

great American city, but hadn't in Newark for quite some time—attending a major league sporting event; in this case, a rousing hockey game where the New Jersey Devils skated past the Toronto Maple Leafs by a score of 3-2.

It was just a few days after the Prudential Center opened in downtown Newark and it was the city's first test of how it would move multiples of thousands of people through downtown streets. Newark passed with flying colors. And it was the first of many electrifying nights with multiple venues alit and Newark abuzz with activity.

Just recently, Newark Symphony Hall played host to a daylong conference on reimagining its future. What became clear through the day is the unmistakable rebirth of Newark at night. There can no longer be any doubt. Newark is alive and kicking up its heels at night and on the weekends.

For quite some time, the Newark Museum and Symphony Hall were in a lonely vanguard. There was little life in the downtown core and Newark's lingering reputation from years past did not help. Too many office workers raced out of the city at night, almost never touching city sidewalks because of the hermetically sealed tubes between the towers, the parking decks and Penn Station.

Happily, though, much has changed in the last decade. Like Cleveland and Pittsburgh, two similar cities formerly down on their luck, we have seen real change in Newark and it is exciting to be a part of it.

Since opening night, NJPAC has attracted some 6 million visitors, the vast majority in the evening and on weekends. As we like to say, "That's 6 million people coming to the building that wasn't going to be built in the city that no one was going to come to."

Similarly, since opening less than two years ago, Prudential Center has drawn nearly 3 million visitors to Newark, virtually all at night or on the weekend. As we like to say, "That's 3 million people coming to the Rock that couldn't be built in a city that no one would dare come to."

In fact, even in the worst economy in three generations, Devils attendance is up almost 15 percent from their best year in the Meadowlands. Perhaps more important is how long their fans are staying—on average over an hour longer than they did at the Meadowlands. That means they are dining at Newark restaurants and spending more time—and money—in the city.

Newark Symphony Hall is poised to experience a resurgence. The recent conference was a promising start. Its vibrancy is essential to enlivening the south Broad Street end of Newark and creating stability for not only the visitors, but for the people who reside in the neighborhood as well.

This bodes well for the housing and commercial development that is picking up steam and for continued economic investment in this part of the city. If Newark is to sustain its momentum, the entire length of Broad Street must become the centerpiece of significant redevelopment to elevate Newark to the next level of visitor interest.

Combined, last year nearly 2 million visitors came to spend an evening in Newark attending events at the three venues. But there is more we must achieve.

In Cleveland, for example there are now six successful theaters in Playhouse Square and the Quicken Arena brought LeBron James and the Cavaliers from the suburbs to the city. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame has enticed tourism from far beyond Cleveland. What was once a desolate downtown is now delightful. Hotels, office development and retail followed.

That's what we are aiming for in Newark. We have world-class facilities. We have fine restaurants—many of them brand new and

participating in Newark's second annual restaurant week this month—and entertainment venues that dot the area around NJPAC and the Prudential Center, but we are not finished.

Cities are meant to be filled with all kinds of people coming together to celebrate, relax, revel and enjoy one another. That's now happening big time in Newark today. And that's very good news for all of us in New Jersey.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. A.D. PINKNEY, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE INDIANAPOLIS NAACP

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and legacy of Dr. A.D. Pinkney, former president of the Indianapolis National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He passed away this month, at the age of 85.

Dr. Pinkney was an iconic civil rights leader who brought visionary changes that forever altered the racial landscape of Indianapolis, Indiana. Under his leadership, the NAACP brought two landmark cases before federal courts, which were instrumental in forcing the city to desegregate. The first ruling forced black students from the Indianapolis Public Schools area to be bused to township system schools. The second ruling by federal courts forced suburban townships to expand public housing options for people of color.

Through great courage and dedication, Dr. Pinkney opened the doors for our generation to come forward and serve our community as proud and honorable citizens. He was instrumental in breaking down ethnic and racial barriers, so that people of color may live a prosperous life of liberty and equality.

His passing is a great loss to the Indianapolis area community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. A.D. Pinkney for his service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, due to a meeting at the White House on Friday, July 30, 2009, I missed two votes. I would have voted as follows: Motion to recommit on H.R. 2479—"no"; final Passage of H.R. 2479, the Food Safety Enhancement Act of 2009—"yes."

