

As we celebrate Black History Month, please join me in recognizing and thanking Mayor Otis Wallace for his dedication to the residents of Florida City and his commitment to ensuring that his community continues to thrive.

BRANDEN COLE ELLING

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Branden Cole Elling. Branden is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Heart of America Council Troop 351, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Branden has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the seven years Branden has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Branden has earned the rank of Firebuilder in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Branden has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Branden constructed a split rail fence along the edge of Platte Ridge Park in Platte City, MO, adding both an aesthetic quality and providing a protective barrier to limit trespassing into the park.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Branden Cole Elling for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

COMMEMORATING THE 18TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KHOJALY MASSACRE

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 18th anniversary of the massacre at Khojaly and to honor the 613 Azerbaijanis who died under these tragic circumstances. I ask that my colleagues join me in remembering those who lost their lives that day.

HONORING MR. JAMES GARFIELD

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the years of service given to the people of Chautauqua County by Mr. James Garfield. Mr. Garfield served his constituency faithfully and justly during his tenure as the Ripley Highway Superintendent.

Public service is a difficult and fulfilling career. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Mr. Gar-

field served his term with his head held high and a smile on his face the entire way. I have no doubt that his kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the people of Chautauqua County.

We are truly blessed to have such strong individuals with a desire to make this county the wonderful place that we all know it can be. Mr. Garfield is one of those people and that is why Madam Speaker I rise in tribute to him today.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the Republican adopted standards on earmarks, I submit the below detailed explanation of the Fuel Oil Barge.

Bill Number: H.R. 3326, Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Navy RDT&E

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: GenPhar, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 600 Seacoast Parkway, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

Description of Project: The need for an effective vaccine to protect against exposure to dangerous virus outbreaks of Dengue fever is critical to the safety of U.S. Armed Forces personnel deployed in combat theaters throughout the world. Dengue epidemics have increased dramatically in recent years, and cover nearly the entire tropical and subtropical regions of the world, including South East Asia, Africa, the entire Caribbean, and South, Central and parts of North America, putting two thirds of the world population at risk. Dengue epidemics not only have devastating effects in regions that hold U.S. interests, they also threaten the well-being of U.S. military personnel operating in these regions.

IN TRIBUTE TO REPRESENTATIVE JOHN P. MURTHA OF PENNSYLVANIA

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of our former colleague, Congressman John Murtha. He died on February 8, 2010, at age 77, following complications of surgery. John represented Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District for 36 years in Congress, longer than any Pennsylvania lawmaker.

John Patrick Murtha was born June 17, 1932 in New Martinsville, West Virginia, and moved to Pennsylvania as a child. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 1962 with a degree in economics and did graduate work in economics and political science at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Congressman Murtha dedicated his life to serving the nation he loved, first in the military. He entered the U.S. Marine Corps in 1952, during the Korean War period, and served

until 1955, joining the Reserves. Then, during the Vietnam conflict, he volunteered for combat and served as an intelligence officer in 1966 and 1967. John received the Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts for this service, retiring from the Marine Corps Reserve as a colonel in 1990.

One of the first Vietnam veterans to sit in the House and a career reservist, John effectively applied this valuable insight to his work in Congress. As the Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, he worked tirelessly for the benefit of the nation's troops and their families. For his political courage in speaking out against the Iraq war, and his dedication to principled public service, John was awarded the 2006 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award.

Congressman Murtha has earned a well-deserved place in history as a patriot, war hero and statesman. The nation will miss his dedication and vast experience in lawmaking, and we will miss him as a dear friend and generous mentor.

I express my condolences to John's wife Joyce and their three children, and I urge everyone to honor and remember our colleague, John Murtha.

HONORING ORLANDO CITY COMMISSIONER DAISY WILLIAMS LYNUM

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Mr. GRAYSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Orlando City Commissioner Daisy Lynum for her life-long civic and community involvement. Commissioner Lynum was born in Leesburg, Florida, a small town 45 miles northwest of Orlando, and was elected to the Orlando City Council on April 14, 1998. Commissioner Lynum's contributions to our Central Florida community have had a tremendous positive impact.

After graduating from Carver Heights High School in 1964, Ms. Lynum earned an undergraduate degree in Sociology at Bethune-Cookman College, and a graduate degree in clinical Social Work (MSW) from Florida State University. As a Rockefeller Foundation Scholar, her post-baccalaureate studies were completed at Haverford and Bryn Mawr colleges in Pennsylvania, and her teaching certification was completed at the University of Central Florida. In 2000, Commissioner Lynum completed the John F. Kennedy School of Government Program for Executives at Harvard University. Florida Metropolitan University awarded Commissioner Lynum the Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters in May 2005.

After more than 30 years of employment, first as a 5th grade teacher, followed by a career as a social worker and administrator for the Department of Health & Rehabilitative Services, and a Special Services Social Worker for Orange County Public Schools, Commissioner Lynum retired in 2002. Simultaneously, her years of community and civic involvement have included: Metro Orlando Urban League Board; UCF-MSW School of Social Work Advisory Board; National Black Social Workers Association; Orlando Science Center's Diversity Committee; USTA Diversity