

orchestra level of the theatre. In their pursuit to end racial discrimination, the Smiths endured numerous death threats, many arrests by the police, and the tragic murders of their friends Dr. Martin Luther King and Medgar Evers.

In 1973, Dr. Smith became the first African-American elected to an at-large position on the Shelby County Commission where he served until 1994. Dr. Smith was a compassionate and effective County Commissioner. He and I served together as Commissioners from 1978 to 1980. During this time on the Commission, we worked together to build the Regional Medical Center, our charity hospital and trauma center in Shelby County that serves people who would otherwise have no access to health care. He and fellow County Commissioner Jesse Turner, Sr., who also served as National Treasurer for the NAACP, were known as "the freedom fighters." They fought for civil rights in Memphis and stood up when others did not. They were always the voices of conscience, reasonableness, and morality in our community.

Vasco Smith was a loving husband to Maxine Smith. As Wendi Thomas of the Commercial Appeal noted, it is difficult to think of either Smith without the other because they were a team; indeed, together they were a force for change and progress. Maxine Smith served as the Executive Secretary of the Memphis branch of the NAACP for more than forty years and continues to serve on the NAACP National Board of Directors. For two decades, Maxine Smith served on the Memphis City School Board. She served on the Tennessee Board of Regents for over a decade. Married 56 years, Maxine and Vasco Smith were true soulmates. Together, they had one son, Dr. Vasco "Smitty" Smith, III, a dentist like his father, who made his parents very proud.

Dr. Vasco Smith was a special man to me because he showed moral rectitude of a type that's rarely seen. He knew justice beyond color and will be remembered in Memphis as a great civil rights leader, a husband, a father, a professional, and a great Memphian.

He will be buried Friday. I will be there with him. His was a life well lived.

HONORING THE SECOND HONOR
FLIGHT OF SOUTHERN NEW
MEXICO

HON. HARRY TEAGUE

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2009

Mr. TEAGUE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak in honor of the World War II veterans from my district who are traveling to Washington, D.C. today on the Second Honor Flight of Southern New Mexico.

The Honor Flight of Southern New Mexico was established by business and community leaders in my district who are devoted to honoring our veterans. The aim of the program is to provide as many World War II veterans as possible with the opportunity to see the World War II Memorial here in Washington, D.C. at no cost to them. Last October, Southern New Mexico had its First Honor Flight, which was a great success. Southern New Mexico's Second Honor Flight departed from El Paso International Airport this morning carrying World

War II veterans from my district who have never had an opportunity to see the World War II Memorial that was built in their honor. These veterans, who risked their lives to defend the freedoms we enjoy today, will land at Reagan National Airport where they will be greeted with a grand salute. From there, they will have an opportunity to visit the World War II Memorial for the very first time. At the memorial, there will be a wreath laying ceremony in honor of veterans who have passed away, a memory session for the veterans to share their World War II stories, and a group photo so that they can remember this day for the rest of their lives. They will return home this evening.

These veterans fought nobly for our freedoms and we cannot even begin to repay them for their sacrifices. The least we can do is try to show them the depth of our gratitude by providing them with this once in a lifetime opportunity to visit their memorial. I am proud that every dollar that is paying for this honor flight came from private citizens who recognize the immense sacrifice these veterans made to ensure their liberty. This flight would not be possible without the dedication of Judge Robert Brack and Judge Leslie Smith of Las Cruces, who initially spearheaded the idea of bringing the Honor Flight program to Southern New Mexico. In addition, the Honor Flight Board of Directors comprised of Chairman Bill Mattiace, Vice-Chairman Darrell Wall, Treasurer Gary Lenzo, and Secretary Patsy A. Duran contributed much time and energy to advocating for this cause, and to recruiting board members. Board Members Steven Alexander, Walt Baker, Pat Carr, Jag Cheema, Denton Holmes, Dolores Connor, J.R. Turner, Susie Cordero, Carrie Contreras, Debbie Hanssen, and Dolores Archuleta have also made invaluable contributions through their tireless efforts to expand the Honor Flight program and seek out donors. The generosity these private citizens have shown is an example of the bigheartedness that is a true part of the American spirit, and I am touched by their willingness to provide such a rare and meaningful opportunity to their friends, neighbors, and even perfect strangers.

