

that recovery and reinvestment programs reach all Americans, we ensure strong economic growth for the nation overall. We stand ready to support you and our President in efforts to build an economy based on shared prosperity for all Americans.

Sincerely,

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HONORING WILLIE BROWN, SR.,
M.D.

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to posthumously honor Willie Brown, Sr. M.D. upon being honored with the "Trail Blazers Award" by the African American Museum. Dr. Brown will be honored at the African American History Month Celebration and Banquet on Saturday, February 6, 2010 in Fresno, California.

Dr. Willie Brown was born on January 4, 1932 in rural Mississippi. His father worked as a sharecropper and educator and his mother raised 12 children. Against all odds, he attended the University of California, Berkeley and Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee during the 1950s. After completing the program with a medical degree, Dr. Brown was accepted as an intern at Fresno County Hospital, and moved toward becoming an obstetrician gynecologist. In 1962, he began a private practice. Dr. Brown was the first African American specialty board certified physician in Fresno County and the 51st African American Board Certified obstetrician gynecologist in the United States.

During Dr. Brown's 47 year career, he spent 22 of those years in practice with his son, Dr. Willie Brown, Jr. Together they delivered well over 22,000 babies in Fresno County. Dr. Brown's passion for education never ended, he was an instructor to many OB/Gyn physicians in the area and was recognized as an associate clinical professor in the department of OB/Gyn at the University of California, San Francisco in Fresno.

Dr. Brown also served as a Flight Surgeon and Clinic Commander of the U.S. Air Force 144th Dispensary in the California Air National Guard. He was honorably discharged as a Major by the Air Force and is a recipient of the Service Commendation Medal. Dr. Brown served as the director of the Office of Family Planning at the Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission. He was the founding presi-

dent of the John Hale Medical Forum and co-founder of the John Hale Medical Center in West Fresno. Dr. Brown was also a member of the Board of Governors in the Fresno Medical Society, a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary International and was a lifetime member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, NAACP.

Dr. Brown was also an entrepreneur. Along with a few colleagues, Dr. Brown started and funded the first African American privately owned supermarket in West Fresno. He was a real estate developer, a music producer, a co-owner of Robert's Collision Repair business, a co-owner of Just Julia's Jewelry business and had his own record label, Gimini Twins and Brownstone Entertainment. Dr. Brown was a benefactor for Second Baptist Church, Northwest Church, Youth for Christ, Meharry Medical College, Edison High School, Fresno Westside Seventh Day Adventist Church and Family Community Church, where he served as deacon and deacon emeritus. For his enormous contributions to the community, Dr. Brown has been recognized by a number of organizations; including West Fresno Health Care Coalition and the local NBC affiliate, KSEE Channel 24.

Dr. Brown and his wife, Julia, were married for 54 years. Together they raised three children and had six grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to posthumously honor Dr. Willie Brown, Sr. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring his life and wishing the best for his family.

HONORING LEMARC HUMPHREY'S
ACT OF HEROISM IN JACKSON
STATE SHOOTING

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Mr. LeMarc Humphrey for his heroic actions on Monday February 1, 2010 at Jackson State University. The 21-year-old computer engineer major rushed to the aid of a wounded and stumbling research chemist student, Andrea Scott, after hearing shots behind the John A. People's Science Building Monday night. The gunman fired two shots striking Mrs. Scott in the back of the head, after allegedly trying to rob her. Mr. Humphrey heroically picked Mrs. Scott up out of the pouring rain and rushed her to the hospital to receive needed medical attention.

Madam Speaker, if it were not for the valiant effort of Mr. Humphrey, Andrea may have never had the chance to tell her story. The victim's husband, Bill Scott stated, "Our country is in desperate need of repair, and when you find a man like LeMarc, you see he was an American and he did something above and beyond the call of duty". Mr. Scott would like to see Mr. Humphrey nominated for the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Madam Speaker, Mr. LeMarc Humphrey was raised in Jackson, MS. He is currently in the Air Force ROTC and played trombone for the Jackson State University "Sonic Boom of the South" Band his freshmen year. After his freshman year, he chose to leave the band to devote more time to the ROTC.

Madam Speaker, this is truly an act of bravery and courage on the behalf of this young

man. I salute him for his tremendous act of selflessness and I wish Mrs. Scott a full recovery.

HONORING MICHAEL BAIRD

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I take this time to honor one of Northwest Indiana's most respected business and community leaders, Mr. Michael Baird, from Valparaiso, Indiana. On January 21, 2010, Mike was honored by the Northwest Indiana Forum in appreciation for his many years of service as a dedicated executive and for his numerous contributions to the community of Northwest Indiana. The celebration took place at the Avalon Manor in Merrillville, Indiana.

Mike Baird's professional and academic career led him to become a prominent leader in the banking industry for thirty-seven years. In 1970, Mike earned a Bachelor's degree in Marketing from Indiana University. Prior to graduate school, he worked as a representative for Hallmark Cards and also served in the United States Naval Reserve. In 1975, Mike went on to earn his Master's of Business Administration degree in Finance from Indiana University. Mike then began his career managing a middle-market lending division for Continental Bank in Chicago, covering both the Michigan and Indiana markets. In 1988, Mike joined Mercantile Bank as Senior Vice President, Chief Lending Officer, a position he held until 2004 when he assumed the position of Chief Credit Officer. In addition, Mike also served on the board of directors at Mercantile Bank from 1999 to 2004. In December 2004, Harris Bank completed the acquisition of the Hammond, Indiana-based Mercantile Bancorp Incorporated. On January 1, 2005, Mike joined Harris Bank as Senior Vice President and Chief Credit Officer for the Northwest Indiana region. Mike continued to advance in the company and on January 1, 2008, he became the Northwest Indiana Region President for Harris Bank. After many years of devotion to the banking industry, Mike retired from his remarkable career in January 2010.

In addition to his impressive professional career, Mike passionately serves the people of Northwest Indiana through his involvement in many community organizations. Among his many contributions to the community, Mike currently serves as Chairman of the Board of the Northwest Indiana Forum, Vice Chairman of the Board for the Center for Workforce Innovations, Board Member for the Valparaiso Economic Development Corporation, Board Member for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Northwest Indiana, Advisory Board Member for the Northwest Indiana Small Business Development Center, and Advisory Board Member for the Porter County Vocational Career Center.

Mike's dedication to his community is exceeded only by his devotion to his wonderful family. He has been married to his loving wife, Jeanne, for almost 29 years. They have one son, Eric, who is married to Tricia, and three beloved grandchildren: Nick, Russ, and Molly Baird.

Madam Speaker, at this time, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me