

Elam Baptist continued to improve its facilities, installing a front veranda, electric lighting, and baptizing pool. A monument dedicated to the founders of the Church was erected at the cemetery site, and in 1966 a multipurpose annex was erected with offices and classrooms. Elam Baptist is truly a cornerstone of the Charles City County community.

As Elam Baptist gathers to celebrate its bicentennial, the church can truly remember its past, celebrate its present, and focus on the future with great expectations. I would like to congratulate Rev. Horace B. Parham, Jr., Elam's current pastor, and all of the members of Elam Baptist Church on the occasion of their 200th anniversary. I wish them 200 more years of dedicated service to the community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PASSING  
OF CHARLES HAROLD "CHUCK"  
BOLTON, JR.

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 22, 2010*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize the life of Northwest Florida's beloved Charles Harold "Chuck" Bolton, Jr.

Mr. Bolton is survived by his wife, Carola, and two daughters, Nicole and Rochelle. To his family and friends, I would like to offer my sincere condolences. Northwest Florida has suffered a great loss.

Chuck Bolton was born on January 26, 1945 in Norfolk, Virginia. He was a proud and passionate man, who served his country with honor and distinction in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. In 1986, Mr. Bolton moved to Okaloosa County, located in Florida's First Congressional District. Over the next 24 years, Mr. Bolton served throughout the civic, business and church communities.

His local leadership was acknowledged by the people of Mary Esther, Florida, who elected Mr. Bolton to serve as their Mayor from 2008 until his recent passing. He was a charismatic leader who believed in watching out for the needs of his fellow neighbors, and his connection to the voice of the people was unequivocally demonstrated when he became the first elected official to join the Fort Walton Beach Tea Party.

His passion for service and his close relationships with the people of Northwest Florida was apparent to all those who knew him. He shared his knowledge with the people of Northwest Florida, teaching courses in Charitable Giving, Estate Planning, and Retirement at local colleges. His leadership in the business arena was also undeniable. He served as President of the North West Florida Planned Giving Council, Tallahassee Chapter of the International Association for Financial Planning and European Life Underwriters' Association.

His immense leadership was recognized not only by his constituents, but also by the religious community of Northwest Florida, where he served as Chairman of the Okaloosa County Chapter of the Christian Coalition. Mr. Bolton also played an integral role as a fundraiser for numerous non-profit organizations, and his commitment to justice and equality was typified by his membership in the NAACP.

As Deacon for the First Baptist Church of Mary Esther, Mr. Bolton served as an inspirational bedrock for the community, providing prayer and guidance to the people of Northwest Florida. He was a regular speaker at the Waterfront Mission, a noted church speaker for Gideon International, and was involved with several committees involving rehabilitation for individuals. His commitment to serving those in need was exemplified by his weekly Bible Study at an alcohol/drugs halfway house.

To some Chuck Bolton will be remembered as a Mayor and steadfast public servant, and to others, a leader in the business and religious communities. To many children of Northwest Florida he will be remembered by his portrayal of Santa Claus, filling the hearts of children with warm Christmas joy. He will long be remembered by his family and friends as a loving and compassionate father, husband and companion; and we will all remember his energy, motivation, generosity, and commitment to serving his community. His impact on Northwest Florida will forever be remembered. Mr. Bolton was quoted as saying, "Mary Esther may not be heaven, but I can see heaven from my dock in Mary Esther." We can all take great solace knowing that Mr. Bolton is looking down on all of us from his new dock in heaven.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to honor the life of Chuck Bolton, and his living legacy.

RECOGNIZING FAIRFAX COUNTY  
FIREFIGHTERS' EFFORTS TO  
FIGHT MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 22, 2010*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the firefighters of Fairfax County for their efforts in fighting muscular dystrophy in Northern Virginia and the National Capital Region. The International Association of Firefighters local 2068, in coordination with the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department and the Fairfax County Department of Public Safety Communications, collected more than \$561,000 at their annual "Fill the Boot" campaign over Labor Day weekend, more than any other jurisdiction in the nation.

While they are committed to keeping the residents of Northern Virginia safe, the firefighters and paramedics of Fairfax County are also dedicated to improving the lives of those in their community through education and charitable efforts such as the "Fill the Boot" campaign.

Thanks to the generosity and support of the community, this year's contributions to the Muscular Dystrophy Association will help those in the Washington, DC area affected by the disease. Resources such as the outpatient clinics at Children's National Medical Center and Georgetown University Hospital will benefit, as will the Muscular Dystrophy Association camp in Leonardtown, MD. The firefighters' contribution far exceeded their goal of \$475,000, adding to the previous 56 years of success in which firefighters nationwide have raised more than \$425 million for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the firefighters of Fairfax County for their efforts to fight muscular dystrophy. They risk their lives every day to ensure the well being and safety of our communities. These heroes often go unrecognized for their dedication and sacrifices. On behalf of the residents of the 11th District of Virginia, I am honored to thank these brave men and women for their contributions to our communities.