From the Western Front to the Eastern Front, from the Pacific and Asian Theatre to the African Theatre, Americans from our "greatest generation" risked life and limb to halt the rise of fascism. We owe them more thanks than we can ever express. I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorial.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2009

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, today, I was not present in Washington, DC to cast the following votes, because I was attending a ceremony to commemorate the first operating day of Joint Base McGuire/Dix/Lakehurst in New Jersey's 3rd Congressional District. Joint Base McGuire/Dix/Lakehurst is the first tri-service base in the country, and today was significant for my district and the United States military. If I were present, I would have voted the following way.

1) Republican Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 2892—Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010—I would have voted yes.

2) H. Res. 517—Congratulating the University of Washington women's softball team for winning the 2009 Women's College World Series—I would have voted yes.

3) H. Res. 487—Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the State News at Michigan State University—I would have voted yes.

4) H. Res. 788—Rule providing for consideration of the Conference Report on H.R. 3183—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010—I would have voted yes.

5) H. Res. 692—Supporting the goals and ideals of Tay-Sachs Awareness Month—I would have voted yes.

6) H. Con. Res. 151—Expressing the sense of Congress that China release democratic activist Liu Xiaobo from imprisonment—I would have voted yes.

7) Final Passage of the Conference Report on H.R. 3183—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010—I would have voted yes.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2009

Mr. JONES. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding project funding I received as part of H.R. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Rep. WALTER B. JONES
Project: Metabolic Institute
Recipient: East Carolina University
Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Amount: \$222,000

Explanation: The funding will allow the Metabolic Institute at East Carolina University to develop a clinical research center and laboratory to advance the Metabolic Institute's study of new technology and medical treatments for obesity and diabetes. Diabetes is an epidemic: diabetes is the sixth leading cause of death in the U.S., afflicts more than 7 percent of the population, and cost our economy about \$174 billion in 2007 alone, according to the American Diabetes Association. The Metabolic Institute will continue to build on East Carolina University's pioneer metabolic advancements, including the Greenville Gastric Bypass, to explore the question of why diabetes disappears in four out of five patients with the disease after they undergo gastric bypass surgery.

HONORING WOODY WATSON

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2009

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, my grandmother taught for 40 years and my sister Beverly, taught for over 30 years in the public

schools of Tennessee. I am proud of both of them.

In Tuesday's Knoxville News Sentinel, there was an interview with Woody Watson, whom I have known since high school.

Mr. Watson has now taught in Knox County Tennessee where I also am from, for 41 years. Very few people teach for that long, and those who do should be highly praised.

I admire and respect Woody Watson for his many years of dedication to the young people of east Tennessee.

I would like to call to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD, the News Sentinel interview with Mr. Watson.

[From knoxnews.com, Sept. 29, 2009]

40 YEARS OF EDUCATING: WATSON AND ANDERSON

(By Jessica Boyd)

EDITOR'S NOTE: The News Sentinel will profile two local teachers who each have about 40 years of education experience within the community in this twice monthly series.

WOODY WATSON, 41 YEARS

Woody Watson, 62, says a smile and a kind word goes a long way when dealing with students. He should know since he's been smiling and speaking kindly to them for 41 years. The Knoxville native taught eighth-grade science at Karns Middle School for 23 years before he spent nine years at Northwest Middle School teaching the same thing. He's been back in action as a seventh-grade teacher at Karns Middle since 2001. "I always tell people, I taught eighth grade for 32 years," the University of Tennessee graduate in natural science said before he laughed. "And then I got demoted."

Why teaching? "I liked the subject matter, and I like being around young people, they keep me young at heart. I just couldn't go sit at a cubicle and do the same thing every day."

What techniques do you use to teach? "I like to have students get involved and be hands on in the science lab to help them understand the world they live in."

Do you have a favorite year? "I think that would probably be 1986. The highlight of that year is we took a trip to New Orleans for a long weekend, and (the students) learned about the history of the area."

What has changed for better since you've been teaching? "Our class averages were lowered. State law has limited that to 30 in seventh and eighth grade . . . It really makes a difference to have five or six fewer kids in a class."

What has changed for worse since you've been teaching? "When I came to Karns, it was a small farming community. Of course now the farms have been sold off, and it's wall-to-wall subdivisions, so just the lack of the community closeness and the breakdown of the family."

What's been the best advancement in education? "Probably all the information available online . . . I think Karns Middle was one of the first schools to have a computer lab when the first Apple computers came out back in the 80s. That area of technology has made a lot of opportunities for our students. It also presents some problems if the parents don't monitor what the kids are doing."

