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PAYING TRIBUTE TO DAVID COX

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 16, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of David Cox, who died March 5th, 2007.

A lifetime resident of Nevada, David Cox made a huge impact on the lives of his community. David was in the first wave of men at Omaha Beach during World War II. Due to his service, he earned the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. David also made an impact by serving in the Clark County Planning Commission for 4 years. Then in 1951, he started his career by teaching 5th graders. He served as an assistant principal on two separate occasions until becoming the principal for Jim Bridger, Von Tobel, and Fremont Junior High Schools which position he held until he retired. His greatest accomplishment came when they dedicated an elementary school in his honor in 1990. David served as a teacher, principal, and an educator for Clark County School District for 29 years. He was always eager to get involved in his community.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the life and legacy of David Cox for his work on behalf of the community and enriched countless lives in southern Nevada. He was dedicated to teaching and enriching the lives of his students. David will be profoundly missed.

CONGRATULATING THE TEXAS CLASS 5A BOYS BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONS AT DUNCANVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 16, 2007

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer a word of congratulations to the boys basketball team of Duncanville High School who captured the Class 5A Division I State Championship. Their 60–46 win over Humble Kingwood took place on March 10, 2007, at Frank Erwin Center in Austin, TX.

The boys made a promise from the start of the season to go undefeated and they kept it with an unblemished record of 39–0. The Duncanville Panthers are one of only 11 other Texas high school teams to have gone undefeated and win the UIL state title since 1970. HoopsUSA.com poll ranks Duncanville as No. 1 in the Nation.

The Panthers consist of 11 tremendous young men, including Seniors D'Walyn Roberts, Corey Johnson, and Brent Staton; Juniors Brian Talley, Victor Adewunmi, Marcus Gilmore, Jamal Lenzy, Josh Etheridge, and Kevin Butler; and Sophomores Shawn Williams, and Roger Franklin.

In Coach Phil McNeely's 23 year tenure at Duncanville, this is his third State champion-

ship. Coach McNeely said this team was his best defensively allowing an average of only 40.8 points in the final four playoff games.

Again, I offer my congratulations to the Duncanville High School boys basketball team for an outstanding and historic season.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JEFF FONTAINE

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 16, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Jeff Fontaine, who was recently appointed as Executive Director of the Nevada Association of Counties, NACO.

Jeff joins NACO after years of distinguished public service. Prior to being named as Executive Director of NACO, Jeff served as Director of the Nevada Department of Transportation, NDOT, where he also held the position of Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer. In this capacity, Jeff, oversaw a \$600 million budget and 1,600 employees while engaging in road and bridge planning, designing, construction, and maintenance.

In the years before his work with NDOT, Jeff worked as a Public Health Engineering Supervisor with the Nevada State Health Division where he was the State Drinking Water Administrator who regulated the quality of water in the state's public water systems. Jeff also served as an environmental engineer for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX in San Francisco. In this capacity, Mr. Fontaine regulated the federal drinking programs on Indian Lands in three western states and in the island nations of Micronesia.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Jeff Fontaine. His dedication to the community is commendable and I wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DR. LEVI C. CHAVOUS

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 16, 2007

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Reverend Dr. Levi C. Chavous on the occasion of his retirement as Pastor of Ridgewood Baptist Church in Columbia, SC.

Reverend Chavous began his tenure at Ridgewood in 1967, becoming the church's third pastor. Throughout his 40 years of continuous service, Reverend Chavous has demonstrated extraordinary faith and leadership to the church, the Ridgewood community, and the religious life of the entire state.

A native of Aiken, Reverend Chavous entered the ministry 57 years ago. In preparation for the ministry, he received degrees from

Florida Normal College and Union Seminary. Early in his career in the ministry, Reverend Chavous pastored several churches across South Carolina.

Under Reverend Chavous' leadership, Ridgewood Baptist experienced tremendous growth in membership and established important new ministries and programs. Among the highlights are: the 7:45 a.m. Worship Service, the weekly Bible Study Class, the L.C. Chavous Ushers, the Tape and Sound Ministry, the Cherubs Choir, the Pulpit Aid Club, and the Christian Education Board. Reverend Chavous also commissioned the first recorded history of the church and established the Ridgewood Foundation.

In addition to new programs and organizations, Reverend Chavous oversaw the expansion of the church campus by acquiring the Mack's Nursery, the historic Holloway House, and additional parking. The crowning achievement of his administration was the construction of the Ridgewood Family Life Center, which was recently named in his honor.

Reverend Chavous has also served the greater community through his membership on the boards of Morris College in Sumter, South Carolina and his alma mater, Florida Normal College. Furthermore, he previously served as Moderator of the Gethsemane Association and President of the Fellowship Union; and has been active in the Baptist Education and Missionary Convention of South Carolina.

Madam Speaker, Reverend Levi C. Chavous has touched the lives of numerous individuals, and made an indelible impact on the members of his church and the entire community. Along with his lovely wife, Mrs. Lucille S. Chavous, he has won the admiration and respect of the members of the Ridgewood Baptist Church for his 40 years of dedicated service. On Sunday, March 25, 2007, Reverend Chavous will preach his final sermon as Pastor of Ridgewood Baptist Church and I wish him well and godspeed.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JERALD "JERRY" LUDWIG

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 16, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of my good friend Jerald "Jerry" Ludwig, who passed away on Monday March 5, 2007.

Jerry, born in Algona, Iowa in 1930, was a resident of Henderson, Nevada for more than 60 years. He graduated from Basic High School in 1950. Following his graduation from Basic High School, Jerry volunteered in service to his country and served as a photographer for the United States Navy during the

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