

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING HARRELL FLETCHER

**HON. LOIS CAPPS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 7, 2011*

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the passing of an exemplary citizen of California's Central Coast: Mr. Harrell Fletcher.

Mr. Fletcher lived in the Santa Maria Valley for 80 years, moving to the area from Arkansas as a young boy. He attended San Luis Obispo High School and California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo. He moved to Santa Maria with the architecture firm responsible for building Camp Cook, now Vandenberg Air Force Base, in the early 1940's.

Over his decades in the Santa Maria Valley, he seemed to fill every role in the community at one time or another: local business owner, County Supervisor, school board member, founding member of the Los Padres National Bank, Fair board member and Coastal Commission member. He was the most senior land use consultant in the region and was the longest serving member of the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Fletcher also served on literally dozens of other groups, organizations and committees over the years, with each organization benefiting from his strong work ethic and unique insight into our community.

Mr. Fletcher and his wife Betty have been acknowledged frequently for their pivotal role in the growth of Santa Maria Valley community. In March 2004, the City of Santa Maria, in honor of Harrell and Betty Fletcher, dedicated "Fletcher Park" on their behalf. In 2009, the City Council declared July 24, 2009 as "Harrell Fletcher Day."

On a personal note, Mr. Fletcher always extended a gracious hand when working with both me and my late husband U.S. Rep. Walter Capps on a range of issues. We may have been of different political parties but that did not matter to Mr. Fletcher. He was always generous and affable, and always interested in addressing the issues to make life better for Santa Marians. Like my late husband, I considered it an distinct honor and privilege to work with someone so dedicated to his community, and who influenced so much of its growth for so many years.

Harrell Fletcher is survived by his wonderful wife of almost 60 years, Betty, and their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. I thank them for sharing Harrell and his many talents with us these many years and offer my deepest condolences on their loss.

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS FOR  
THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL  
FLORIDA

**HON. SANDY ADAMS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 7, 2011*

Mrs. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the University of Central Florida on their historic victory over the Georgia Bulldogs on December 31, 2010 in the Liberty Bowl. The Knights edged out the Bulldogs 10-6 in a fantastic game that demonstrated what this young athletic program has to offer to the world of collegiate sports.

This was UCF's first bowl game victory capping off an astonishing year of being ranked for the first time in school history in the top 25 of the AP Poll, USA Today Coaches Poll, Harris Poll and finishing their season at number 25 in the BCS Standings. These achievements are a testament to the determination and strength of the young people that this university is turning out as the future leaders in our community and country.

As the second largest university in the Nation, and my district's flagship university, UCF has been breaking barriers and earning its place at the top of every measure of student achievement, and this year was no exception. I offer my warmest congratulations to the players of this championship team, Coach O'Leary and the entire Administrative staff for all their determination and hard work.

IN HONOR OF THE REVEREND  
NORMAN EDDY AND THE LATE  
REVEREND MARGARET EDDY  
FOR THEIR DECADES OF DEDICATED  
AND FAITHFUL SERVICE  
TO THE EAST HARLEM COMMUNITY

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 7, 2011*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Reverend Norman Eddy and his late wife, the Reverend Margaret Eddy. Norman and Margaret Eddy devoted themselves to the Manhattan community of East Harlem, one of the most underserved and impoverished communities in our Nation. Graduates of the Union Theological Seminary, they went on to minister to congregations at the East Harlem Protestant Parish and The Church of the Resurrection, helping countless individuals and families better their lives.

At the end of February, the decades of service to others by Norman and Margaret Eddy were recognized at twin celebrations held at the New York Theological Seminary and at The Church of the Resurrection. Celebrants learned about the effort to launch a Program Center for Spiritual Coordination and Commu-

nity Well-Being at the New York Theological Seminary, viewed the premiere showing of a film about their East Harlem ministries directed by the award-winning producer/director Jan Albert, shared heart-warming and sometime light-hearted reminiscences about Norman and Margaret, and celebrated Norm's 90th Birthday over a communal meal at the Church.

The celebrations are richly deserved, because the devotion of Norman and Margaret Eddy to the well-being of East Harlem residents is truly remarkable. I came to know them during the nine years I served as the New York City Council Member representing a district that included all of East Harlem. As ministers of the East Harlem Protestant Parish on East 100th Street and later of The Church of the Resurrection on East 1051st Street, they were involved in a myriad of community organizations that formed a vital network in "El Barrio." These included but were not limited to the East Harlem School of Faith, East Harlem Healing Community, the East Harlem Churches, the Community Urban Center, and East Harlem School of Faith, and East Harlem Interfaith. They also led a local neighborhood committee to help those who became addicted to narcotics. Each was an open, friendly, and vital presence who readily warmed to others and infected others with their laughter and positive spirits. When Norman and Peg Eddy ministered to others in need, no matter how dire their circumstances, they always maintained a sense of joy and optimism that proved infectious. With courage and compassion, they reached out to those suffering from HIV and AIDS at a time when misinformation and a lack of public awareness created an impenetrable stigma around those infected with the virus.

In recognition of their outstanding contributions to the well-being of the people they served and their extraordinary the civic life of our Nation's greatest city, I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me in honoring the Reverends Norman and Margaret Eddy.

**RULES OF THE HOUSE**

SPEECH OF

**HON. CORRINE BROWN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 5, 2011*

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to comment on clause 7 of House Rule XII, which requires that Members submit a statement citing the constitutional authority for any bill introduced in the House of Representatives. Every member of this body takes an oath to support and defend the Constitution. Therefore, this new rule adds nothing to the responsibilities we have already pledged to undertake. It does, however, add to the costs of government. Publishing each statement in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD will cost the taxpayers an estimated \$570,000 each year for supplies, labor and delivery.

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