

law and complying with the Attorney General's obstruction.

At least one of the attorneys has been compelled to obtain private counsel.

I urge the House Judiciary Committee to report this resolution out favorably and to demand that the Attorney General answer the questions surrounding this case.

The career attorneys and Appellate Division within the department sought to demonstrate the Federal Government's commitment to protecting voting rights by vigorously prosecuting any individual or group that seeks to undermine this right.

This House must not turn a blind eye to the Attorney General's obstruction. He has an obligation to answer the legitimate questions of the House and the Civil Rights Commission.

It is imperative that we protect the right of all Americans to vote—the sacrosanct and inalienable right of any democracy.

I submit for the record a copy of the resolution that I am introducing.

#### RESOLUTION

Directing the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives all information in the Attorney General's possession relating to the decision to dismiss *United States v. New Black Panther Party*.

*Resolved*, That the Attorney General is directed to transmit to the House of Representatives, not later than 14 days after the date of adoption of this resolution, copies of any document, memo, or correspondence of the Department of Justice with regard to *United States v. New Black Panther Party*, or any portion of any such document, memo, or correspondence that refers or relates to—

(1) any department communications with regard to the case between November 5, 2008 and November 15, 2009;

(2) any communication with the defendants or the defendants' attorneys between November 5, 2008 and November 15, 2009;

(3) any communication with third-party organizations or individuals between November 5, 2008 and November 15, 2009; or

(4) any evidence with regard to the dismissal of the case.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF EDDIE M. BROOKS

#### HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life of Mr. Eddie Brooks, a loving husband and father, veteran of the Korean War, and an American hero, who passed away August 18, 2009 at the age of 90.

Hailing from Hope, Arkansas, Mr. Brooks committed twenty years of his life in service to the United States Army, serving with the Army Medical Service, Medical Detachment, and 555th Field Artillery Battalion in the Korean War. Mr. Brooks was sent into combat in Korea with no training, but rose to the occasion, demonstrating bravery in how he handled himself and defended his comrades.

Early on in his deployment, his unit was trapped in a river bed where they were exposed to extensive shooting and grenades. Mr. Brooks was injured when one grenade got under his feet, seriously wounding one leg. Corporal Eddie M. Brooks refused evacuation,

continuing to treat other wounded soldiers and assisting in their removal from the area. The United States Army Headquarters 25th Infantry Division stated, "When the unit began displacement because of increased hostile action, he drove a 2½ ton truck loaded with critical supplies to safety. Corporal Brooks' gallant and selfless devotion to duty reflects the greatest credit upon himself and the Army Medical Service." When asked about his received honors, Mr. Brooks always expressed his feeling that he was undeserving but appreciative, believing that others had sacrificed more than him.

For his military service, Mr. Brooks was awarded the Purple Heart, Silver Star, Germany Occupation Medal, United Nations Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal, and the Korean Service Medal.

At home, Mr. Brooks was the devoted husband to his wife of 58 years, Joyce, and the father of four daughters, Brenda, who passed away in 2005 due to illness, Debra, Charlotte, and Angela. Held in high esteem by all who knew him, he left behind a legacy of honor, service, and love. Madam Speaker, I ask those here today to join me in paying tribute to this great American hero, Mr. Eddie M. Brooks.

#### HONORING FRANK "PONCHO" ROBERTS

#### HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Frank "Poncho" Roberts, a dedicated husband, father, and community servant on the occasion of his graduation from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. Mr. Roberts graduates with a bachelor of fine arts degree in theatre.

Poncho Roberts was born to Frank and Daisy Roberts on February 19, 1932, in Madisonville, Texas. He spent part of his childhood in Huntsville, but later moved to Houston and graduated from Austin High School in 1949. After graduation, he worked for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. He spent most of his career working for the company at NASA as a craftsman and supervisor. Poncho fondly recounts his days working as a contractor for the space agency having seen some of its earliest missions from Gemini to Apollo.

Upon retirement in 1986, Poncho and his wife, Sugar, moved back to Huntsville to be close to their children. With a heart for serving others and a joyful, outgoing personality, Poncho was called on to help with various community service projects. He was the driving force behind the effort to build the Huntsville Aquatic Center, which has given the youth of Huntsville a place to swim and has allowed for the development of the Huntsville Lakers Swim Team.

Poncho has volunteered many hours of his time to work with the Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce working at the Sam Houston Statue and Visitors Center. He is a member of the Huntsville Rotary Club and leads the "I Like Me!" program that distributes books to children to promote literary and character building. Poncho is also a deacon at

University Heights Baptist Church in Huntsville.

Poncho is well known for the penchant he has for the fine arts, especially theatre, and he has been a part of many plays performed by the Huntsville Community Theatre.

Of all his accomplishments, Poncho is most proud of being a loving husband and father. Poncho and Sugar have been married for 58 years. They have raised two children, a son, Frank Jr., and a daughter, Debbie. They have eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren with another on the way.

Madam Speaker, Poncho Roberts has dedicated his life to being a family man and to serving his community. He is proof that education is a lifelong endeavor. It is such an honor to represent good people like Poncho in the U.S. House of Representatives. I urge you to join me in congratulating him on his graduation. That's Togetherness, One More Time.

#### RECOGNIZING A. PHILIP RANDOLPH FOR HIS LIFELONG LEADERSHIP AND WORK TO END DISCRIMINATION

SPEECH OF

#### HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 15, 2009*

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I express my support for H. Res. 150, introduced by my colleague Chairman CHARLES RANGEL, which recognizes the accomplishments of the great civil rights leader, A. Philip Randolph.

Mr. Randolph not only made great strides in shaping the civil rights movement during the turn of the 20th century, but he also impacted the growth of the labor movement and the rise of union labor.

A. Philip Randolph had a significant effect on political discourse in the African-American community during the 1930s with the founding of *The Messenger*, a political and literary magazine which documented several of the greatest injustices of our history. Through this magazine, Randolph advocated civil disobedience and membership in labor unions.

Mr. Randolph championed the cause of African-American men in labor, from sleeping car porters to elevator operators. He organized and founded the Brotherhood for Sleeping Car Porters, which fought for overtime pay and pay increases for sleeping car porters, a majority of which were African-American, at a time when sharecropping in the South was still widespread.

We also honor Mr. Randolph for his leadership in organizing the March on Washington, which will be remembered as one of the most important political rallies of the twentieth century.

A. Philip Randolph personified the idea of a renaissance man, as a writer, actor, political activist and union organizer. He achieved the unachievable during a time when education was unattainable for most African-Americans, even most Americans.

Mr. Randolph has received numerous awards, namely, the Congressional Medal of Honor, one of the highest honors for civilians in the United States of America. His contributions to our great Nation are undeniable, and