

work and dedication that Ms. Davidson advocated on behalf of their education.

I wish Ms. Davidson an enjoyable and peaceful retirement.

INTRODUCTION OF THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER FAIRNESS ACT OF 2010

HON. DAVID WU

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. WU. Madam Speaker, I rise to let my colleagues know that today I introduced the Volunteer Firefighter Fairness Act.

This bill would clarify for volunteer fire departments, volunteer firefighters and emergency personnel, and the Internal Revenue Service that volunteers are not employees of the fire departments where they serve.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, volunteers comprise approximately 72 percent of our nation's fire and emergency services. Although volunteers make up the majority of firefighters nationwide, we are experiencing an overall decline in the number of volunteer personnel. This is due to increased emergency call volumes, the time demands of ongoing training, and the struggle many Americans face trying to balancing family and work obligations.

To help recruit and retain volunteer firefighters and other volunteer first responders, some states and local governments offer nominal payments or benefits, such as covering expenses for uniforms.

Historically, fire departments have used the IRS Form 1099 to report these benefits and nominal payments for their volunteers. However, recently many volunteer fire departments have been told by local or regional IRS offices that they must the Form W-2, instead of the 1099, to report payments and benefits. In Oregon, a volunteer fire department was even hit with a \$9,900 fine for using a Form 1099 instead of a Form W-2.

The bill I am introducing today will clarify the law to ensure that fire departments will be able to use Form 1099 to report any minimal pay or benefits for volunteer first responders. I am pleased to report that this bill has the full support of the International Fire Chiefs Association.

Finally, Madam Speaker, I would like to clarify one point about who the bill would cover. This legislation is designed to specifically cover volunteer firefighters and volunteer emergency personnel. The practice of providing volunteer firefighters and emergency personnel with reimbursement, reasonable benefits, and nominal fees for their services is allowed under both the IRS Code and the Fair Labor Standards Act. The U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division ruled on August 7, 2006, that "generally an amount not exceeding 20 percent of the total compensation that the employer would pay to employ a full-time firefighter for performing comparable services would be deemed nominal." Since both the IRS Code and the FLSA use the term "nominal fee" as an allowable form of compensation for volunteer firefighters, I urge the IRS to use the U.S. Department of Labor's ruling in drafting any regulations to implement this legislation or define the term "nominal fee" for volunteer firefighter compensation.

THE SYRACUSE JAMES JOYCE CLUB/BLOOMSDAY

HON. DANIEL B. MAFFEI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. MAFFEI. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the Syracuse James Joyce Club's celebration of the 17th annual Bloomsday. Bloomsday is the day people from around the world celebrate the life of Irish author James Joyce and his novel *Ulysses*, which is heralded as one of the greatest novels of the 20th century.

Ulysses chronicles the day the main character, Leopold Bloom travels into Dublin on June 16. This date had special meaning for Joyce. It was also the first date with his future wife Nora Barnacle. For these reasons, June 16 was marked as the special day Joyce's life and literary work, *Ulysses* would be celebrated.

The first Bloomsday was organized in 1954 by critic, John Ryan, and author, Flann O'Brien. The day was named after Leopold Bloom in *Ulysses*. Ryan and O'Brien organized a day long pilgrimage along the *Ulysses* route. They planned a day to travel through the city, visiting the scenes from the novel. The night ended in what had once been called the brothel quarter of the city, the area which Joyce had called *Nighttown*.

Born in Dublin, on February 2, 1882, Joyce was the son of John Stanislaus Joyce and Mary Jane Murray. Joyce's father struggled as a businessman and his mother was an accomplished pianist. Joyce grew up in poverty, and his family struggled to maintain a solid middle-class lifestyle. From the age of six, Joyce was educated by Jesuits at Clongowes Wood College then Belvedere College in Dublin.

It was in college that Joyce blossomed as a writer. His first published work was an essay on Ibsen's play *When We Dead Awaken*. Joyce went on to write several other works that sealed his place in writing history.

I am proud that the Syracuse James Joyce Club continues to keep the life and work of Joyce alive. It is important that we remember the contributions he has made to literary history. I am pleased that the Syracuse James Joyce Club will gather people from the community today to share their favorite excerpts from Joyce's works.

The Bloomsday celebration attracts over 300 people and is part of the CNY Chapter of the Irish American Cultural Institute. I commend the Syracuse James Joyce Club for keeping the legacy of one of the 20th century's greatest writers alive.

A TRIBUTE TO REVEREND ALVIN BARNETT

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Reverend Alvin Barnett for his years of service to ministry and his community.

