

A TRIBUTE TO REV. JUNE  
MONTAGUE

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Rev. June Montague.

Rev. Montague is a woman who dares to make a difference. She entered ministry in 1978, in an era when men dominated the ministerial offices and women were denied the opportunity to preach from the pulpit or hold spiritual leadership offices. Despite this adversity, she preached the word with faith, boldness and power, paving the way for other women with similar callings.

Rev. Montague was baptized and raised in the Methodist church, serving in the choir, teaching Sunday school and counseling young people. She was called to the Deliverance ministry in the early 1970s, under the leadership of the late Apostle Arturo Skinner. Rev. Montague sat at the Apostle's feet and was nurtured in the way of holiness and the ministry of Deliverance.

Anointed by God to carry on the vision of the Deliverance ministry, Rev. Montague organized and founded the United Pentecostal Deliverance Temple Church in 1980. The ministry started in a basement and then reached into the streets and schools. The congregation outgrew its first store front building at 1125 Church Avenue, Brooklyn (1980–1988) and relocated to 75 Clarkson Avenue, Brooklyn (1988–1991). The need to have adequate space to worship further led the Church to its present site, 810 East 49th Street, Brooklyn (1991–present). The Church is dedicated to providing the community with exposure to, and instruction in, the teachings of Christ.

Rev. Montague received her Biblical training at the Bethel Bible Institute and the New York School of Bible. Her achievements include honorary doctorate degrees in Divinity and Humane Letters. She received awards for outstanding achievement in Church and Christian Development and International Evangelist. Rev. Montague was also awarded Pastor of the Year by the Church Women United.

Rev. Montague has been on the battlefield for over thirty years, sharing the gospel across the globe, such as London, South Africa, Trinidad, Jamaica, Barbados, Antigua and Costa Rica. Because of her faith and labor of love, thousands have received salvation, healing, and liberation from the captive of their souls. She has a unique talent for breaking down the revealed word in terms that everyone can understand, whether it be the learned or the unlearned.

Another chapter of this book is about to be written. Rev. Montague vows to continue the Deliverance ministry. She acknowledging that greater works are on the horizon, knowing that she was called to ministry for such a time as this; a time of widespread theological and moral apostasy.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life of Rev. June Montague.

INTRODUCTION ON THE BILL: TO PROTECT THE SAFETY OF JUDGES BY EXTENDING THE AUTHORITY OF THE JUDICIAL CONFERENCE TO REDACT SENSITIVE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THEIR FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

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Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, every day, our federal judges make decisions in cases that directly and personally affect lives. They may find someone guilty and sentence that person to a lengthy prison sentence. They may rule against someone for thousands of dollars. Or, they may dismiss a medical malpractice case. Chicago district judge Joan Humphrey Lefkowitz did the latter and tragically, shortly thereafter, the plaintiff in that case went to her home and murdered her husband and mother in 2005.

One way a disgruntled litigant can learn of a federal judge's home address and avenge a ruling is by requesting a copy of the judge's financial disclosure report under the Ethics in Government Act. Information in financial disclosure reports can reveal the filer's or a family member's residence or regular presence at an unsecured location such as a spouse's place of employment. Fortunately, Section 105(b)(3) of the Ethics in Government Act (5 U.S.C. App), allows the Judicial Conference to redact statutorily required information in a judge's or judiciary employee's financial disclosure report in circumstances where release of the information could endanger the filer or the filer's family.

The Judicial Conference uses its redaction authority carefully. Under the regulations that the Judicial Conference promulgated in accordance with the statute, there must be a clear nexus between a security risk and the information for which redaction is sought, before redaction will be permitted. As required by the statute, the Judicial Conference reports to Congress annually on the number of redactions and the reasons for them, usually involving over 200 judges and judicial employees per year.

This redaction authority is set to expire on December 31, 2011, pursuant to the "Court Security Improvement Act of 2007" (Pub. L. No. 110–177). Allowing this redaction authority to sunset will create tremendous security risks to judges and judiciary employees. Consequently, I am introducing legislation today which would extend the authority of the Judicial Conference to redact sensitive information contained in judges' financial disclosure reports. Where we can prevent tragedies such as Judge Lefkowitz's from happening, I believe we should. As our federal judges uphold the law, they should not have to worry about whether they or their family members will be harmed.

I, together with my good friends, Representative COHEN and Representative HANK JOHNSON, ask Members on both sides of the aisle to join me in supporting this critical and timely legislation. We fervently hope that Congress will act expeditiously on it.

STEPHANIE SCOTT

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Stephanie Scott for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Stephanie Scott is a 12th grader at Arvada West High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Stephanie Scott is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Stephanie Scott for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

A TRIBUTE TO HATTIE RUTH  
PERSONS-NELSON

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the life of Hattie Ruth Persons-Nelson.

Hattie was born on July 20, 1938, in Beuna Vista, Georgia. Her parents are the late Woodward Thomas Person and Hattie Williams-Persons. During her adolescence, Hattie loved to laugh and had a zest for learning; she completed two grades in a single school year.

Hattie migrated to New York City in 1959. She resided on Washington Avenue with her aunt and uncle, Fannie and Elder Williams. Her uncle was the founding pastor of the Evergreen Church of God in Christ, where Hattie was a dedicated member for several years. In 1972, she joined the New Canaan Baptist Church, under the leadership of the late Rev. A.L. Cunningham and the current pastor, Rev. Richard J. Lawson.

Hattie's dedication to the Lord and her church compelled her to work tirelessly in pursuit of the crown she will receive in heaven. In her service at Evergreen Church of God in Christ, she served as a trustee, data entry secretary, hospitality committee president, Christian councilmember, Women's Day Committee secretary, and special projects organizer. At New Canaan Baptist Church, Hattie was senior choir president, Georgia/Alabama Club president, Traveling Mass Choir member, Matron Mission Club member, Women's Day chairperson, Pastor's Aide Club member and church clerk.

Hattie loved organizing projects and was dedicated to upholding the legacy of the African-American experience. She was involved in extensive community activities: yearly Black History Month celebrations, youth with educational trips to Washington, D.C., literature handouts, yearly family reunions, fundraising,