

Celester Alston Clark who is being honored on Saturday, September 16, 2006 by the North Carolina Federation of Garden Clubs. Mrs. Clark is being honored for her dedicated and loyal service as well as her enthusiasm and creativity. All of these qualities have indeed served to provide a tremendous benefit to the Garden Club. Over the years Mrs. Clark has exhibited an impressive level of leadership to the Garden Club; in that regard, she sponsors a workshop each year when the North Carolina Federation of Garden Clubs hosts its Annual Convention. Further, she serves as the State Youth Director.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Clark is indeed leading the charge for her Garden Club where one of its objectives is to put more strength behind local clubs so that the work of beautifying homes, churches, schools and communities can be achieved more effectively. Mrs. Clark is very instrumental in helping her Garden Club promote a full conservation program within local clubs, placing special interest on wildflowers, native trees, soil, and water. There are about 40 adult and youth clubs that belong to the North Carolina Federation of Garden Clubs which was organized as far back as 1935.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Clark has been a member of the Daisy Garden Club since 1979 and in 1995 she organized the Calla Lily Adult Garden Club. Under her guidance, the Calla Lily Adult Garden Club has projects at the Pinkerton's Street School, Satterwhite Point Lake Camp Site in Henderson, North Carolina and Haywood Missionary Baptist Church in Louisburg, North Carolina. In addition, Mrs. Clark oversees the Calla Lilly Youth Gardeners referred to as Calla Lilettes.

She was born in Franklin County, North Carolina to Benjamin and Mable Alston, and has one brother and five sisters. She attended the Rockford Grade School and graduated from Franklin County Training School. She received her Bachelor of Art degree from A&T College in Greensboro, North Carolina. She married the love of her life, Mr. James Clark of Greensboro, North Carolina. After relocating to Washington, D.C., Mrs. Clark secured employment as a budget analyst with the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare; with the U.S. Department of Defense in the area of Financial Management; and finally with the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Prisons. Upon her retirement, she became a teacher in the Vance County Public School system.

While residing in Washington, D.C., Mr. and Mrs. Clark were members of the Upper Room Baptist Church. Mrs. Clark served as the Youth Director, Member of the Hospitality Committee, and was a member of the choir. She also served as President of the Fort Dupont Civic Association.

Upon returning to Henderson, North Carolina, Mr. and Mrs. Clark reunited with their family home church, Haywood Missionary Baptist Church in Louisburg where she serves as President of the Deaconess; Chairperson of the Hospitality Committee; member of the Mass Choir and member of the Missionary Department.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my Colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in paying tribute to one of my most deserving constituents, Mrs. Celester Alston Clark on this great occasion.

HONORING THE EVANGELHO SEED
& FARM STORE

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the Evangelho Seed & Farm Store as the recipient of the 2006 Kings County Ag Support Business of the Year Award. For the past 25 years, Evangelho Feed & Farm Store has supplied essential farming products and services to the people of the Central Valley.

Rodney and Linda Evangelho opened the farm store on September 1, 1981. They started the business with the help and commitment of family members and three additional employees. The store provided seed to farmers and dairymen, as well as a small amount of cat and dog food to the folks of Kings County. Since then, the Evangelhos have seen their business flourish and they have opened a new pet and farm supply store. Today, they have a total of 13 employees and offer products for all types of animals to clothing and jewelry. In addition, the Evangelho Seed & Farm Store has become the Valley's one-stop shop for members of the 4-H and FFA and they have expanded their areas of service into Kings, Fresno, Tulare and Madera Counties.

The Evangelhos attribute their success to their customers, but it is their knowledge of the Valley's agricultural needs that keeps the business growing. Besides offering seminars for 4-H and FFA members, they are active with the Kings County Farm Bureau and the Dairy Herds Improvement Association. They have also been involved with the Education & Agriculture Foundation (EAT), which brings teachers from urban areas from Los Angeles County to the Bay Area to provide agricultural education for them to take back and share with their students. In addition to their commitments to the agricultural community, the Evangelho family is active in the Hanford Knights of Columbus, St. Peter's Church, Our Lady of Fatima in Laton and the Kings Guild.

Through years of hard work and dedication the Evangelho's investment in their business make them worthy of this recognition. They have managed to stand alone as a family-run and operated business among competitors and have served their local community in immense measures. It is for those reasons that I take great pride and honor in joining the Kings County community in commending the success of the Evangelho Seed & Farm Store and in wishing Rodney and Linda Evangelho continued success and prosperity.