Alvin Barnett attended the famed Boys High, where he became a star football player. He

was goal-oriented and this served him well again during his college years, first at Tennessee State College, and then at American Baptist Theological Seminary, in Nashville, Tennessee, from which he received a Bachelor of Theology Degree. Rev. Barnett continued his studies in Business Administration at New York City's Pace University, and at Malloy College in Valley Stream, New York.

Reverend Barnett was licensed and ordained to preach the Gospel at the Mount Ollie Baptist Church in Brooklyn by the late Reverend Dr. R.D. Brown. His pastoral journey includes two other Brooklyn churches: Mount Zion Baptist Church, and West Baptist Church, where he has served for the last 30 years.

Alvin Barnett recognizes that one's journey in ministry must include learning and studying. He is a lifelong student and prodigious reader. In his life's work, he uses the collective knowledge gained from his theological intellectual pursuits for the glorification of God. He consults daily and advises young ministries, seminarians, and seasoned pastors in ministry. Alvin Barnett is humble, and seeks advice and consultation from the best and brightest in ministry and other professions. He is a keen observer of the human condition, and is faithful and persistent in the work that God has called him to.

Reverend Barnett is a team builder who utilizes his experience and knowledge to develop effective teams that actualize his vision of Ministry. He knows well how to use the best skills to enhance the work of the kingdom.

Rev. Barnett is an active member of many organizations, including Churches United for Worldwide Action, the Metropolitan Ministers Ecumenical Conference, the NYPD Committee Advisory Council, the International Prison Ministry (he serves as President), and the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. (NBCUSA), and he is active in the NBCUSA Moderator's Auxiliary. He has been a member of the Eastern Baptist Association (EBA) New York, Inc. for more than forty years. Rev. Barnett has served as treasurer and president of Prison Ministry, chairman and vice chair of the board of trustees, executive manager of the EBA Headquarters in Brooklyn, a member of the Board of Managers and the Advisory Council, and as chairman of the Board of Evangelism.

During his tenure in evangelism, he organized and taught classes on evangelism and prepared many teams for street ministry in churches throughout the Eastern Baptist Association. He remains a tireless Evangelizer, and utilizes a unique hands-on approach.

Reverend Barnett travels extensively, witnessing to incarcerated men and women throughout the Eastern Seaboard, including the Nassau County Correctional Facility on Long Island, Rikers Island in New York City, as well as upstate New York, Pennsylvania, North Carolina and South Carolina.

Reverend Barnett was overwhelmingly elected the 16th Moderator of the Eastern Baptist Association on July 17, 2009. He has embarked upon the work of reenergizing, rebuilding and regenerating the Eastern Baptist Association where a renaissance is taking place among Baptist churches of geographic Long Island.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the work of Reverend Alvin Barnett.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Madam Speaker, on Monday, June 14, 2010, I was absent and thus I missed rollcall votes Nos. 355–357. Had I been present, I would have voted “aye” on all three votes.

CELEBRATING THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF NICHOLAS V. MARTINO

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express heartfelt best wishes on the occasion of the 90th birthday of Nicholas V. Martino, a man who exemplifies a life of hard work, service to his country, and close family ties. Mr. Martino worked for 40 years as a master mechanic for American Construction in Hartford, Connecticut. Now retired, he lives in Westhampton, New York with his daughter Anne Marie Spinner, his son-in-law Guy Spinner and their two children, Adam and Nicole. He enjoys spending time with them as well as with his daughter Janet Tyler, son-in-law Lee Tyler and their daughter Meredith.

Born in Hartford on June 8, 1920, Mr. Martino served from 1942 to 1946 in the Army Air Corps as a Tech Sergeant working on B–25's and B–26's, both medium-sized bombers. The B–25 first gained fame as the bomber used in the 18 April 1942 raid in which sixteen B–25s attacked mainland Japan four months after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. The mission gave a much-needed lift in spirits to the Americans, and alarmed the Japanese who had believed their home islands were inviolable by enemy troops.

On September 30, 1950, he married Marie Candela who passed away in 1989. The couple had two daughters, Janet and Anne Marie. After his discharge from the Army, Mr. Martino continued a life-long interest in mechanics both at his job at American Construction and in his spare time. For years, he maintained a garage and truck filled with all kinds of tools for his many projects, and he still enjoys tinkering with hands-on projects with his son-in-law Guy.

I would like to extend my congratulations to Mr. Martino and wish him a happy 90th birthday as he celebrates with his family and friends.

A TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM C. JUSINO

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of William C. Jusino for his commitment to leadership in education and dedication to his community.

William C. Jusino was born to migrant parents from the beautiful island of Puerto Rico.

