark, and in 1978 was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in the United States of America.

I consider it a great privilege to recognize Friendship Baptist Church for its 110 years of service to the people of Pasadena. I ask all Members to join me in wishing Friendship Baptist Church many more prolific years of service to the community.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE BOWEN  
FAMILY

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 17, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay

tribute to a creative and enterprising family from my state. Bill Bowen, along with his sons David and Roby, of Grand Junction, Colorado operate a unique business creating beautiful art out of large slabs of steel. For their hard work and many contributions to the Grand Junction community, I am honored to pay tribute to the Bowen Family here today.

Bill Bowen began working with metal as a young boy. The welding torch he used to build his mother a rose trellis soon became his ticket to building motorized vehicles and, eventually, amazing works of art. Most of the art that Bill and his sons started making in large quantities about 15 years ago revolve around the theme of dinosaurs, and their work has created quite a stir. People from all over the country and around the world have purchased the Bowen family’s hand-made sculptures, and the joy their work has brought to the thousands of owners and admirers is truly immeasurable.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Bill, David, and Roby Bowen here today. This trio often toils up to 70 hours a week in order to fashion their artistic creations for others to enjoy. The hard work and dedication they devote to their craft is reminiscent of the work ethic that helped make this nation great, and I am proud to bring these special individuals to the attention of my colleagues in this Congress. I congratulate the Bowen family for their success, thank them for their contributions to the Grand Junction community, and wish them all the best in the future.