CONGRATULATING MISS ALICE
LEE ON THE OCCASION OF HER
95TH BIRTHDAY AND THE DIS-
TINCTION OF BEING ALABAMA'S
OLDEST PRACTICING FEMALE
ATTORNEY

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with both pride and pleasure that I rise this week to

honor one of the most beloved residents of Monroeville, Alabama, Miss Alice Lee, on the occasion of her 95th birthday and her distinction of being Alabama's oldest practicing female attorney.

After graduating from Huntingdon College in Montgomery, "Miss Alice" returned to her hometown of Monroeville in the midst of the Great Depression. For 18 years, she served as the associate editor and partner of The Monroe Journal, a weekly newspaper in Monroeville. She did a little bit of everything at the paper including writing stories, proofing copy and assisting with the printing.

In 1937, "Miss Alice" went to work for the Internal Revenue Service in Birmingham and at night attended law school. After graduating from the Birmingham School of Law and being admitted to the bar in 1943, she returned to Monroeville to practice law with her father at his firm Barnett, Bugg & Lee, where she continues to practice today.

One of "Miss Alice's" passions has been her work for the Methodist church. She was the first woman to head the administrative board of her hometown church, and she was the first woman to chair the Alabama-West Florida Council on Ministries of the Methodist Church.

For 32 years, "Miss Alice" served on the city's planning commission. When she stepped down in 1998, she was presented with a proclamation from the Monroeville City Council.

Mr. Speaker, "Miss Alice" has devoted her life to the service of Monroe County's residents, and along the way, she has been an inspiration to countless young women—and men—for all that she has accomplished. Therefore, it is only appropriate that I ask my colleagues to join with me in congratulating "Miss Alice" on reaching this milestone. I know her colleagues, her sisters—Louise Lee Conner and Nelle Harper Lee—her family and her many friends join with me in praising her significant accomplishments and extending thanks for her many efforts over the years on behalf of the people of Alabama. May there be many more birthday celebrations to come. God bless you, "Miss Alice."

LONE STAR VOICE—MAGGI
CARTER

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, it has been one year since Hurricane Katrina flooded Texas with evacuees. It's almost a year since welcoming Texans weathered their own storm, Hurricane Rita.

But today there are still shells of smashed buildings left standing. There are still homes where roofs were peeled back by wind and rain. Today only a blue tarp remains over the heads of countless families.

But these victims, these Lone Star Voices, are crying out for help.

Maggi Carter of Beaumont writes, "Hurricanes Katrina and Rita handed the State of Texas an unprecedented housing challenge. To date, there are grossly inadequate resources for the 75,000 victims of Hurricane Rita. We support a 5-step plan to provide housing to the more than 100,000 families living in Texas who are victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita."

Mr. Speaker her plan includes: Transferring long-term housing from FEMA to HUD, the people who understand housing; settling the elderly and disabled into long-term government housing; and developing affordable rental housing while repairing the battered homes of survivors.

We cannot turn a blind eye to survivors. The victims of these natural disasters and their needs cannot be ignored. They need their government to finally help them find the calm after the storm.

That's just the way it is.

IN HONOR OF SERGEANT VINCENT
FISCELLA

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to Sergeant Vincent Fiscella a 17-year veteran of the Delaware State Police and the 2006 recipient of the Legacy of Honor Award presented by the Ronald G. Williams Foundation.

In 2003, The Ronald G. Williams, Jr. Foundation instituted the "Legacy of Honor" Award to recognize Delaware law enforcement officers who distinguish themselves through exemplary integrity and devotion to character. Sergeant Fiscella is a very worthy recipient of this award and I'm proud to honor him today. Sergeant Fiscella also serves as the President of the Delaware State Troopers Association.

The Legacy of Honor Award was created in memory of Delaware State Trooper Ronald Williams who was dedicated to the ideals of honor, duty, loyalty and service to others. Sergeant Fiscella joins two other distinguished individuals who have received the Legacy of Honor Award: Chief Kevin McDermby of New Castle County Police and Major Joseph Papili of the Delaware State Police.

Sergeant Fiscella's desire to become a Delaware State Trooper was born out of a will to be a part of an organization with rich tradition and history. Since 1923, the Delaware State Police have been serving the people of Delaware and now more than ever, the importance of effective law enforcement is apparent. Thankfully, there are officers like Sergeant Fiscella serving and protecting our communities.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to once again, commend Sergeant Fiscella on his achievement and thank him and all law-enforcement officials for all the tireless work they undertake to make our streets and communities safe places to live. I'm sure Sergeant Fiscella is and will continue to be an inspiration to his colleagues and future law-enforcement officers.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF
JIM EMFINGER

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jim Emfinger of Mobile, Alabama,

for his dedicated, inspiring work as an umpire at Mobile Municipal Park. For over 25 years, Jim, affectionately known as "Big Blue," has given his own special touch to the game of baseball and the development of little boys and girls who are learning at a very young age the rules of America's pastime.

