

that are intrinsic to the Upper Peninsula can be found throughout the history of the church and the actions of its congregation. Over the past 100 years, Gwinn United Methodist Church has shared the joy of the Lord with the community of Gwinn and with open arms has reached out to those in need. For these many blessings, Madam Speaker, I ask that you, and the entire U.S. House of Representatives, join me in recognizing Pastor Geri Hamlen and the members of the Gwinn United Methodist Church on the church's centennial anniversary.

IN TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH
HANREDDY

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an artistic leader, theater director, producer, actor, and consummate professional from the Fourth Congressional District. Mr. Joseph Hanreddy is recognized at the international, national, regional and local level for his work and achievements during his seventeen seasons as the Artistic Director for the Milwaukee Repertory Theatre Company in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The influence of the Repertory Artistic Director goes beyond the company; the person in the job affects the tone and style of the entire theater community. Because of his commitment to the theater, Mr. Hanreddy gave nearly two years advance notice of his retirement so his successor could choose his or her inaugural season.

During his tenure, the theater has presented 252 productions, 55 world premieres, as well as having established one of the country's finest resident acting ensembles. The total attendance while Mr. Hanreddy has been in residence is 3,247,045. International connections continued under Mr. Hanreddy's leadership with the recruitment of acclaimed directors Ben Barnes, former Artistic Director of Ireland's Abeey Theater, and Paolo Landi, Ganshi Mureta, Lev Stukalov and Mark-Wing Davey from Italy, Japan, Russia and Great Britain respectively, to create productions for the theater.

The Milwaukee Repertory Theater, affectionately known as The Rep, presents critically-acclaimed dramas, contemporary plays, and cabaret shows. The Company continues its strong history of premiering new American plays. Mr. Hanreddy commissioned and directed the premieres of several original plays by Steven Dietz, directed 40 productions at The Rep, with recent premieres going on to be produced in Los Angeles and Chicago, and a successful Off-Broadway run.

The Rep has one of the oldest artistic internship programs in regional theater to foster valuable experience in professional theater. Each season welcomes acting and directing fulltime internships, as well as, internships throughout the production, marketing and development departments. The Rep maintains community service programs including education programs serving over 20,000 students annually, student matinees, facility tours and in-school workshops. The Rep contributes hundreds of complimentary tickets to Mil-

waukee area non-profit fundraisers, conducts adult acting classes, and access services including audio-described performances, American Sign Language-interpreted performances and Captioned Theater performances.

Madam Speaker, for these reasons, I am honored to pay tribute to Joseph Hanreddy. Mr. Hanreddy's dedication to the Milwaukee Repertory Theatre has brought the arts and enriched the lives of all of us in the Greater Milwaukee area and beyond.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF REVEREND HERB SADLER

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Reverend Herb Sadler, a northwest Florida leader who is retiring after fifty years of service to his church and to his community. Reverend Sadler spent his life serving others, and I am proud to honor his dedication, faith, and service.

After completing his sophomore year at Huntingdon College, Herb was called to pastoral service by the United Methodist Church at the age of 20. In 1962, then-superintendent Marshall Ford asked Herb to pastor six small churches in West Alabama. Herb became senior pastor of Gulf Breeze United Methodist in 1975, where he served until 2003. Over the course of his tenure, church attendance grew from a little over 100 to more than 2,000. In 1999, he oversaw the opening of the church's second campus—the Community Life Center—which provides support groups, recreational ministries, and workshops to thousands of local community members.

Reverend Sadler was appointed as the Superintendent of the Dothan District of the UMC in 2003, ministering to 99 churches in Southeast Alabama. He returned to Gulf Breeze in 2008 as the interim senior pastor for a year as the church searched for a permanent senior pastor. The church honored his dedication by renaming the Community Life Center after Reverend Sadler.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am honored to recognize Reverend Herb Sadler for his fifty years of pastoral service to the United Methodist Church. He has been a dedicated pastor and a community leader for northwest Florida. My wife Vicki and I wish all the best for Herb and his wife Barbara as they embark on this next journey in their lives.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NINA SIMONE

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of legendary American jazz musician and civil rights activist Nina Simone. A native of Tryon, North Carolina, Nina Simone was born Eunice Kathleen Waymon on February 21, 1933. In the United States House of Representatives, it is an

honor to represent Ms. Simone's birthplace and the town where she began her legacy of musical innovation and civil rights activism.

