

One of Dr. and Mrs. Flakes' sons, Johnny H. Flakes III, is an emerging community leader in Columbus, Georgia and now co-pastors at Fourth Street Missionary Baptist Church and Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church with his father. As the scripture tells us, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Dr. Flakes has encouraged his children and grandchildren not to be carbon copies of him but to glean from his wisdom and experience and be available to the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

On a personal note, Dr. Flakes has served as a spiritual advisor to me for many years, particularly during the twenty-four years I was a member of the Fourth Street Missionary Baptist Church. Through trouble or triumph, he was always available and has always given me wise counsel. Mrs. Flakes is like a mother to me and I am proud each time she refers to me as "son."

The great theologian and mystic scholar, Dr. Howard Thurman, once said that: "There is something in every one of you that waits and listens for the sound of the genuine in yourself. It is the only true guide that you will ever have. And if you cannot hear it, you will all of your life spend your days on the ends of strings that somebody else pulls." To God be the glory that the Rev. Dr. Johnny H. Flakes, Jr. heard the sound of God's voice and answered the call for his life. Because he answered that call, my life and the lives of countless others throughout the world are better for it.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to Dr. Johnny H. Flakes, Jr. for his life of selfless service to God, the church and to humankind.

ENSURING THE EFFECTIVE USE OF UNITED STATES AID TO PAKISTAN ACT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2011

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation to end all U.S. economic aid to Pakistan and to suspend all U.S. military aid until the Obama administration can certify to Congress that the Government of Pakistan is effectively using the aid against the Taliban and other al Qaeda affiliates that are planning and executing attacks on U.S. targets.

My legislation will send a clear signal to the Government of Pakistan that they can't have it both ways. They can't be stridently anti-American and expect U.S. economic aid to continue and they can't be complicit in supporting some of the same radical Islamists groups that target Americans and expect to receive more U.S. military aid.

There is a growing pattern of incidents whereby elements within the Pakistani government are blocking cooperation between the U.S. and Pakistan and are providing covert support to some of the same organizations that are targeting U.S. troops and their coalition allies fighting in Afghanistan.

Recently, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Mike Mullen, testified to Congress and accused Pakistan's intelligence agency of providing strategic support for the

Haqqani network, which the U.S. blames for the recent attack on the U.S. Embassy in Afghanistan. In his testimony, Admiral Mullen said, "The support of terrorism is part of their national strategy. . . . And that's got to fundamentally shift."

My legislation would immediately suspend all military aid to Pakistan until the Obama administration can certify that the Government of Pakistan is fully cooperating with the U.S. and is effectively using U.S. military aid in conducting operations against the Taliban, al Qaeda, and the other radical Islamic organizations engaged in terrorist operations.

I don't think that other legislation in this area goes far enough. I believe that the U.S. economic aid Pakistan receives is a complete waste of U.S. tax dollars because it hasn't done anything to improve the U.S./Pakistani relationship, as intended. Instead, the relationship has actually deteriorated despite the fact that the U.S. has increased assistance to the Government of Pakistan—which has received over \$2 billion in economic aid over the last two years.

By cutting off all economic aid and suspending all military aid we will be sending a clear message to the Pakistani government that they are not to take our support for granted.

So long as we have troops fighting in Afghanistan, who need the supply lines that run through Pakistan, it would be irresponsible to immediately eliminate all military aid to Pakistan. I do believe that the Pakistani military is capable of effectively using the aid to help defeat some of the same radical Islamic forces that U.S. troops are fighting, who cross from Pakistan to the Afghan side of the border.

150TH ANNIVERSARY HOMECOMING SERVICE FOR ST. PHILIP'S EPIS- COPAL CHURCH

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2011

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a storied institution of faith in the Third Congressional District. This year, St. Philip's Episcopal Church is celebrating its 150th anniversary, and I would like to take a moment to reflect on the history of this esteemed church and its contributions to the greater Richmond community.

St. Philip's Episcopal Church was founded in 1861 as a mission of St. James Church by freemen/women and indentured servants of Virginia aristocrats and landowners. The congregation flourished during the following four years and provided a number of services to its members, including a school. Unfortunately, at the end of the Civil War in 1865, St. Philip's physical structure was destroyed in what the church describes as "mysterious circumstances." The church persevered in spite of its overwhelming loss and continued to congregate in the homes of its members. In 1869, with the support of the Diocese of Virginia, St. James Church and the family of J.E.B. Stuart, the church was able to rebuild its physical structure.

In 1920, the church became a self-supporting Parish and since then has ventured to serve God, the community and the world.

Over the years, they have been involved in various service projects including St. Francis Pantry, Girl Scouts, and Narcotics Anonymous. They have also been involved with Caritas, a volunteer organization providing food and shelter for the homeless, and Modern Maturity, an outreach program with a focus on providing recreation and fellowship for individuals who are at home during the day.

Today, St. Philip's prevails as the oldest and largest of the seven predominantly African-American congregations in the Diocese of Virginia. It also has the distinction of being the sixth oldest historically African American congregation in the Episcopal Church and was the first to be founded in the South. Currently, St. Philip's consists of nearly 230 members.

As St. Philip's Episcopal Church gathers to celebrate this historic milestone, the church can truly remember its past, celebrate its present, and focus on the future as it continues "Celebrating, Living, Dreaming." I would like to congratulate Rev. Phoebe Roaf and all of the members of the St. Philip's Episcopal Church on the occasion of their 150th Anniversary. I wish them many more years of dedicated service to the community.

IN HONOR OF JERRY DICK, FIRE
COMPANY PRESIDENT FOR
CHERRY HILL TOWNSHIP FIRE
COMPANY IN PENN RUN, PENN-
SYLVANIA

HON. MARK S. CRITZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2011

Mr. CRITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jerry Dick, the Company President of the Cherry Hill Township Fire Company for his fifty years of active service to the department, the community, and its citizens. Mr. Dick has played a vital role in the fire company from the beginning. In 1951, when Jerry was just 11-years-old, he accompanied his father to city meetings on the construction of the community's new firehouse. He participated in laying the actual brick for the building that the Cherry Hill Township Fire Company is housed in today. Four years later at the young age of fifteen, Jerry joined the fire company as a volunteer.

Except for a brief stint away from Pennsylvania in the 1960s, Mr. Dick has served his community at the firehouse since 1954. During the Johnstown Flood of 1977, Jerry proved himself to be a true hero. While the rivers and creeks surged through the area, a family got trapped in their home, unable to reach higher ground. Jerry, along with firefighter Bob Zack, stretched a ladder across a large stream of water and extricated three children from the home. After getting them to safety, the water rushing through the area became more treacherous. Jerry made the decision that he and Bob could not safely traverse the waters to get back to safety. Both firefighters used a rope to tie themselves around a utility pole and remained in the danger zone for over nine hours. Not until the morning could they safely remove themselves from harm's way.

Jerry Dick is only the second member of the fire company to achieve such an amazing long-standing tenure of service. In his fifty