Do you have any words of wisdom for teachers just starting out? "Be patient, keep up with your paperwork, and try not to be overwhelmed with all the things you have to do that's not related to the teaching of students."

ARCHIE ANDERSON, 42 YEARS

Archie Anderson, 65, taught for 26 years at Maryville Middle School before he made the

big switch to administration. For 12 years, he was the assistant principal of the middle school before he made an even bigger switch. Now he's in charge of transportation and attendance for Maryville City Schools. Archie graduated from Maryville College and received his master's degree at Tennessee Tech.

What do you do now?

"I come up with bus routes, and I work with the bus owner. I'm kind of a trouble shooter. I handle all parent and or school complaints and try to resolve all those."

What did you teach before you moved into administration?

"I taught P.E. I coached football, basketball and track for about 26 years."

Did you have a favorite year when you were teaching?

"I enjoyed the early years because being a younger guy, it seemed like I had better relationships with kids. As you get older and your hair's grey and you have more wrinkles, kids are more standoffish."

What's the coolest technological advancement you've seen?

"Computers in the classroom and access to the internet. Everything you want is there. The negative part is we've got text messaging and cell phones in the classroom. So (technology) is not all good. That's a daily struggle."

Do you miss teaching? "I miss the relationship with the students. I don't get to know the students as well as I used to. I have gotten to know the staff better . . . I've really gotten to know the administrators of the schools."

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2009

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3183—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEVIN BRADY, Texas 8th Congressional District

Bill Number: H.R. 3183—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project: Sam Rayburn Reservoir Operations & Maintenance

Account: Operations and Maintenance, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District

Address of Requesting Entity: 819 Taylor Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102

This is the third year I've requested funding to repair the Twin Dikes Park marine launching complex since its collapse due to Hurricane Rita, erosion, and excessive wave action. Unfortunately, the Corps has a backlog of maintenance on some of the most widely used recreational facilities at Lake Sam Rayburn. In addition to Twin Dikes Park launching complex, I continue to support the U.S. Corps of Engineers annual request for funding to operate and maintain the lakes, and other water resources of East and Southeast Texas.

The \$5,937,000 included in this conference report will be allocated to perform annual op-

erations and maintenance of the Sam Rayburn Dam and Reservoir.

CELEBRATING THE FIRST YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF REVEREND PATRICIA A. REEBERG AS PASTOR OF THE REJOICE MINISTRIES—CHURCH OF THE HEALING EPHESUS SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS CHURCH IN HARLEM

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate my dear friend Reverend Patricia A. Reeborg as the Rejoice Ministry of the Church of the Healing Ephesus Seventh-Day Adventists Church celebrates her First Year Anniversary, which took place on Sunday, September 20, 2009.

The Reverend Patricia A. Reeborg, an Ambassador for Christ, is a woman of faith, character and action. Her life's call is to "equip the saints." The vocation God has assigned to her to fulfill this call is to preach the Gospel. Rev. Reeborg is the Pastor of Rejoice Ministries—The Church of Healing, which was formed under the direction of the Holy Spirit on December 31, 2008.

She has served on the ministerial staff at St. Paul Baptist Church, Memorial Baptist Church, Crawford Memorial United Methodist Church, Believers Christian Fellowship, Beck Presbyterian Church, and Bethesda Baptist Church. Patricia A. Reeborg earned her Masters of Divinity at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. She also augmented her training at Harvard Divinity School Summer Leadership Institute, Interdenominational School of Theology Church Administration and Management, and Columbia University Graduate School of Business for Not-for-Profit Management.

Pastor Reeborg is the recipient of numerous awards and appointments, including, Commissioner on the Civilian Complaint Review Board; the Charles E. Merrill Fellowship from Harvard Divinity School; and was also a founding board member of Harlem Congregations for Community Improvement. Pastor Reeborg is also registered in the National Register's Who's Who in Executives and Professionals, 2004–2010; and Who's Who of American Women 2006–2009.

Her many accomplishments also include first woman and the first Baptist minister to serve as Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Council of the Churches of the City of New York. As an entrepreneur, Rev. Reeborg is the owner of Cruise Planners and SM&G Consultation. She has published numerous articles and is working on her first book entitled, "And The Lord Shall Gather Me Up," to be published in 2009.

Please join me in celebrating Reverend Patricia A. Reeborg on her First Year Anniversary as Pastor of the Rejoice Ministries of the Church of the Healing Ephesus Seventh-Day Adventists Church, located in my Congressional District in Harlem.