

First Officer Jeffrey B. Skiles, flight attendants Doreen Walsh, Donna Dent, and Sheila Dail, rescue boats, and private citizens for their quick thinking, and bravery amongst many other heroic actions demonstrated.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE  
200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH OF DOVER

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 12, 2009*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, the First United Methodist Church of Dover was founded in 1808 and is celebrating its 200th anniversary this year; and

Whereas, the congregation of First United Methodist Church of Dover began with humble roots, in a series of log cabins in Dover, Ohio, meeting for more than 25 years in the homes of William and Mary Butt, Jacob and Elizabeth Welty, and Christian and Marguerite Deardorff. The congregation slowly grew and in 1833, expanded to a series of community buildings, and

Whereas, the church will celebrate its 200th anniversary with a reenactment of the 1808 founding with present congregants playing the roles of Rev. James Watts, the congregation's first pastor who laid the groundwork for two centuries of faith and dedication to community service, therefore, be it

Resolved that along with the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend the First United Methodist Church of Dover for two centuries of dedication and service to the Dover community and recognize their faith in God and determination for worship.

TRIBUTE TO KENNETH P.  
ANSTAETT

**HON. JEAN SCHMIDT**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 12, 2009*

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Kenneth P. Anstaett, a life-long resident of Clermont County who passed away on Wednesday, February 11th. Mr. Anstaett, known by many as Kenny was born on January 28, 1925 in the Ohio River community of Felicity. Kenny later moved and graduated from Owensville High School in 1942.

After the completion of high school, Mr. Anstaett went on to serve our Nation in the United States Army achieving the rank of captain. He served tours in World War II and the Korean War. But Kenny's civic service did not end after his military career. Kenny was later elected to the Batavia Local School Board of Education, twice serving as president. He also served as president of the Batavia Rotary. As a lifelong and active Republican, he founded the Clermont County Young Republican Club with his wife Virginia. He was also an active member in the local chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3954 and American Legion Post 237.

Kenny Anstaett also owned a small business for roughly 50 years, operating a farm

service equipment company, a Dodge automobile dealership, and a gasoline service station.

Madam Speaker, my thoughts and prayers go out to Kenneth's lovely wife Virginia, four children, and his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

TRIBUTE TO GATEWAY COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE

**HON. GEOFF DAVIS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 12, 2009*

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Gateway Community and Technical College.

On December 9, 2008, Gateway Community and Technical College attained Full Regional Accreditation by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) as a Comprehensive Community and Technical College.

With this regional accreditation, Gateway Community and Technical College has attained a longstanding goal of becoming a comprehensive institution.

Over the years, Gateway has distinguished itself through its dedication to the education and workforce development needs of Northern Kentuckians. The institution has maintained a clear mission to higher education and offers the resources, programs and services to accomplish and sustain that mission. The students and faculty deserve recognition for their diligent multi-year efforts that have resulted in the school's recent accreditation.

I applaud Gateway's commitment to excellence in education and their contributions to Kentucky communities. Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating this Kentucky institution on their recent SACS accreditation.

NEW CO-LEADERSHIP IN  
ZIMBABWE

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 12, 2009*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a new leadership body in Zimbabwe, and reaffirm the need for a global commitment to supporting this country on its long road to recovery and stability.

Yesterday, Zimbabwean President Joseph Mugabe swore in his longtime rival Morgan Tsvangirai as Prime Minister. This political marriage was not made in heaven, but in the midst of social unrest, corruption, fuel shortages and unprecedented levels of unemployment, some see this union as a symbol of long-awaited change. Others however, fear that this co-leadership is in name only, and that Mugabe's nearly three decades of oppressive rule have yet to come to an end.

Under the Mugabe regime, voter bribery and intimidation, violence, press censorship and skyrocketing inflation have become all too familiar. Once hailed as the bread basket of Africa, Zimbabwe is now a nation of impoverished millionaires where 10 million dollars buys a loaf of bread if you are lucky, and where the

vast majority are forced to make do with a few crumbs. Cholera, a disease that has not plagued the United States in nearly a century has spread to every area of Zimbabwe, and claimed thousands of lives because of contaminated food and water.

The Shona tribe of Zimbabwe has a famous proverb: water that can be spoiled can also be purified. Madame Speaker, yesterday also marked the 19th anniversary of Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela's release after 27 years of unjust imprisonment. His freedom signified the beginning stages of the Apartheid era's demise, and Mandela would spearhead reconciliation and equality as the first fully democratically elected President of South Africa.

Although Zimbabwe's fate under the new Administration is uncertain at best, the fact that Mugabe—a man who said that only God could remove him from office—swore in Morgan Tsvangirai as Prime Minister should not go without notice. Whatever the future brings, two things are clear. Years of mismanagement under the Mugabe regime have spoiled Zimbabwe's economy, markets and the everyday livelihoods of its people. And, years of international cooperation will be needed to purge the corruption and violence from Zimbabwe's government, military and industries.

Madam Speaker, Zimbabwe, other African countries and the rest of the world must work to create the incentives and frameworks that are needed to place and keep Zimbabwe on a path to peace, and sustainable development.

THE HISTORY OF SAYING "NO" TO  
ECONOMIC RESCUE EFFORTS  
HAS BEEN A DISASTER FOR OUR  
COUNTRY. JUST ASK HERBERT  
HOOVER.

**HON. GEORGE MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 12, 2009*

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, in response to the gravest economic crisis to face our country in generations, Congress is on the verge of approving President Obama's economic recovery package to save or create between three and four million jobs and put our country on a path toward economic growth. That is a good thing. And it is happening despite the opposition of every one of my Republican colleagues in the House. Their opposition is rooted in the history of saying no to government intervention in times of crisis; they were wrong during the Great Depression and they are wrong today.

The public is being told by critics of this plan, which invests in education, renewable energy, transportation, and health care, that it spends too much money and is not the answer to what ails our economy. The critics say that we would be better off relying on the private sector and tax cuts—the same strategy that got us into this mess in the first place. It was this very same Republican strategy that turned a record budget surplus into a record budget deficit and sent the economy into a nose dive.

When the House approved president Obama's plan last week, not a single Republican in the House of Representatives voted