Ms. Simone began playing the piano at age three and made her first classical piano debut at age twelve. During this first recital she witnessed her parents being escorted from the front row to make room for a Caucasian family. Ms. Simone refused to play until her parents were seated in the front row. This event marked the beginning of a lifetime of civil rights activism.

As the sixth of seven children in a poor family, Ms. Simone began her musical career singing as an accompanist to earn extra income for her family. As the civil rights struggle developed in the United States, so did her music. After the bombing of a church in Birmingham, Alabama in 1963, Ms. Simone wrote an emotional response to the situation of African Americans in the United States. By 1974, Ms. Simone was traveling the world.

In 1987, while in Paris, her song "My Baby Just Cares for Me," was featured on a major television network. Her music, both in French and English, has been an inspiration for artists around the world.

The Eunice Waymon-Nina Simone Project honors the legacy of Nina Simone in Tryon, her hometown in Western North Carolina. The Project honors her remarkable life and musical contributions. The Project also seeks to inspire and support talented youth to reach their full potential through a variety of scholarship programs. On the 21st of February they unveiled a life-size bronze statue of Ms. Simone. The Eunice Waymon-Nina Simone Project keeps her legacy alive in Western North Carolina.

Ms. Simone passed away on April 21, 2003 at the age of 70 in the French countryside. Her daughter, Lisa Celeste Stroud, is also an actress and singer. Born in New York, Ms. Stroud spent much time traveling the world with her mother before enlisting in the United States Air Force. Today, she is a successful singer with a resume that includes starring in the Tim Rice musical "Aida."

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Ms. Simone's 77th birthday, and celebrating her extraordinary accomplishments as both an extraordinary jazz musician and strong civil rights activist.

RECOGNIZING DAWN PACK AS THE
OKALOOSA COUNTY TEACHER OF
THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dawn Pack upon receiving the Okaloosa County, Florida Teacher of the Year Award. Dawn is a dedicated public servant, and I am honored to recognize her on this achievement.

Dawn's career as an educator spans over nineteen years. Since 2003, she has taught 5th grade students at Destin Elementary School in Okaloosa County. Dawn motivates her students, but goes above and beyond to inspire other teachers and the local community. From day one, she has advocated to integrate science into all of the curricula at Destin Elementary, conducting training to show other

teachers how to use the scientific method. Additionally, she has reached out to the parents and the community to work with her students on science-related projects. Dawn is the kind of teacher who loves her students and loves what she does. She is truly an inspiration to all of those around her.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize Dawn Pack as the Okaloosa Teacher of the Year. She is a great educator to students and teachers alike, as well as a passionate community leader. My wife Vicki and I wish Dawn and her family all the best for the future.

HONORING WILLIAM ALLAN WOOD
FOR A LIFE WELL-LIVED IN
SOUTH JERSEY

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor William Allan Wood for his many years in New Jersey's First district. Mr. Wood, at 105 years old, sets an excellent example of how to live fully and completely.

Mr. Wood was born the second of seven children in June of 1904 in Camden, New Jersey. He grew up in Haddonfield, NJ. He started attending Drexel night school in the fall of 1923 studying mechanical engineering and received his certificate in 1928. While attending Drexel, he worked in a shop rebuilding machine tools and then at the Southwark Foundry in Philadelphia and later at the Baldwin Locomotive Works as a draftsman and then an engineer. In 1936, he started working for Florence Pipe Foundry, part of the R. D. Wood Company. He started as an engineer/draftsman. In 1940, he became a plant engineer and oversaw the expansion of the foundry's capacity during WWII. He remained plant engineer until he retired in 1961.

Allan married his wife Virginia in 1937 and moved to Delanco, NJ where they raised a daughter and a son. His wife passed away in 1999. He has three grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Allan has always stressed the importance of family, friends and has served on many local and state boards and commissions.

Allan has been a lifelong sailor, first in small racing sailboats and then in cruising sailboats. For 25 years, Allan and his wife sailed their beloved 27-foot sailboat on the Delaware River and the Chesapeake Bay, often in company with family and friends. It was through a sailor friend that he started his second career at C-Lec Plastics in 1962 as an engineer designing tools and equipment for casting, curing and machining large high tech plastic components. When his wife became ill he cut back to a 3-day workweek and for the past 5 years he has been working 3 half-days per week. Even at 105 years of age, Allan is one of the most reliable employees at C-Lec and is appreciated by everyone there.

Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate Mr. Wood on a life filled with achievements and service. It is an honor to pay tribute to Mr. Wood, and I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF FIRE CHIEF
BERNARD M. BENEDICT

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Fire Chief Bernard M. Benedict, upon his retirement from the Middleburg Heights Fire Department, following nearly forty years of leadership, service and dedication to the citizens of Middleburg Heights.

Chief Benedict joined the Middleburg Heights Fire Department on June 16, 1973. In November of that year, he completed the State of Ohio's 160 Hour Fire Training course, finishing fourth in his class. On June 29th, 1977, he graduated from the Paramedic Program at Cuyahoga County Community College. One year later, Chief Benedict became one of the first paramedic-firefighters with the Middleburg Heights Fire Department. From the beginning, Chief Benedict set a tone of camaraderie and professionalism within the Department, and he easily gained the respect and admiration of his colleagues and superiors.

Equipped with expertise in the safety field, an unwavering dedication to his vocation, and an affable nature, he quickly rose through the ranks, and was appointed as Acting Lieutenant in March, 1987. Committed to continuing his education, Chief Benedict completed his Associate's Degree in Emergency Medical Technology in 1990. In 2000, he was appointed as the Technical Rescue Director for the Southwest Emergency Response. One year later, in May of 2001, he was appointed Chief of the Middleburg Heights Fire Department.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Fire Chief Bernard M. Benedict for his commitment and his leadership in creating a safe community for everyone who lives and works in Middleburg Heights. His superior work as Chief, firefighter, paramedic and instructor has set the bar high for safety, response and protection within Middleburg Heights, Ohio. His service will forever be a true example for others to follow.

H.R. 4495—DESIGNATING THE FACILITY OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE LOCATED AT 100 NORTH TAYLOR LANE IN PATAGONIA, ARIZONA, AS THE "JIM KOLBE POST OFFICE"

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4495, which designates the United States Postal Service facility located at 100 North Taylor Lane in Patagonia, Arizona, as the "Jim Kolbe Post Office."

Jim Kolbe served the people of Arizona in Congress for 22 years, including 2 decades on the House Appropriations Committee. He chaired the Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Agencies during his final 6 years in Congress, which is when I came to know him.

I traveled with Jim in 2005 as part of a Congressional Delegation to Africa and worked with him to promote human rights and economic growth in the developing world. Jim is now the Senior Transatlantic Fellow for the German Marshall Fund, where he continues to contribute his expertise to the Caucus for Congressional-World Bank Dialogue.

H.R. 4495 is a well-deserved honor. Today I have the privilege of joining my colleagues in paying tribute to this distinguished public servant by designating the "Jim Kolbe Post Office" in Patagonia, Arizona.

IN HONOR OF THE VIETNAMESE
NEW YEAR: TET, 2010 YEAR OF
THE TIGER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Vietnamese New Year: Tet, 2010, Year of the Tiger. As the Vietnamese community in Greater Cleveland gathers at St. Helena Catholic Church to celebrate, I join them in celebration of their rich history and culture.

Tet is the time of the year to pay homage to ancestors, reconnect with friends and family and celebrate every hope and possibility rising with the new year. This year's gathering will once again honor community volunteers and leaders, showcasing many Vietnamese cultural treasures including Vietnamese culinary cuisine, music and dance.

2010 also marks thirty-five years of service to the community by the Vietnamese Community in Greater Cleveland, Inc. This organization has been an invaluable resource for hundreds of Clevelanders of Vietnamese descent, linking them to needed resources and preserving the rich heritage of the Vietnamese people.

I would also like to recognize Le Nguyen, President of the Vietnamese Community in Greater Cleveland, Inc., and every member, past and present, for their dedication to Vietnamese-Americans of Northeast Ohio.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in celebration of the Vietnamese New Year, Tet 2010: Year of the Tiger. May every American of Vietnamese heritage hold memories of their past forever in their hearts, and find peace and happiness within every new day of the rising new year.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF
JEAN HANDLEY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life and work of Jean Handley, an inspiring leader in our New Haven community and a long time friend to the arts and to the dispossessed, who passed away at the age of 83 last month.

A path-breaking career woman who spent three decades working for AT&T and Southern New England Telephone, SNET, Jean