

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.

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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 our 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. Reeberg 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. Reeberg, 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. Reeberg 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. Reeberg 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 Reeberg 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 Reeberg 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. Reeberg 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. Reeberg 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.

HONORING THE LIFE AND  
ACHIEVEMENTS OF CHARLES  
“TIF” BINGHAM

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 1, 2009*

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Charles “Tif” Bingham, one of the kindest and most personable individuals I have ever known. He was always thinking of people and was truly concerned about others. His smile and demeanor attracted friends and warmed their spirits.

Tif Bingham graduated from Yale University and then served our country as a captain and fighter pilot in the Marine Corps. In 1960, he

moved to Memphis as a Vice-President for Conwood Corporation.

He was a civic leader, serving as the Executive Director of the Memphis Chamber of Commerce and founder of the Mid-South Parkinson’s Disease Foundation.

Tif was one of the founders and Second President of the Memphis In May International Festival, which highlights the best of Memphis culture: music, barbecue, and arts. Each year the festival showcases the best of Memphis and, simultaneously, brings the world to our city, exposing our citizens to people from around the globe, enriching our lives and expanding our horizons.

I have had the pleasure of representing Tif and wife Sandy as constituents of the Ninth District. They were frequent visitors on Capitol Hill and were much loved by those in which they came in contact with. Several members

of Congress as well as Jimmy Miller, Director of Committee Facilities and Travel for the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, wish to express their deepest regrets to the Bingham family.

Tif Bingham was an avid sailor and world traveler. As grandson of U.S. Senator Hiram Bingham, who discovered Machu Picchu, he inherited a curiosity and urge to explore the world, all to be knowledgeable about public affairs. He leaves his wife Sandy Dickey, to whom he was married for 27 years. Sandy loved Tif and was the epitome of “for better or worse”. He is also survived by three children, Eleanor Bingham Mallory, Grace Bingham and Charles Bingham and six grandchildren.

Tif Bingham loved life and lived it to the fullest. He enriched the lives of his family, friends and the city of Memphis. He will be sorely missed and always remembered.