

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING GEORGE FREDERICK
"FRITZ" JEWETT, JR.

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, on Friday, May 23, San Francisco lost one of its extraordinary citizens with the passing of George Frederick "Fritz" Jewett, Jr. I sadly enter into the RECORD excerpts from his obituary in the San Francisco Chronicle.

Mr. Jewett a Prominent San Francisco businessman, philanthropist and sailing buff whose support of the sport led to his induction into the America's Cup Hall of Fame in 2005, died in San Francisco on Friday of a cerebral hemorrhage. He was 81.

Mr. Jewett had a long career in the forest products industry as a director of the Potlatch Corp. He retired as vice chairman of the board in 1999. He was also renowned in sailing circles for chairing five America's Cup Syndicated for three yacht clubs from 1973 through 2000.

Mr. Jewett was known for his civic activism, generosity and gentle demeanor. Fritz's love of competition and his personal sportsmanship made him a Hall of Famer. His love of friends and kindness to them made him a world class gentleman.

Mr. Jewett is survived by his wife of 54 years, Lucy; his son, George Jewett, III of Hillsborough; his daughter Betsy Jewett of Spokane; his sister, Margaret Greer of Chevy Chase, MD; and four grandchildren.

He had known his wife-to-be Lucille McIntyre since childhood, and reconnected while he was working in a Tacoma sawmill. They were engaged 6 weeks later, and would have celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in July of this year.

In all of life's endeavors Fritz and Lucy were a team. Their love for each other and their family was a model to us all. They were enormously generous in their philanthropy and hospitality. They touched the lives of so many with their quiet and significant support of the arts, education, science, medicine, conservation and sports. Their interests ranged from their patronage, of the San Francisco Ballet to cheering for the San Francisco 49ers. The grace of the ballet and the competitiveness of sports came together in the beauty of sailing which they enjoyed personally and at the America's Cup level.

I hope that it is a comfort to Lucy and the Jewett Family that so many people mourn their loss and are praying for them. Fritz brought the same dignity, spirit and humor to dealing with his physical challenges in his last year as he did throughout his life. My husband Paul and I send our deepest sympathy to Lucy, George, III, and Betsy at this sad time.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GARY
100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great enthusiasm and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate First Baptist Church of Gary, Indiana, as they join together in celebration of their 100th anniversary. The church, which has seen tremendous growth and progress since its humble beginning, will be celebrating this exceptional milestone with festivities beginning on Friday, June 6, and continuing through Sunday, June 8, 2008. The theme for this extraordinary event is "Anchored in Faith: Yesterday, Today, and Forever."

The celebration of First Baptist Church's 100th anniversary, "Dedicated to the Glory of God and the Service of Man," will begin on Friday, June 6, 2008, with a banquet at the Genesis Convention Center in Gary, Indiana, and will continue on Saturday, June 7, with a community event featuring vendors, a petting zoo, and a museum dedicated to the history of the church. Finally, on Sunday, June 8, a very special worship service will take place, followed by a musical concert featuring the First Baptist choirs, former musicians and soloists, and other special guests.

From its modest beginnings, First Baptist Church has emerged as a pillar of the Gary community. Although First Baptist, the oldest African-American congregation in the City of Gary, has seen immense growth, not only in the size of its congregation but also in the depth of the services and programs available to its members, the clergy and congregation have remained dedicated to the fundamental ideal of serving God by serving each other.

Only 2 years after the City of Gary, Indiana, was founded, three individuals, Raymond Rankins, Samuel Duncan, and Samuel Clay, realizing the need for a church of their own in Gary, called upon Dr. Elijah John Fisher, pastor of Olivet Baptist Church in Chicago, for assistance in making this dream a reality. Through their efforts, First Baptist emerged in Gary, with the first services being held in the home of Mr. Rankins. Soon after, membership in the church began to increase, and the first house of worship was constructed at 1617 Washington Street in Gary. After various reconstructions and relocations First Baptist finally settled in its current location at 626 West 21st Avenue in 1955, under the leadership of the Reverend Dr. Robert E. Penn, who served as pastor for more than 20 years. During his tenure, Reverend Penn was focused on being involved in the community, resulting in the creation of a foreign missionary project, a college scholarship fund, and a housing development program. Reverend Penn's vision has continued through today, and he continues to resonate as a shining example of selfless service and unwavering commitment to the community.

Since taking over as pastor on March 30, 1996, the Reverend Dr. Bennie T. Henson, Sr., has continued to spearhead projects aimed at improving not only the church but the community as well. Under Reverend Henson's direction, the Images of Hope initiative was created, which is designed to improve the human condition of the needy and underserved people of Gary. During his tenure, the congregation of First Baptist also witnessed the emergence of Saturday Night Alive, an alternative worship service, and Friday Night Out, a community movie night. In addition, numerous advances have been made during this time in the area of technology, allowing the congregation and the community access to First Baptist Church via the Internet.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating the Reverend Dr. Bennie T. Henson, Sr., and First Baptist Church of Gary on their 100th anniversary. Throughout the years, the clergy and members of First Baptist Church have dedicated themselves to providing spirituality and guidance through their service to their community. Their constant dedication and commitment is worthy of our deepest admiration.

HONORING DERRICK MOSS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Derrick Moss of Liberty, Missouri. Derrick is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 2418, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Derrick has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Derrick has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Derrick Moss for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CELEBRATING THE 2008 HISPANIC
HERITAGE YOUTH AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Mr. EMANUEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 2008 Hispanic Heritage Youth Award Recipients. This award has

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.