

been possible without the grace of God and his loving wife, Cynthia, and their three daughters, Cynthia, Casonya, and Kimberly.

On a personal note, I would like to thank Mr. DuBose for his outstanding leadership in the Columbus, Georgia community and throughout the entire State of Georgia. Nelson Mandela once said, "For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others." Mr. DuBose embodies this statement thoroughly in his profession as a counselor and mediator, as well as in his leadership of the Georgia NAACP. We certainly could use more people like him in the world today.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me, my wife Vivian, and the more than 700,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District in paying tribute to Edward O. DuBose for his outstanding leadership as the State President of the Georgia State Conference NAACP.

JOHN MATT HUTCHINSON

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2013

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize John Matt Hutchinson for receiving the Boy Scouts' top award, the Honor Medal with Crossed Palms.

The Honor Medal with Crossed Palms is described as the Scouting equivalent of the Medal of Honor. Since 1938, only 277 other Scouts nationwide have received the award.

Matt earned the honor after the May 22, 2011, Joplin tornado when he exemplified outstanding leadership and bravery. Matt was ending his shift as a cook at St. John's Regional Medical Center when the storm hit. He sheltered six other people in a doorway during the storm. When the storm calmed down, the entire hospital was left in shambles and there were many people with serious injuries. Matt stepped up as a leader, getting help for people who needed first aid and making sure everyone was safe until help got there.

Matt would like to recognize the following leaders that had an impact on his Scouting career that began in the first grade: Richard Sapp, Jon Mikrut, Dan and Mary McKenzie, Tom and Jeannette Rouse, Sean Simmons, Kurt Garner, Curtis Ware, Michael Mueller, Glenn Weibel, Dr. Raymond Grote, Bruce Turner, Jeff Hole, Dan Webber, Dan and Dolly Johnson, Kathy Bal, and Byron Haverstick.

I am honored to recognize John Matt Hutchison for his courage and leadership.

WHEAT RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE WHEAT RIDGE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION'S FEED THE FUTURE PROGRAM

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud the Wheat Ridge Police Department and the Wheat

Ridge Business Association's Feed the Future Program for receiving the 2013 Wheat Ridge Mayor's Business & Community Partnership Award.

This award incorporates overall achievements as well as contributions in volunteerism, leadership, and community investment, but must also include involvement with the mentoring, training, and partnering with the youth.

The Feed the Future Program is a great collaborative initiative, working locally to transform lives toward a world where people no longer face under nutrition and hunger.

I extend my deepest congratulations to the Wheat Ridge Police Department and Wheat Ridge Business Association's Feed the Future Program for this well deserved recognition by the City of Wheat Ridge. Thank you for your dedication to our community.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
HERMAN WALLACE

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2013

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, we rise to commemorate and celebrate the life and contributions of Herman Wallace, one of the bravest champions for justice and human rights whom we have ever met. Nicknamed, "The Muhammad Ali of Justice", Mr. Wallace was a member of Louisiana's "Angola 3" who spent 41 years in solitary confinement. Mr. RICHMOND and I had the opportunity to visit Mr. Wallace at the Louisiana State Penitentiary in Angola, justifiably called "the Alcatraz of the South" several years ago. I was impressed by his courage, determination, and dignity. We received word that Mr. Wallace passed away earlier this morning, only three days after he was freed pursuant to a federal judge's ruling that he had not received a fair trial in 1974.

Mr. Wallace began his struggle for justice back in the 1970s, when he, along with Robert King and Albert Woodfox, organized a prison chapter of the Black Panther Party at the Angola prison. He worked to desegregate the prison, to end systematic rape and violence, and for better living conditions for the inmates.

Mr. Wallace, Albert Woodfox, and Robert King spent decades in solitary confinement—confined in cells no bigger than a parking space for 23 hours a day—for murders they say they did not commit. No physical evidence links them to these crimes. Potentially exculpatory DNA evidence has been lost, and the testimony of the main eyewitness has been discredited.

Mr. Wallace showed relentless courage and perseverance in fighting the injustice and inhumane treatment that he and his fellow Angola 3 inmates were subjected to. Even from the confines of solitary confinement, he filed lawsuit after lawsuit in an effort to bring attention to the difficult conditions under which he and the others were being held.

The courts finally heard him this week, and some measure of justice was granted with his release. Mr. Wallace's conviction has now been overturned. Mr. King's conviction has been overturned. State and federal judges have overturned Mr. Woodfox's conviction three times, yet Mr. Woodfox remains in prison—in solitary confinement—because of the State's appeals.

On behalf of all who believe in fundamental fairness and justice, we commend Mr. Wallace's courage and determination to keep fighting through 41 long years of solitary confinement. He is an inspiration to all of us.

Mr. Wallace had recently been diagnosed with terminal liver cancer. With his release from prison, it was hoped that he would be able to receive the medical care that his advanced liver cancer required. Prior to his passing, Mr. Wallace's legal team said, however, that his greatest hope was that his case would help ensure that others, especially his fellow Angola 3 member Albert Woodfox, would not continue to suffer the cruel and unusual confinement that he had suffered. Because of Mr. Wallace's work, those of us in Congress who have called for his freedom will dedicate our future efforts to ensuring that no one anywhere in the United States is subjected to the unjust and inhumane treatment that he has endured.

Mr. Speaker, it was with great sadness that we learned of Mr. Wallace's passing earlier this morning, nine days shy of his 72nd birthday. Mr. Wallace's personal fight against injustice and the inhuman plight that is long term solitary confinement has ended for him. The larger fight against that injustice must go on, however, and his legacy will endure through a civil lawsuit that he filed jointly with his fellow Angola 3 members, Albert Woodfox and Robert King. That lawsuit seeks to define and abolish long term solitary confinement as cruel and unusual punishment.

Mr. Speaker, we ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Wallace for his many-decades-long fight for the humane treatment of prisoners. We, and all of us, owe Mr. Wallace a debt of gratitude.

RECOGNIZING RETIRED UNITED STATES NAVY COMMANDER
KERWIN E. MILLER

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2013

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues in the House to join me in recognizing retired United States Navy Commander Kerwin E. Miller on the occasion of his 60th birthday and in honoring him for his service to his country in multiple ways throughout his adult life.

Cdr. Miller has made public service a life-long pursuit. Since his induction to the U.S. Naval Academy in 1971, Kerwin has served under seven presidents, two Members of Congress, Walter Fauntroy and myself, and two mayors of the District of Columbia, Anthony Williams and Adrian Fenty, and has had a special commitment to the 40,000 veterans and the more than 600,000 residents in the District of Columbia. Kerwin graduated from the Naval Academy in 1975, and his heart has never left The Yard, where he continues to serve his alma mater as a member of the Admissions Committee.

In 1986, Kerwin joined Congressman Fauntroy's Service Academy Selection Board, and since 1991, he has served the people of the Nation's capital as first Vice-Chairman and