Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Regina Mainor. For years, Ms. Mainor has served her people of Philadelphia as the Director of North Central Victim Services. In December she will celebrate her retirement after many years of service to her community.

Regina Mainor was a hard worker from the beginning, obtaining her Bachelors Degree in Business Education and Masters Degree in Social Work from Temple University. Ms. Mainor obtained a position as Director of North Central Victims Services in 1999, and becoming Executive Director of the agency in 2002. The National Crime Victimization Services (NCVS) is a neighborhood victim service agency which specializes in working with victims of all ages, especially seniors. The NCVS provides crime victims compensation, crisis response, education, counseling, criminal justice/legal advocacy, court accompaniment, case management, and legal services, all of which are free of charge. Ms. Mainor helped the NCVS to get recognized as a federal non-profit organization in 2002.

Ms. Mainor has been recognized by the NAACP with the NAACP Award for Community Service, and she was honored again in 2006 for the National Crime Victims Services Award for Professional Innovation in Victims Services.

Regina Mainor’s long and impressive career showcases her commitment and service to her community. Her contributions to the area of Victim Services will be felt for many years to come. Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in thanking Regina Mainor for her work and congratulating her on the occasion of her retirement.

CONGRATULATING HERMAN AND MARJORIE WILLIAMS ON 60TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BARBARA LEE
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my esteemed colleague from Maryland, ELIJAH CUMMINGS, in order to congratulate Herman and Marjorie Williams of Baltimore, Maryland, as they celebrate sixty years of marriage. Since they exchanged their vows on November 24, 1949, these high school sweethearts have been extraordinary parents, friends, and members of their community.

Over the decades of their marriage, they contended against racism and segregation as they pursued their careers. Herman as one of the first black firefighters in Baltimore and Marjorie at Westinghouse. Their commitment to hard work and to their family never wavered.

Herman eventually became the nation’s first African-American major-city fire chief and Marjorie retired after a long and exemplary career. Even after her retirement, Marjorie has volunteered her time with many charitable organizations, dedicating herself to helping the less fortunate. Always an adventuresome spirit, she has also continued to pursue her love of travel.

The two of them together raised four wonderful and successful children: Marjorie, Ciolla, Montel, and Herman. Marjorie and Herman have a fierce dedication to their family, and the values they instilled led their children to prominent careers in the arts, education, civil service, and broadcast media.

The Williams have been an inspiration to their friends, their family, to their community, and to everyone determined to triumph in the face of adversity.

On November 28, 2009, they celebrated their anniversary along with family and friends. Please join us in wishing them the best of luck as they continue to spend their lives loving and supporting each other and bringing joy and happiness to their family and friends.

IN MEMORY OF MRS. SARA BISSELL

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK
OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Mrs. MYRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of one of my constituents, Mrs. Sara Bissell, of Charlotte, North Carolina. Mrs. Bissell passed away after a brave 11-year battle with cancer on November 8, 2009 at the age of 71. Born in Charlotte and the granddaughter of former North Carolina Governor Cameron Morrison, Mrs. Bissell attended Charlotte Country Day School and graduated from Bennett Junior College in New York.

Mrs. Bissell took over her mother’s fine furniture store in 1964 and ran it until recently. Her interior design influence can be seen throughout Charlotte’s buildings and landmarks. Sara’s contributions to her community were many and varied. She worked tirelessly, both out front and behind the scenes, to make Charlotte a better place. She served on the board of directors for Charlotte Country Day School, University of North Carolina—Charlotte, YMCA of Greater Charlotte, and Queens University. The Chancellor’s residence at UNCC is named in her honor.

Sara married H.C. “Smoky” Bissell, a successful developer, in 1960. Together they had four children and nine grandchildren whom they loved and cherished. She was also the sister of Charlotte Captain and Masters Day Cameron Harris. Mrs. Bissell will be greatly missed by her family, friends, and the Charlotte community.