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARY FALLIN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Ms. FALLIN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on ear-

marks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3133, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. I requested \$2,300,000.00 and received \$250,000.00 for the Statewide Comprehensive Water Plan at the Oklahoma Water Resources Board located at 3800 North Classen Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118, which is a multi-year study to provide technical assistance to the state of Oklahoma in updating the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan. The OWRB envisions that, combined with federal cost-shared funds, the OWRB could work with local water suppliers in evaluating their system conditions, long-term needs, and develop a strategy to meet their needs over a 50-year time horizon. The plan would also address the long-term needs of other water use sectors.

HONORING DR. MODESTO "MITCH" MAIDIQUE

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a true leader, activist, champion of education and a dear friend, Dr. Modesto "Mitch" Maidique, President of Florida International University in Miami, Florida.

Dr. Maidique is the longest serving university president in the State of Florida and the second longest serving research university president in the country. For more than two decades, he has dedicated his life to FIU, its students, faculty and staff, and has transformed it into one of our nation's leading institutions of higher education. As he prepares to retire next week, it is a privilege to pay tribute to this visionary and extraordinary leader.

He began his service to FIU in the College of Business Administration as a professor of management and in 1986 was named FIU's fourth President. Under his leadership, enrollment at FIU has more than doubled, growing to more than 38,000 students and today ranks among the 20 largest universities in the United States. The university added 22 doctoral programs and 18 undergraduate programs during Dr. Maidique's presidency. It serves not only Floridians, but students from across the nation and world and has cultivated successful alumni and leaders in our community.

His tenacity and perseverance led to the establishment of the College of Law, College of Engineering and the School of Architecture and most recently, the historic opening of the new FIU College of Medicine, one of only three medical schools established in the last 25 years. The university also added a Division I-A football team in 2002. FIU's sponsored research funding has also grown from \$6 million to nearly \$110 million and the institution's endowment experienced exponential growth from less than \$3 million to more than \$105 million.

Prior to his tenure at FIU, Dr. Maidique co-founded Analog Devices Inc., Semiconductor Division. He also served as CEO of Collaborative Research, now Genome Therapeutics, and as senior partner in Hambrecht & Quist Venture Partners. He was also the past chairman of The Beacon Council, Miami's economic development authority and has testified

before Congress on the issues of energy conservation and energy financing. President George H.W. Bush appointed him to the President's Educational Policy Advisory Committee and he served in a similar capacity for President George W. Bush. He later served on the Secretary of Energy's Advisory Board and has served for eight years as a member of the Commission on Presidential Scholars. The Hispanic Business Journal has named him among America's 100 Most Influential Hispanic Leaders.

He received his B.S., M.S., E.E. and Ph.D. degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and completed the Harvard Business School's Program for Leadership Development. He is also a contributing author to ten books and has co-authored a New York Times bestseller.

I have always considered Florida International University to be one of the fundamental pillars of South Florida. During my years in the Florida State Legislature, and now in Congress, I have enjoyed working closely with Dr. Maidique in the efforts to create the College of Law, the Engineering Campus, expanding the library and research capabilities, and securing millions in federal funding, among other accomplishments. I have witnessed the work of this great leader first hand and today I thank him for his service. His legacy will endure generations and is sure to be felt for decades to come.

My dear friend Mitch Maidique exemplifies the true meaning of public service and has put the needs of the University, our community's University, above all else. Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me in celebrating his legacy and career, thanking him for his invaluable service and wishing him well in the years to come.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR,
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration of the bill (H.R. 3293) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Chair, I rise today in opposition to this Republican motion to recommit on the Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education bill (H.R. 3293).

Since I was first elected to Congress, I have been advocating for more funding for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). In January, I voted for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (H.R.1) that included \$12.2 billion to help States and localities fund special education for 6.7 million students with disabilities. I want to note that not one Republican in the House of Representatives voted for the Recovery Act that included this vital

funding. In the 109th and 110th Congresses, I introduced the Achieving Our IDEA Act, which would guarantee that the federal government meets its commitment to provide 40 percent of the cost of educating children with special needs by 2013.

The bill we have before us today includes \$12.58 billion for IDEA and I wish it included more. However, we cannot make up 8 years of lost ground in a single piece of legislation. This motion to recommit would add one billion dollars to the IDEA only by cutting other critical investments. If this motion passes, neighbors who have lost their jobs would suffer due to reduced funding for Training and Employment Services in the Department of Labor. Schools would lose needed funds for innovation and improvement. Nonprofits would suffer because the Corporation for National and Community Service budget would be reduced by 30 percent.

