

acting to improve the quality of life for the residents of Vienna, Maud has been a constant presence at Fairfax County Board of Supervisor meetings, revitalization meetings and everywhere else where her dedication to her community would have a positive impact on fellow Vienna residents.

After serving on the Vienna Town Council for the last nine years, Maud has decided to not seek reelection and enjoy some well deserved leisure time. The community will be eternally grateful for her many contributions, and her strength and determination will be missed.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Maud Robinson on the occasion of her retirement and in thanking her for her years of service to the community and our country.

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF KOINONIA
WORSHIP CENTER

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the 30th anniversary of Koinonia Worship Center in Pembroke Park, Florida. Since its inception, the Church has stood in the community as a symbol of perseverance and inspiration. This anniversary of Koinonia Worship Center marks a time of remembrance of a storied past and renewal for a bright future.

In January 1980, three families—the Jones', the Albury's and the Harvey's, of Carol City, Florida decided that they needed a closer walk with God and a deeper commitment to Jesus Christ. They began to meet on Monday nights for a Spirit filled Bible study at the home of Eric H. Jones, Jr. As the months passed, the study group increased in number and eventually outgrew the pastor's home. Under the leadership of Pastor Jones a ministry was established. A meeting was held with a Bible study group of West Hollywood, Florida, headed by Brother Irving Seymour and another Christian body from Hallandale, Florida. On June 1, 1982, Pastor Jones was asked to be the pastor and Irving Seymour was asked to be the evangelist.

The name Koinonia was suggested by Evangelist Irving Seymour. It was presented to the group and accepted. The membership also decided that the church would be a non-denominational worship center. and would be supported by tithes and offerings. The first services were held on June 13, 1982, at the Ramada Inn in Hallandale, Florida. On June 16, 1982, the business meeting was held at the home of Deacon Albury in Miami, Florida. The decisions on the Articles of Faith, the Church's constitution, bylaws, covenant and officers were made at the meeting.

The church's officers were: Pastor, Eric H. Jones, Jr.; Chairman of Deacons, Arnold Albury; Secretary, Elois Seymour; Clerk, Beverly Parks; Sunday School Superintendent, Irving Seymour; Minister of Education, Rosita Albury; Assistant Minister of Education, Bloneva Jones; Treasurer, Sonja Harvey; and Usher, Tyrone Pitts.

Koinonia began with 18 charter members, has moved from various locations, has grown

to a membership of over 6,000, operates seven days a week, and has 27 ministries. Some of the ministries include: Prison, More Than Conquerors, Christian Men of Destiny, Women of Vision, Reaching Hands, and Economic Empowerment. Koinonia is known for reaching out to the oppressed, developing programs for the socially and economically out-cast and presents a unique and clear methodology for salvation.

Madam Speaker, please join me in applauding and honoring Koinonia Worship Center as it celebrates 30 years of dedicated fellowship. Throughout the past 30 years, the clergy and members have dedicated themselves to providing spirituality, service and guidance to the Church and greater community of South Florida. Koinonia is a model for our community and our Nation. Koinonia has never wavered from the ministry of saving lost souls, preaching the gospel, feeding the hungry, helping the homeless, and reaching out and renewing the spirit of neighbors in need. It is my hope Koinonia continues to stand as a beacon of resolve, inspiration and worship for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING CONTRIBUTIONS OF
FATHERS

SPEECH OF

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of House Resolution 428. This statement is of great importance because it recognizes the true commitment of fatherhood. House Resolution 428 commends the millions of fathers who embrace their parental responsibilities by providing love and support to their children. Raising children is by no means an easy task, but those who have dedicated their lives to provide for their offspring play a vital role in their development. Fathers are teachers and protectors who impart life lessons in preparation for the future. This is a very important, timely bill, and I commend Representative MIKE MCINTYRE for bringing this resolution before the House.

House Resolution 428 recognizes the impact fathers have on their children. We must encourage responsible fatherhood because it can reduce the amount of impoverished children, many with one parent who are unable to afford the resources necessary to raise a family. Children who are fortunate enough to have an involved father have a greater chance of excelling in school and have less of a chance of exhibiting behavioral problems. The influence of a father promotes healthy development of a child in every aspect. Children are so easily influenced and proper guidance utilizing both parents can spur growth and future accomplishments.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to add my voice and support in recognition of our nation's fathers. We must use this opportunity to praise accountable fathers because they provide strength to their families and communities. I will work diligently with my colleagues to acknowledge their commitment and continue to encourage men who are not as engaged in the lives of their children to start fresh on Father's Day to become positive and strong influences in their child's development.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE,
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2847) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Chair, at its core, the Commerce-Justice-Science bill is designed to keep our economy strong, our people safe, and our research and development efforts thriving. This legislation accomplishes all of three of these objectives—and it does so in a fiscally responsible manner by scrutinizing each of the bill's existing programs, eliminating eleven of them and trimming thirteen others.

In particular, I am pleased that science, technology and innovation receive \$30.6 billion under this legislation, an increase of \$1 billion over last year. Of that amount, \$6.9 billion will go to the National Science Foundation (NSF) to support promising scientific research at America's universities. \$781 million will go to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), including \$125 million for Manufacturing Extension Partnerships to help small and mid-size companies compete overseas and \$70 million for the Technology Innovation Program to fund high-risk, high-reward research in areas of critical national need. \$18.2 billion will go to National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) for its groundbreaking research into space and aeronautics. And \$4.6 billion will go to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for its indispensable analysis on climate and weather. Importantly, the bill also provides \$1.08 billion for science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education to properly train America's future workforce.

To keep our communities safe, this legislation also invests \$3.4 billion in state and local law enforcement—including \$802 million for the COPS program to hire more than 7000 police officers, \$385 million for juvenile justice programs that support our nation's youth, and \$400 million to prevent violence against women.

Mr. Chair, I commend Chairman MOLLOHAN, Ranking Member WOLF and the rest of the subcommittee for its work on this legislation and urge my colleagues' support.

IN HONOR OF THE LAKE CITIES
FIRE DEPARTMENT'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the Lake Cities Fire Department for 50 years of volunteer service to the cities of Corinth, Lake Dallas, Hickory Creek, and Shady Shores.