

Education and Labor. Mrs. Barbour served for many years as Chairman Ford's Legislative Director. She worked on a host of issues during her congressional tenure, including a humanitarian initiative helping to relocate a number of Soviet Jews facing persecution in the USSR to the United States. Mrs. Barbour's mastery of congressional issues and the federal assisted her success in the private sector.

Having realized personal success in both the public and private sectors, Mrs. Barbour understands the importance of education, and tirelessly gives back to her community. For many years she has tutored adults in Fairfax County, Virginia, helping them earn a high school equivalency degree and further their own career opportunities and realize their personal potential. Despite her retirement, Mrs. Barbour will continue as a pillar of her community and continue to help those striving to help themselves.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking Nancy Barbour for her decades of service to Congress and her community, and to congratulate her on her retirement and wish her well in all of her future endeavors.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF GIL NOBLE, PRODUCER AND HOST OF WABC-TV'S "LIKE IT IS"

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2012

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of my dear longtime friend and Harlem native, Gil Noble, who made his transition on Holy Thursday, April 5, 2012 at the age of eighty. Born to Jamaican immigrants Gilbert and Iris Noble in Harlem on February 22, 1932, Gil Noble was a pioneering anchorman and journalist who spent his career giving voice to Black Power and the African Diasporic experience. For over forty years he was perhaps the nation's most important black journalist, bringing the struggle for civil rights and equality into the homes of millions of Americans in black and white and in color.

Growing up influenced by jazz pianist Erroll Garner, a young Gil Noble took up the piano and decided as a teen to pursue a career in music. He formed the Gil Noble Trio, playing in New York clubs while attending City College. Later in life his love of jazz would later lead him to become a strong supporter of the Jazz Foundation of America and join its board of directors. After graduating, he went on to work for Union Carbide and modeled part time, where he met his wife, Jean, also a model at that time.

Gil Noble began his fifty years career in television and programming, when he got his first break in broadcast media in 1962, as a part-time announcer for Harlem's radio station WLIB. Gil began reporting and reading newscasts as well as servicing the Associated Press teletype machine and tracking interview tapes. In 1967, he joined WABC-TV as a reporter and served as anchor for the station's Saturday and Sunday night newscast in 1968. Gil's career surged when he was named host of WABC-TV's "Like It Is." During his numer-

ous decades hosting his iconic television program, Like It Is, Gil acquainted the country with the story and the culture of Black America.

The show was truly groundbreaking. It engaged black leaders in sports, journalism, film, education, civil rights, politics and business, like Bill Cosby, Harry Belafonte, Lena Horne, Sarah Vaughan, Sammy Davis, Jr., Dizzy Gillespie, Oscar Peterson, Erroll Garner, Carmen McRae, Aretha Franklin, Dr. Billy Taylor, Nancy Wilson, Sidney Poitier, Imhotep Gary Byrd, (Dr. Ben) Yosef Ben-Jochannan, Muhammad Ali, Arthur Ashe, Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson and Minister Louis Farrakhan to name a few.

Gil told it like it is and interviewed national and international historic figures like President Nelson Mandela of South Africa and President Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe. He interviewed controversial and uncontroversial with profound discussions of the world's most important issues. I was greatly honored to appear on Like It Is, with Reverend Dr. Calvin A. Butts of the historic Abyssinian Baptist Church, where we gather to say farewell to our dear friend and legend.

The program also featured insightful documentaries that delved into the lives of Paul Robeson, Martin Luther King, Jr., W.E.B. DuBois, Malcolm X, Charlie Parker, Jack Johnson, Fannie Lou Hamer, Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., Stokely Carmichael (Kwame Ture), Justice Bruce Wright and countless other prominent figures of the African and Urban Diaspora. Perhaps most importantly, it provided an intelligent and progressive forum for black Americans that changed the way the nation viewed its black citizens. Gil's legacy will continue as a trailblazer for African Americans in journalism.

Mr. Speaker, you would be hard pressed to find anyone in Harlem who does not have memories of gathering with friends and family to watch Gil Noble eloquently discuss the issues of the day. The death of Gil, a son of Harlem, is especially saddening for the Village of Harlem, but also our nation and the world. We will all miss this intellectually passionate man and the inspiration he gave to our nation.

On Thursday, April 12, hundreds of Harlemites, New Yorkers and world visitors convened at Harlem's historic Abyssinian Baptist Church to pay final tribute, respect and honor to a man who was larger than height. May our spirit be filled with light and progress and may the light guide us through the fear and ignorance of our times in remembrance of my dear beloved Gil Noble.

TRIBUTE TO SETH ALEXANDER KLEINWORT

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Seth Kleinwort of Madrid, Iowa for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about 5 per-

cent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. Seth's project involved funding and erecting 21 flags on Memorial Day Weekend along Highway 17 to pay tribute to our nation's heroes. Seth completed this project while going above and beyond the required merit badges, earning a staggering total of 50 badges. The work ethic Seth has shown in his Eagle Project, and every other project leading up to his Eagle Scout rank, speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Seth and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating him in obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking, and will wish him continued success in his future education and career.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL IN NEW MEXICO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Scottish Rite Masons of New Mexico on the occasion of the Centennial Celebration of the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Santa Fe, New Mexico. On this occasion they also celebrate New Mexico's 100th year as a State of the Union.

The celebration at the Scottish Rite Temple includes tours, outdoor activities, a parade, a private reception, a brunch, a public exemplification of a Scottish Rite Degree and a Period Dress Ball in the evening.

Though the exact time of the beginning of Freemasonry is unknown, many of the symbols and language come from the Middle Ages. It has become a worldwide fraternity which focuses on self-improvement and social betterment. Freemasons partake in philanthropy, service, funding of research, and spreading ideals in which they believe.

Currently, there are four million Masons worldwide. Notable Masons throughout time are George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Paul Revere, John Hancock, John Paul Jones and Chief Justice John Marshall to name a few. Notable actions of the Masons include spreading the ideals of the Enlightenment, the formation of the democratic government and supporting the first public schools in both Europe and America.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the Scottish Rite and all Freemasons on the joyous occasion of the Centennial Celebration of the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Santa Fe, New Mexico.