

I wish the Peace Corps a very happy 45th anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO BISHOP WALTER
EMILE BOGAN, SR.

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, March 2, 2006

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today with a heavy heart, as I ask my colleagues in the 109th Congress to join me in honoring the life and accomplishments of a dear friend of mine, Bishop Walter Emile Bogan, Sr. Bishop Bogan passed away at his residence on Sunday, January 8, at the age of 57. I am deeply saddened by this great loss, for Bishop Bogan was an inspiring and positive force for Genesee County, the State, and Nation. He was a true friend, and I shall miss him greatly.

Born to the union of Norma L. Bogan-Burrell and the late William Bogan in my hometown of Flint, Michigan, Walter Bogan attended and graduated from Flint Community Schools, and later went on to schools such as Saints Academy College in Lexington, MS, Moody Bible College in Chicago, and Moorhouse College in Atlanta. He also attended Flint's C.S. Mott Community College, and the University of Michigan-Flint. On July 25, 1980, he answered the Lord's call and succeeded his grandfather and mentor, Rev. Theodore Harris, as Pastor of Harris Memorial Church of God in Christ.

Over the years, Rev. Bogan became more than just a Pastor, but a spiritual leader whose guidance, vision, and commitment to spreading the Word of God helped make the Flint area a better place in which to live. Pastor Bogan constantly and selflessly gave of himself, hosting Christmas parties for neighborhood children and providing gifts for them all. In recent years, he would offer college scholarships for several young members of his congregation, in hopes of granting them opportunities they otherwise may not have had the chance to take.

In 2000, Pastor Bogan became Bishop Bogan, as he was appointed Chief Servant and Presiding Bishop of the Great Lakes Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Michigan, Church of God In Christ. Bishop Bogan admirably balanced his new leadership duties with powerful sermons each Sunday, which for him was a labor of love.

Bishop Bogan leaves to cherish and carry on his legacy his beautiful and devoted wife of 35 years, Dianne, sons Walter and Eric, daughter-in-law Karleen, three grandchildren, and of course the many people whom he loved and loved him in return.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in offering condolences to the family of Bishop Bogan, and in thanking them for sharing him with our community. My message to his congregation is as follows:

"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble in heart." [Matthew 11:29]

It takes a strong person to be meek, a strong person to be in charge of his passions and emotions.

Bishop Walter Emile Bogan was such a person. He was strong in his love of God. He was

strong in his love of the Church. He was strong in his love of family. He was strong in his pursuit of justice. He was strong in his effort to eliminate injustice. And all this deep strength, he exercised humbly, as an instrument of God's Holy Will.

Because of Bishop Bogan's strength, anchored in humility and meekness, this community is a better community. This Church is a stronger representation of the Mystical Body of Christ. All of us here in this Church are better people because of that strength of faith and action of Bishop Walter Bogan.

The greatest tribute we can render to Bishop Bogan is to emulate his love, his dedication, his humility, and his Christ-centered strength.

Bishop Bogan, as a triumphant member of the Communion of Saints, please ask Almighty God to shower His Blessings upon us that we might use our strength to carry out God's Holy Will.

CHATTAHOOCHEE TRACE NA-
TIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR
STUDY ACT

HON. TERRY EVERETT

OF ALABAMA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, March 2, 2006

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, today I am pleased to introduce the Chattahoochee Trace National Heritage Corridor Study Act, a bill that would direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Chattahoochee Trace National Heritage Corridor in Alabama and Georgia.

The Historic Chattahoochee Compact was signed into law in 1978, and it established the Historic Chattahoochee Commission to promote historic preservation and tourism in the Chattahoochee Valley. Since this time, the Historic Chattahoochee Commission has been involved in a heritage tourism program in eighteen Alabama and Georgia counties along the lower Chattahoochee River. Because of their exemplary work, the National Trust for Historic Preservation has cited the Historic Chattahoochee Commission as a national model for heritage corridor development.

The designation of this corridor is the final piece in the commission's development plan. It would enable them to initiate new and innovative projects to invigorate the economies of the member counties since they would be eligible to receive funding for publications and marketing for tourism, historic preservation, environmental education, outdoor recreation, and small business development. In addition to aiding historic preservation, this effort will also enhance economic development in this region.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this important legislation.

