

helped countless corporations while serving as a consultant at Anderson Consulting (later Accenture), DH Andrews and Cognizant. He started and ran a business of his own where he continued his work.

Justin was also a pillar of our community of Cheshire. He was a member of our town's council as well as our Planning and Zoning Commission. He served actively on the boards of several important institutions in our community, including the Cheshire Education Foundation and MidState Medical Center. He was active in his church as well, serving as a Eucharistic Minister at St. Bridget's Church in Cheshire.

To me, Justin was a mentor and friend. When I moved to town in 2005, Justin took me under his wing to help me understand who and what was important in Cheshire. His public service became an example for me, and for many others. His hallmark, to me, was his approachability. He made you feel instantly comfortable, and people felt good knowing a "regular guy" was such an important community leader.

Mr. Speaker, Justin's achievements at work and his community only begin to tell his story. The rest of his story will live on through his family—his wife Jane and his wonderful children, Justin, Charlotte and Thomas. We grieve with them today.

Justin was taken from us too soon. I was proud to consider him a friend and I will miss him.

On behalf of this entire House, I pass on my sincerest condolences to Jane, Justin, Charlotte and Thomas, as well as his siblings, nieces, nephews, in-laws, friends and neighbors whose lives he touched so deeply. He will be missed by all of us.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE
OF OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS

HON. ANN MARIE BUERKLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Ms. BUERKLE. Mr. Speaker, the National Institute of Health estimates that over 15,000 American Women will die from ovarian cancer and an additional 22,000 new women will be diagnosed with the disease this year alone. Each year, ovarian cancer is a heartbreaking tragedy and a threat to the lives of thousands of women.

To that end, Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the remarkable inspiration of one mother who is taking up her daughter's passionate fight against ovarian cancer. In my district of New York, Frieda Weeks has dedicated her efforts to promoting research, awareness, and community support through "Hope for Heather."

"Hope for Heather" is a not-for-profit organization in memory of Heather Weeks, who lost her life to cancer at age 24. Heather was an advocate for women's cancer awareness, who was committed to educating all women on the symptoms of ovarian cancer and raising funds to find a cure.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage all of my colleagues to join me in raising awareness of ovarian cancer, and today I honor Heather, whose dream remains alive and strong today within the central New York community.

RECOGNIZING MR. SHERMAN WILLIAMS FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS AND SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable veteran, Mr. Sherman Williams, who was born March 29, 1922, to the late Jim Williams and Betty Johnson Williams in Bolton, Mississippi. Mr. Williams joined the Mt. Olive M. B. Church at an early age and was baptized by the late Reverend Mack Sanders. He attended school at Mt. Olive Learning School and later farmed for many years.

Mr. Williams served in the United States Army from December 8, 1942 to August 5, 1946 when he was released with an honorable discharge. After leaving the Army, he worked 27 years at the Tri-State Brick and Tile Company in Jackson, Mississippi.

Mr. Williams is the loving father of four wonderful children: Roosevelt Williams (predeceased him in death), of Jackson, Mississippi; Edward Lee Mack and Barbara Gale Anderson both of Byram, Mississippi; and Ezell Dotson of Clinton, Mississippi. He has eleven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Mr. Williams has a host of loving nieces and nephews.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Sherman Williams for his dedication to serving others.

IN HONOR OF DR. JOHN BOYD
NOFTSINGER

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with Representatives WOLF and RUPERSBERGER to honor the memory of a constituent, an educator, a community leader and most importantly a friend, the late Doctor John Boyd Noftsinger, Jr.

On November 10, 2011, James Madison University (JMU) lost one of their most innovative leaders and passionate advocates with the passing of John Noftsinger. John was the face of JMU on Capitol Hill and dedicated his career to public service through education.

Dr. Noftsinger was born in Roanoke, Virginia. After graduating from William Fleming High School in 1981, he officially started his career at James Madison University when he arrived on campus as a freshman that fall. We're sure when he stepped onto campus for the first time he never could have imagined the profound effect he would have on the University over the course of his life.

John went on to graduate cum laude with a double major in political science and public administration and a minor in business administration. Upon graduation, he entered the Ohio State University where he would later earn his master of arts degree in higher education administration.

In 1989, John once again found himself on the campus of JMU. He would begin a long and distinguished professional career where he would most recently serve as vice provost

for research and public service. Additionally, he would serve as executive Director of the Institute for Infrastructure and Information Assurance, professor of integrated science and technology and strategic leadership, and as the president and chair of James Madison Innovations.

In a profile of Dr. Noftsinger on the JMU website he is quoted as saying "my connections with the community were forged early in my career here and are now embedded in my philosophy of education and my work." These words exemplify John Noftsinger.

Dr. Noftsinger's dedication and hard work was not limited to the university he so loved. He was truly committed to his community as a whole and the city of Harrisonburg is better because of his hard work.

Dr. Noftsinger was a founder and served as the first president of the Shenandoah Valley Technology Council. He served as a board member for the Shenandoah Valley Partnership and Shenandoah National Park Trust. He was the past vice president and board member of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Chamber of Commerce and the former chairman of the board of directors of the Blue Ridge area food bank. He also served as a former board member and president of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Harrisonburg/Rockingham County.

Dr. Noftsinger's legacy is one that will not be soon forgotten. We will greatly miss our friend. We pray for his family—his wife Lucinda Bosley Shaheen and his three sons, Joshua, Zachary and Jacob. We join the entire JMU community in mourning this great leader.

ANNOUNCING THE INTRODUCTION
OF THE FAITH-BASED LENDING
PROTECTION ACT OF 2011

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today I introduced the Faith-Based Lending Protection Act of 2011. The bill modifies the Federal Credit Union Act to make it easier for credit unions to lend money to ministries. Specifically, the bill exempts loans to nonprofit religious organizations from the Credit Union Act's caps on the volume of loans credit unions can make to businesses.

Mr. Speaker, many churches are in crises because they cannot get access to credit. In 2006, only two churches in the United States lost their buildings to foreclosure or short sale. Last year the number grew to 95.

Like many homeowners, they took out loans when times were good, but now their income has dropped and they need to refinance. Some have balloon payments that would be impossible to pay even in the best of times. The trouble is that many lenders do not want to do business with churches. Credit unions are in an excellent position to help. Credit unions get capital from their members and loan it to their members all of whom share a common bond. They know how to keep money in their communities and they want to do more. This bill will let them.

This non-partisan language has passed the House several times—sometimes on a voice vote. Now is the time to make it law. Churches cannot wait.