All across America, baseball is an important part of our lives, full of history and tradition. From little league games in small towns, to enjoying a box of Cracker Jacks and a hot dog at a major league ballpark, there is no other sport that is as American as baseball. Jim Emfinger has enriched this tradition with a sense of kindness and humanity for which we should all strive both on and off the field.

Jim is well known for helping out the young girls and boys at Mobile Municipal Park, calling a time out if a player needs help or lending a hand if someone gets hurt while sliding into home. On more than one occasion, Jim has pretended to help tie a youngster's shoe while secretly telling him how to hold the bat. I have heard nothing but praise for Jim from the countless parents, coaches, and players who have been lucky enough to be a part of one of the many little league games that Jim has umpired. As the father of a little slugger myself, I can say I have witnessed first-hand the numerous times Jim Emfinger's love of children and love of baseball have come together to make a positive difference.

With a remarkable sense of patience and class, Jim Emfinger is a man who not only honors the game of baseball, but he is a role model to all of the parents and children he meets.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a dedicated community leader and friend to many throughout south Alabama. I know Jim's family and friends, along with past and present ball players, join me in praising his accomplishments and extending thanks for his many efforts over the years on behalf of the city of Mobile and all the future "Hall of Famers" who live there.

TRIBUTE TO REV. JOSEPH CALVIN
NEAL

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of Rev. Joseph Calvin Neal, from Carroll County in my district in Georgia.

Rev. Neal began life in Carroll County as one of 12 children of a single mother. As a young teen, he took a job at the Green Front, a locally owned restaurant, and was renowned for his ability to take the orders of multiple patrons with no notes and never missing a beat.

Rev. Neal became so beloved by key community leaders that they got him a job at Sunset Hills Country Club and eventually encouraged and supported him at Paine College in Augusta, where he received a degree in music.

The Lord called Rev. Neal to the ministry, and after his training was complete, he began serving as the pastor of several Methodist churches in west Georgia.

But his service at his churches wasn't his only job. During his time as pastor, he also

worked for the Douglas & Lomason Company, one of the major producers of car parts in the country. Even after the plant in Carrollton closed down, the company trusted Rev. Neal with the oversight of the company property for years afterward.

But even in working two jobs, Rev. Neal never lost sight of his ministry. Normally, a Methodist pastor serves one church and is moved from church to church every five or so years. But Rev. Neal was so beloved by his congregations that he served as the pastor of 3 churches simultaneously—in Newnan, Georgia for 32 years. These churches are Smith Chapel UMC, Wesley Chapel UMC, and Clark Chapel UMC. During those years, his churches were recognized twice as "church of the year" by the North Georgia Methodist Conference, another testament to his leadership and skill. Rev. Neal also continued his education by receiving a Master of Divinity degree from Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta.

But Rev. Neal also lived out what he preached regarding the importance of family—he cared for his mother until she passed away, and he continues to live in her house with an older brother.

He has also been invaluable to the community in Carroll County. He has served on the planning commission for the city of Carrollton, the Carroll County Water Authority, and on the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors to name a few. Even while working two full-time jobs, Rev. Neal still found time to serve his community.

Rev. Neal has earned the respect and love of the people of Carroll County. Even today, when Rev. Neal does something as simple as go out to a restaurant to eat, people know him and come speak to him about their lives.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to bring a life of service like that of Rev. Neal before the House. He is an example to young people across this Nation of the type of spirit we need in our citizens—he looks beyond what it means to gain notoriety for himself, and focuses on serving others. Servant leadership. Something we would do well to practice here in Washington, and something that Rev. Neal exemplifies by his life. We all wish him the very best in his retirement and continued service to my State and our Nation.

TRIBUTE TO DIANNE EDWARDS

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dianne Edwards of Santa Rosa, California, who is retiring after ten years as Director of Human Services for Sonoma County,

Dianne's job required overseeing one of the largest departments in County government. Human Services provides essential services to one in nine residents including cash aid, medical assistance, and food stamps to low income individuals and families; employment and training services; assistance to the elderly, disabled and veterans to maintain quality of life; and child welfare and child protective services. Dianne managed the 600 staff and their supervisors responsible for these activities at 8 locations.