HONORING COLONEL JAMES E.
BEAN

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, March 2, 2006

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable soldier

and citizen from my congressional district. Colonel James E. Bean, a longtime resident of Bardstown, Kentucky, passed away peacefully January 4th at age 82. Colonel Bean was a local hero, remembered for his athletic achievements as a young man and military heroism as a fighter pilot, flying combat missions in World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

Colonel Bean was born in 1923 on a farm at Cox's Creek, KY. He graduated from Bardstown High School in 1942. A football and basketball All Star, Colonel Bean was especially remembered for being the signal caller on offense and fullback of the legendary unbeaten 1941 Bardstown High School football team. He matriculated to the University of Kentucky on a football scholarship later that fall but cut short his collegiate career soon thereafter to join the U.S. Army Air Corps. He was called to active duty in early 1943, assigned to Foster Field, Texas as an Advanced Flying School inspector. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in January, 1944 and assigned to the European Theater, where he flew 41 combat missions in Germany and France.

Upon his return to the United States, Colonel Bean completed numerous assignments testing and flying Air Force fighter aircraft. He was assigned to Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada in 1960 to establish and operate the F-105 aircraft flight training program for all Air Force units. He later carried out assignments in Japan with the 8th Tactical Fighting Wing, completing several short tours in Southeast Asia, before returning to the United States to serve as an Air Force duty officer at the Pentagon. Colonel Bean volunteered and was assigned to the 388th Tactical Fighting Wing, Korat Royal Thai Air Base, Thailand, in October, 1967.

On January 3, 1968 while flying an F-105 combat mission over North Vietnam, his aircraft was shot down near Hanoi. Colonel Bean was captured by the North Vietnamese and held as a Prisoner of War until his release March 14, 1973.

James Bean retired from the United States Air Force as a Colonel in 1974. He returned to Kentucky, where he enjoyed a peaceful retirement with his wife until his death in January. He was a member of the Bardstown High School Hall of Fame, State President of Future Farmers of America, a Shriner, Mason, Kentucky Colonel, member of the American Legion, Kentucky Pork Producers, and communicant at the Bardstown Baptist Church.

James Bean's remarkable life is one of a true American hero. His distinguished service and unique sacrifice for his country represent the very best of what it means to be an American soldier. His achievements as a citizen, especially his unwavering dedication to his family and his community, are further marks of greatness worthy of our collective respect and appreciation. It is my great privilege to honor his memory today, before the entire U.S. House of Representatives. May he rest in peace.

CONGRATULATIONS TO COLLEEN CROSBY FOR A LIFETIME OF ACTIVISM

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 2, 2006

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend one of my constituents, Ms. Colleen Crosby, of Santa Cruz, California who, on Sunday, March 5, will receive the "Lifetime Achievement Award" from the International Women in Coffee Alliance (IWCA). I cannot imagine another person more deserving than Colleen to receive this award. Colleen is one of those rare individuals that has combined a deep compassion for others with the intelligence and drive to make a true difference in the world. Colleen has been a true leader in raising awareness of, and offering effective solutions to, the International Coffee Crisis—a crisis that affected 25 million people in some of the poorest countries in the world.

Colleen co-founded Santa Cruz Coffee Roasting Company in 1978 and in 1979 became the first Roastmistress on California's Central Coast. In her travels to coffee producing countries in Central and South America and Africa she encountered abject poverty and an economic system that kept small coffee farmers in a vicious cycle of poverty. Being the "active activist," Colleen jumped headfirst into finding ways to help coffee farmers and cooperatives throughout the world. Colleen found that fair trade certification—a certification process that guarantees farmers a fair price for their coffee beans—was the most effective way of improving the lives of coffee farmers.

Colleen's record for helping coffee farmers and promoting fair trade coffee is extremely impressive. Colleen has worked with small farmers and cooperatives around the world and helped them gain better market access for their coffee, thus ensuring a better livelihood for themselves and their children. I asked Colleen to testify before the House International Relations Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere on the coffee crisis, where she educated Members of Congress on the importance of helping coffee farmers.

Besides the Lifetime Achievement Award from IWCA, Colleen has also received a variety of commendations, including a letter of "Special Thanks and Commendation" for "the extraordinary warmth and spirit on behalf of the people of Ethiopia," presented by His Excellency Teruheh Zenna, Acting Permanent Representative of Ethiopia to the United Nations in October, 2005; being named Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce Woman of the Year 2005; being presented with the Gold Medallion of Brotherhood by the small coffee farmers of Nicaragua's Prodecoop; and most recently, she is the recipient of the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award from the International Women in Coffee Alliance.

I congratulate Colleen on a lifetime of dedication to others. She truly has made the world a better place and it has been an absolute pleasure and honor to know her.