For these reasons, I will not support this motion and urge a "no" vote.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE EUGENE
AMOS

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today pay tribute former Kansas State Representative Eugene "Gene" Amos, who died on July 24th.

Gene Amos, the owner of the Amos Funeral Home, served in the Kansas House of Representatives from 1987 to 1993, representing a district that was centered on the city of Shawnee. Earlier this year, he received the Shawnee Chamber of Commerce's Lifetime Achievement Award for advancing the interests of Shawnee, which bears the imprint of his "good deeds, kind words and solid values", the Chamber stated. Born in Liberal, Kansas, he moved to Shawnee with his family in 1945, attended Shawnee Mission Rural High School and graduated from Kansas City Missouri Junior College and the Kansas City College of Mortuary Science. After serving in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, he married Margaret Zoll in 1953 and joined his father's funeral business.

In addition to serving as president of the Kansas Funeral Directors Association and president of the State Board of Embalmers, Gene was an active member of the Shawnee Chamber of Commerce, the Shawnee Historical Society, the Shawnee Optimist Club, and Optimist International, where he served as president and district governor. He was a member of Merriam Christian Church, serving as a deacon, elder and chairman of the board. Additionally, he served as president and member of the Delaware Crossing Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. He often spoke to groups on the history of Shawnee, politics, the funeral business and family research, and he taught genealogy at Johnson County Community College. In 2007, he was named Shawnee Citizen of the Year by the Knights of Columbus Council 2332. He also was a charter member of the Ancient Form Masonic Lodge, and was a member of Scottish Rite Bodies, Abdallah Shrine, Beatrice Chamber, and Order of the Eastern Star.

As a member of the Kansas House of Representatives, Gene served on the education, public health and agriculture committees. According to the Kansas City Star, when the Kansas Legislature approved a resolution earlier this year recognizing Amos, lawmakers recalled his humor: "One legislator told how Amos would pass out business cards to fellow committee members who he said appeared lifeless. He once took the pulse of a sleeping legislator and said he was looking for a new client. Then the mood in the legislative chamber that day turned more somber, according to a transcript of the proceedings. Frank Weimer, who served with Amos as a state representative, spoke of Amos' honor, generosity and integrity. 'There isn't a man on this earth I respect more than Gene Amos,' Weimer said."

Madam Speaker, Gene Amos is survived by: his wife, Margaret; son, Gregg Amos; daughters, Joni Pflumm and Amy Ruo (John); sister, Paula Ramona Upton; six grandchildren and one great grandson. I have known Gene for many years and considered him a good friend. I join his many friends, neighbors and professional colleagues in celebrating his life and mourning our loss.

RECOGNIZING THE BRAVE MEN
AND WOMEN WHO SERVED IN
THE VIETNAM WAR AND HONORING
THEIR SERVICE TO THE
NATION

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the brave men and women who served in the Vietnam War. It has been 50 years since our first casualties. In 1959, Major Dale Richard Buis and Master Sergeant Chester M. Ovnan were ambushed and killed by Ho Chi Minh Vietnamese. By 1963, 100 advisors had lost their life in Vietnam. After President Kennedy's assassination, history would be left to President Johnson, who would lead Americans into one of the most tumultuous times in our history.

In 1964, the reported Gulf of Tonkin incident resulted in a Congressional Resolution that allowed President Lyndon B. Johnson to wage war without a formal declaration. By 1965, the conflict heightened and more Americans were subject to the draft. Casualties escalated from 17,000 to 35,000 a month. In January of 1968, the North Vietnamese launched the Tet Offensive, though Americans were able to obtain a military victory and recapture most of the area. However, politically the tide of support was turning in the United States, and the draft continued as protests became louder. Richard Nixon was elected President and began covert bombing of Cambodia in 1969. By 1973 the last American troops left Vietnam.

As our American military was sent to do battle in a civil war, they had no idea of the life altering experience that would change them and their country forever. Vietnam Veterans are the children of the greatest generation. And like their fathers and mothers they did their job for their country, engaging the enemy on land, in the air, and on water—many fighting to their death. In battle survival depended on each other. They became numb from the