

much to so many servicemen and women serving abroad. He leads by example and is committed to service, spiritual leadership and education. Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize Rabbi Cutler for his outstanding work, and am extremely honored to serve as his Congressman.

HONORING REVEREND DR. F.O.
HOCKENHULL

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2009

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Reverend Dr. F.O. Hockenhull as he celebrates 40 years as pastor of the First Trinity Missionary Baptist Church in my hometown of Flint, Michigan. A banquet in his honor was held last Friday in honor of this occasion.

Reverend Dr. Hockenhull was educated at Arkansas State AM&N College, Wayne State University and Detroit Bible College. He has received an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity from Arkansas Baptist College, an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity from Selma University and an Honorary Doctorate of Law from Selma University.

He worked as a Chaplain in the Wayne County Jail and as a contact representative for the W.J. Maxey Boys Training School. After spending 6 years as the pastor of the Jehovah Baptist Church in Detroit, Reverend Dr. Hockenhull became the pastor at First Trinity Missionary Baptist Church. He has remained in this position for the past 40 years.

Reverend Dr. Hockenhull is the past-President of the Great Lakes Baptist District Leadership and Educational Congress to the Great Lakes Baptist District Association; the Associate Director General of the National Congress of Christian Education-National Baptist Convention USA, Incorporated; past-Vice-President of the Wolverine State Congress of Christian Education; a member of the Board of Directors at the Montgomery Bible Institute and Theological Center; a former member of the National Baptist Convention USA, Incorporated Publishing Board; a former instructor at the National Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress-National Baptist Convention USA; past Supervisor of the Administrative Leaders Division-National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, National Baptist Convention USA, Incorporated; past Instructor with the Great Lakes Baptist District of Christian Education; a member of the Board of Directors of the National Baptist Convention, USA Incorporated; a member of the Stewardship Commission of the National Baptist Convention, USA Incorporated; a Trustee of the Retirement Commission of the National Baptist Convention, USA Incorporated; and a delegate to the World Christian Conference in Australia.

In addition to his work, Reverend Dr. Hockenhull is a world renowned lecturer, a member of the NAACP, and a member of Concerned Pastors for Social Action. His wife of over 50 years, Marian, is the National Director of the Young People's Department. They have one son, Franco, and two granddaughters, Vanessa and Victoria.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me and applaud the

life and work of Reverend Dr. F.O. Hockenhull. He has spent his life in devotion to Our Lord, Jesus Christ, by fulfilling God's Great Commission. His compassion, patience and love for humanity are recognized throughout the Flint community. Through his example, he inspires passion, spirituality, and service in his congregation and he carries the message of God's love beyond the walls of the church building. I have known Reverend Dr. Hockenhull for many years and have always been touched by his wisdom, his zeal and his piety. I pray that he will continue to serve for many, many years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF ELIZABETH
BENHAM

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2009

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Elizabeth Benham, who is being honored this month in New York City by the International Federation of Business and Professional Women (BPW International) for her work as its President. Founded in 1930, BPW is an international organization of women business owners with links to more than 90 countries on five continents. BPW is a wonderful way for businesswomen to network and support one another.

After more than two decades of dedicated work on behalf of BPW, Ms. Benham became the organization's President last year. She is being honored at the annual Conference on the Status of Women that is being held this month at the United Nations, located in New York's 14th Congressional District that I am privileged to represent.

Elizabeth Benham is the twentieth president of BPW International and the first American to serve at its helm in 28 years. She demonstrated her commitment to BPW International as the chair of its Fundraising Taskforce from 2004–2008. In 2005, she served the organization as the Vice President, Membership Chair, Friends and Fellows Chair, and as a member of the International Planning Committee. In these roles she traveled extensively, meeting with members and chapters around the world, and developing a broad and deep understanding of the needs of the organization's diverse membership. Since 1998, Elizabeth Benham has also served as an alternate delegate to the United Nations on behalf of BPW International.

When she became BPW International President in 2008, Elizabeth Benham not only had extensive prior experience working with BPW International, but had also achieved notable success as a businesswoman. Before going into business, she was a certified nurse midwife in high risk obstetrics. Throughout her life, Elizabeth has demonstrated her compassion and motivation in her volunteer work as the Vice President of Toys of Hope Charity, a Board Member of Women Builders Council in New York, and a Board Member of the Fire Island Lighthouse Preservation Society.

Elizabeth Benham has worked tirelessly in her professional life and leadership roles to support the accomplishments of women throughout the world. In her role as President, she is working to form connections of im-

proved communication among all members and affiliates for a better flow of information. She has dedicated her efforts to expanding and improving training for future leaders of BPW International and for greater efficiencies in managing the vast organization. She has consistently demonstrated her commitment to the mission of the International Federation of Business and Professional Women in helping women in the workforce achieve their business and professional goals.

Madam Speaker, I request that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to Elizabeth Benham and the International Federation of Business and Professional Women, which under her able and inspired leadership continues to ensure that women gain equal participation and success in the workforce.

WATER QUALITY INVESTMENT
ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1262):

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of H.R. 1262, the Water Quality Investment Act.

I would like to first thank Chairman OBERSTAR and Ranking Member MICA for bringing to the floor this important legislation. I am also proud to have worked with Mr. PASCARELL on Title Three of this bill—which we have introduced previously.

Sewer maintenance is a serious problem in low-lying coastal areas such as Michigan. It is a sad fact that many of the sewer systems in Michigan and throughout the country date back to the Nineteenth Century.

These outdated systems often overflow with untreated human and industrial waste—releasing toxins and disease-causing organisms.

Inadequate maintenance, deteriorated pipes, rainfall and snow melts are too often cited as the cause of these overflows.

It is indisputable that sewer overflows pose a significant threat to public health and safety because they put raw sewage into rivers, streets, basements, and other areas of human exposure. They are also responsible for many beach closures, shellfish restrictions, and violations of water quality standards.

In Michigan alone there have been over 1,000 reported sewer overflows annually. These events have contributed over 20 billion gallons of sewage and wastewater onto the ground and into Michigan rivers, lakes and streams.

Even more staggering, the EPA has estimated that nearly 900 billion—let me repeat, 900 billion—gallons of untreated wastewater and storm water are released through combined sewer overflows and separate sewer overflows annually in the United States.

The Water Quality Investment Act goes a long way toward ending the public health and environmental crisis associated with sewer overflows by providing federal funds to repair and replace outdated systems. Local governments cannot simply fix this mess and meet their obligations under the Clean Water Act alone.