

then Rev. Richardson led a renovation of the sanctuary and auditorium and property was purchased for a parking lot. Two choirs, the Young Voices of Zion and the Zionaires Gospel Chorus, were organized. Rev. Flowers led the renovation and refurbishing of the Parsonage. Rev. Tate was credited with inspiring many to restore their membership and with enhancing the administration of the Church, and Rev. Collins built on that by establishing a centralized treasury for more efficient management.

In 1991, Rev. Dr. Maven was appointed as Pastor. In the fall of that year, a new parsonage was purchased and the old one was converted into church offices and meeting space. Soon, a 15 passenger van was purchased, and the sanctuary renovated with the installation of new carpet, padding of pews and a new sound system. Slate roofs were replaced and the parking lot resurfaced.

Dr. Maven has led the establishment of many ministries, like the food pantry and clothing bank, a substance abuse support program, Holiday Baskets for the needy and meals for seniors. In 1995, the Alfreida Van Rensalier Memorial Scholarship was established, and has awarded more than \$75,000 in scholarships to college-bound Paterson students. The First Church CDC, now known as Zion CDC, also began in 1995. It cosponsored the development of housing for persons with disabilities and acquired property for future growth. It was awarded a grant in 1996 to provide First-Time Homebuyer Counseling services and continues to provide this service along with foreclosure counseling. Dr. Maven also founded the Paterson Family Success Center in 2006. Housed in the Paterson YMCA, it offers programs, information and referral services to strengthen families. To enhance the spiritual growth and development of the membership, the First Church Christian Training Academy was founded in 1996. Wednesday Worship, a non-traditional contemporary worship service, was started in 2007. Children's Church was also organized.

Dr. Maven's ministry and involvement have not gone unnoticed by the community nor by the A.M.E. Zion Church Denomination, and he is deeply involved in both. He is presently the longest serving tenured Pastor in the 175-year history of the First Church.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to learning about and recognizing the efforts of a wonderful, thriving community like the First African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Paterson.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join all of the members and clergy of the First African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Paterson, all those whose faith has been enriched throughout the years, and me in recognizing the outstanding contributions of the First African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Paterson to the church community and beyond.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF THE HOUSE REGARDING SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

SPEECH OF

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 9, 2009*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 722, which marks the eighth anniversary of September 11, 2001 and solemnly recognizes the lives lost and the sacrifices made on that day.

I want to commend Mr. HOYER and Mr. BOEHNER for bringing this bipartisan resolution to the floor.

None of us will ever forget where we were and what we were doing on the morning of September 11, 2001. The images of the planes hitting the World Trade Center towers, the smoke rising above the Pentagon, and the scattered remnants of flight 93 in that Shanksville, Pennsylvania field will forever be seared in our Nation's consciousness.

This resolution affirms that we continue to mourn the innocent loss of life that occurred that horrific morning and extend our deepest sympathies and prayers to family and friends of the victims. It also pays tribute to the heroism of the first responders, law enforcement personnel, and ordinary citizens who rushed to the aid of their fellow Americans on that darkest of days.

With this resolution, the House not only recognizes the extraordinary heroism of that day but acknowledges the significant strides we have made as a Nation to improve information sharing, strengthen our borders, and enhance our resilience. As a result, the United States is more secure today than it was on September 11, 2001. However, we must not lose sight of what still needs to be done or grow complacent about security. The nature of the terrorist threat demands vigilance at all levels of government and in our communities.

Mr. Speaker, this anniversary represents an opportunity to rededicate ourselves to these efforts and H. Res. 722 is a fitting remembrance of how September 11 changed the course of our Nation's history.

Let us never forget the lives that were lost and the lessons that were learned that day.

IN MEMORY OF JUDGE WILLIAM KIMBERLIN

**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 14, 2009*

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, it is with sadness that I inform the House of the death of the Honorable Judge William Morian "Bill" Kimberlin, former Circuit Judge of the 17th Judicial Circuit of Missouri.

Judge Kimberlin was born in Garden City, Missouri, in 1915. After graduating from Garden City High School, he attended Central Methodist College in Fayette, Missouri where he received a music scholarship, majoring in Piano. An accomplished musician, he played a variety of instruments and was gifted with a rich baritone voice. After two years, Bill trans-

ferred to the University of Missouri School of Law. He was a loyal alumni and lifetime supporter of MU where his father, children, and grandchildren are also alumni. Judge Kimberlin was pleased to account that he was the first graduate to be awarded a diploma at the 100th anniversary commencement of the University of Missouri.

Upon graduation in 1939, he moved to Harrisonville, Missouri, where he practiced law with the firm Crouch & Crouch. His young legal career was interrupted by the onslaught of WWII where he served four years in the Army Air Corps. For his service in the Mediterranean and European Theatres, he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service and six campaign stars. Before going overseas, Judge Kimberlin met his future wife, Martha Bumby, on the dance floor of the Officers' Club while stationed in Orlando, Florida. The couple was married in 1946 and settled in Harrisonville.

A lifelong Democrat, Judge Kimberlin was elected Mayor of Harrisonville, served two terms as Prosecuting Attorney of Cass County, and served as the City Attorney of Harrisonville. He was elected five times to serve as Circuit Judge of the 17th Judicial Court of Missouri, and served for 29 years. In honor of his great service, a courtroom was named in his honor upon completion of the new Cass County Justice Center in 2004. He was also one of the twelve original committee members appointed by the Missouri Supreme Court to draft the Missouri Civil Approved Jury Instructions for use in all courts of the state and was appointed a Special Judge to sit for a term on the Missouri Supreme Court.

Judge Kimberlin was revered for always treating everyone with dignity and respect, both inside and outside of the courtroom. He dedicated his life to public service, donating much of his time to community organizations and serving on numerous boards and committees. Included were the First Christian Church, Ararat Shrines, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Sons of the American Revolution, Cass Lodge #147 A.F. & A.M., Board of Directors of the Missouri Municipal League, district Chairmen of the Thunderbird District of the Kansas City Area Council of Boy Scouts of America, Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity, was past President of the Harrisonville Kiwanis and lieutenant-governor of the Division II Kiwanis. At the same time, he was an avid hunter and golfer. Most importantly, Judge Kimberlin was a devoted family man who enjoyed spending time with his wife Martha, his children, Marsha Peters and William Bruce Kimberlin, and two granddaughters, Lauren Kimberlin Peters and Lindsey Morlan Peters.

Madam Speaker, Judge William Kimberlin was an honorable Judge and respected leader in the community. I am certain that the members of the House will join me in extending their heartfelt condolences to his family and friends. He will be greatly missed.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. NATHAN DEAL**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 14, 2009*

Mr. DEAL of Georgia. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican leadership standards