He and his three sisters and three brothers were raised in the community of Bedford Stuyvesant in Brooklyn, New York. His father, William Sr., was a humble factory worker and his mother, Ana, worked as a school aide in Williamsburg School District #14. Her work in elementary public schools would serve as an early influence to young William. William and all of his siblings heeded their parents' advice and have achieved significant success in varying careers that include naval officer, firefighter, food commerce, and William's work as a school administrator.

He was educated in Brooklyn Elementary Schools P.S. 54 & 157, J.H.S. 117, and East New York Vocational Technical High School. During his high school years, Mr. Jusino obtained his initial work experience in the city's Summer Youth Employment Program in Bedford Stuyvesant. Subsequently, William was successful in gaining entrance to SUNY Cortland where he attained his Bachelor's Degree in Education.

Mr. Jusino enthusiastically returned to his community to serve as an elementary school teacher in School District 13's P.S. 46 and P.S. 270. He continued to work as a public school teacher for six years. Continuing his passion for serving his community, Mr. Jusino accepted the position of Executive Director of Progress Inc. In spring of 1996, he was offered an exceptional opportunity to lead a high school for professional careers. William Jusino has been Principal of Progress High School since September 1996, playing a key role in one of the most successful school reform efforts in New York City history.

Mr. Jusino has a well established record of service to his community. His love and caring for young people has been consistently evident throughout his professional life. Friend and colleague alike know that he is dedicated to giving back to his community that has blessed him so much. William strongly believes that he must constantly prepare himself to more effectively serve the community and the children that he is committed to. On the eve of completing his Doctorate in Educational Administration, Mr. Jusino continues to practice what he preaches and more importantly, what he was taught by his parents.

Mr. Jusino is married to Mrs. Marta Colon-Jusino. He has two wonderful children. His son, William, graduated from Harvard University and his daughter, Amanda, is in her junior year at the University of Massachusetts and is currently studying abroad in Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Ecuador.

He enjoys spending his free time with family and friends.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of William C. Jusino.

HONORING THE LIFE AND WORK OF LT. COL. RICHARD CASTILLO

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lt. Col. Richard Castillo of Corpus Christi, Texas, who was shot down in Laos in 1972 while on a mission. The 14-man crew flew aboard an AC–130, REFNO 1807.

About six weeks ago, the family of Lt. Col. Castillo was contacted by the Air Force and informed that the last unidentified remains from his plane will be buried tomorrow, June 17, 2010, at Arlington National Cemetery along with the remains of the 13 men who accompanied Lt. Col. Castillo on the mission.

In 1986 after negotiations with the Laotian government, the United States was finally able to send a team to the crash site. After much work and many hours spent sifting through debris, bone fragments and personal belongings, the men's remains were found. Two teeth were positively identified as Lt. Col. Castillo's and were buried in a ceremony later that year at Randolph Air Force Base, with interment at Ft. Sam Houston in San Antonio.

In the November 1986 edition of National Geographic, a picture of Lt. Col. Castillo's dog tags was published alongside an article telling the story of the search and recovery effort of the crew by the United States government and military.

A few years ago, the Air Force informed Lt. Col. Castillo's wife, Elizabeth May Castillo, that they were beginning DNA testing on the bone fragments found among the wreckage.

With the advances made in DNA testing, they believed all 14 men would finally be accounted for. The Air Force obtained a cheek swab from Lt. Col. Castillo's mother and performed mitochondrial DNA testing. On November 21, 2008, the Air Force held a small private service for the Castillo family at Lt. Col. Castillo's grave site at Ft. Sam Houston. An urn containing the fragments positively identified as Lt. Col. Castillo was buried on top of his casket. This day was especially meaningful to the family because it would have been his 70th birthday.

Lt. Col. Castillo is survived by his wife, Elizabeth May Castillo and their children, Mary Edith Castillo Hamilton, Mary Elizabeth Castillo Tierce, Mary Esther Castillo Harper, Mary Elaine Castillo Colmenero and Richard Lee Castillo. His youngest son, Ronald Ronnie Castillo, died on February 16, 2005.

I would like to take this time to thank Lt. Col. Castillo for his service and dedication to this country. It is because of him that today you and I enjoy the freedoms and rights he so bravely fought for. He served this country diligently and paid the ultimate sacrifice for us.

I ask my colleagues to please join me in commemorating the work and honor of Lt. Col. Castillo whose remains will be buried tomorrow at Arlington National Cemetery.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mrs. MYRICK. Madam Speaker, due to a family medical situation, I was unable to participate in the following votes. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows:

JUNE 14, 2010

Rollcall vote 355, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—H. Res. 1368, Supporting the goals of National Dairy Month—I would have voted “aye.”

Rollcall vote 356, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—H. Res. 1409, Expressing support for designation of June 20, 2010, as