SILVIO BERLUSCONI'S APPEARANCE BEFORE CONGRESS

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 2, 2006

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to enter into the RECORD a letter that I delivered to your office today regarding an event that took place on the House floor yesterday.

MARCH 2, 2006.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House, Office of the Speaker, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. HASTERT, I am writing to express my dismay about yesterday's appearance of Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of the Republic of Italy on the floor of the House of Representatives. I believe that Mr. Berlusconi's mode of address was unprecedented.

I came to the House floor expecting to hear significant words from the head of state of a major ally of our country. Instead, I had the feeling that perhaps I and the other Members in attendance were being used as extras in a campaign appearance for Mr. Berlusconi's difficult upcoming election. I can draw no other conclusion considering he addressed Congress in Italian without an interpreter, a language that I and most other Members do not speak. Though we were given the text to read, who in the Chamber was able to correlate the words delivered and lead the applause that burst forth from the audience? The address was not even broadcast by C-SPAN, presumably because it took place in a language in which most C-SPAN viewers are not fluent. My discomfort increased this morning when I read in the Financial Times that the appearance was broadcasted by stations owned by Mr. Berlusconi in Italy. This has raised concerns that the Prime Minister was improperly bending Italian equal-airtime regulations during election campaigns.

I would appreciate to hear your thoughts on this unusual use of the House Chamber, and whether it is expected to recur.

Sincerely,

JIM McDERMOTT,
Member of Congress.

WELCOME HOME FORT KNOX 703RD EOD

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 2, 2006

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome home the 703rd Explosive Ordinance Disposal Detachment of Fort Knox, Kentucky, and pay public tribute to their courageous service during their six-month deployment in Iraq.

This was the second deployment to Operation Iraqi Freedom for the 703rd. As most of us know, EOD units have one of the most dangerous jobs in Iraq. The 703rd worked with Army and Marine Brigades to recover and dispose of explosive devices throughout a large portion of northern Iraq. The entire unit returned safely home last week, reuniting with family and comrades at a 3 a.m. welcome home ceremony held at Fort Knox.

Tragically, two soldiers, Staff Sgt. Kimberly Voelz and Staff Sgt. Richard Ramey, paid the

ultimate sacrifice for freedom during the unit's first deployment to Iraq.

I would like to take this opportunity to honor these returning soldiers and the memory of those who have passed, all who have selflessly stood in harm's way as the guardians of our freedom and way of life. Their distinguished service epitomizes values—duty, honor, country—that make our Nation an example of freedom and prosperity for the rest of the world.

In the spirit of Fort Knox soldiers of generations past, their courage and sacrifice significantly contributed to a supreme level of safety and readiness during uncertain times. They were selfless in their sacrifice, taking time away from their families to keep others safe. For that they deserve the admiration and thanks of a grateful nation.

It is my great privilege to recognize the 703rd EOD today, before the entire U.S. House of Representatives, for their generous service and unflinching duty to our great country. Welcome home!

TRIBUTE TO KATHRYN ELIZABETH "BETH" SHIELDS

HON. JIM DAVIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 2, 2006

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Kathryn Elizabeth "Beth" Shields who dedicated her life to improving opportunities for Hillsborough County's school children.

Beth spent 44 years in the Hillsborough County school system, working both as a teacher and administrator. A graduate of Hillsborough High School and the University of Tampa, with a Master's Degree from the University of South Florida, Beth launched her career as a math teacher at Memorial Junior High School, then at H.B. Plant High School.

Beth worked hard throughout her career, and as she rose through the school district's ranks, she paved the way for other women working in Hillsborough County schools. She served as dean and assistant principal at Robinson High School, principal of Coleman Junior High School and principal of H.B. Plant High School. Beth then served as district-wide assistant superintendent of personnel and assistant superintendent of instruction until she became the first female deputy superintendent in Hillsborough County schools.

During her tenure, Beth pushed for more rigorous curriculum and academic standards; she spearheaded a successful initiative to improve school attendance and helped smooth the transition when magnet schools were integrated into the school system. Beth will be remembered for her commitment to helping young people, her impressive work ethic and the many ways that she changed Hillsborough County School District for the better. Beth Shields Middle School in Ruskin stands witness to her lifetime of dedication.

At home, Beth was active in her church and in a number of community and charitable organizations, including the Southwest Florida Blood Bank, the United Way, the Tampa Coalition and the Hillsborough County Anti-Drug Abuse Advisory Council, SERVE and Athena.

On behalf of the Hillsborough County community and the countless young people she