

a Second Lieutenant from the U.S. Air Force Academy on May 28, 2014. While his time at the academy is coming to an end, there's no extended summer vacation in store for him. Lt. Schertz has been accepted into the prestigious pilot school program which starts three weeks later.

While the Academy's aviation programs give cadets the opportunity to fly in both powered and unpowered aircraft, learn advanced parachuting skills, and compete against students from colleges around the world, only the elite move on to the pilot school program. Lt. Schertz's next year will be focused and devoted to the program as his time will be filled flying and preparing for flights. Taking control of the most advanced aircraft in the world—and pushing their performances to the limit—requires extraordinary skill, precision, and commitment to mission accomplishment. All of these are attributes Lt. Schertz has shown time and time again.

At the Academy, Lt. Schertz distinguished himself as both a scholar and a leader. A regular presence on the Dean's List, he also found time to support and motivate his classmates, raise funds for charity, and host foreign exchange students. In addition to his intense military training, Lt. Schertz devoted many hours to community service and was a key member of the Academy's competitive athletic programs. All this was atop an academic workload that challenges our nation's best and brightest.

Lt. Schertz's dedication to excellence displays the best values of central Texas and is a reflection of the greatness of the men and women of our armed forces. I commend his achievements, celebrate his commitment, and wish him well in the future. I'm grateful that brave young men like him will be providing our nation's security in the years to come.

CONGRATULATING GRAND AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND SMITH STREET SCHOOL

### HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 9, 2014*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and commend two schools in my district—Grand Avenue Elementary School in North Baldwin, NY and Smith Street School in Uniondale, NY—being honored during the National Schools of Character recognition ceremony in Washington, DC, on Thursday, May 15, 2014.

In February, 48 schools and districts across 14 states were named as "State Schools of Character for 2014" by the Character Education Partnership. Grand Avenue Elementary School and Smith Street School were two out of six schools recognized from the state of New York for their outstanding achievement in character development. By imbedding values and character at all levels of learning, these schools are ensuring our students are successful at all aspects of life.

As a senior member of the House Education and the Workforce Committee, I have advocated for new and innovative ways to educate our students and help them become more engaged and productive members of society. Our future depends on their success, both in

and out of the classroom. Schools like Grand Avenue Elementary and Smith Street School are shining examples of this creative and well-rounded approach to learning, and I could not be more proud of the recognition they are receiving because of it. I commend the principals, administrators, teachers and parents on receiving this honor and for their ongoing commitment to preparing our students for success in the future.

### TRIBUTE TO DR. DENNIS CAMPBELL

### HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 9, 2014*

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I submit the attached letter on behalf of myself and Congressman ROBERT HURT.

Mr. Speaker we rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Dennis Campbell, who—after seventeen years of service—will retire from his position as Headmaster of Woodberry Forest School next month. We are both honored to have represented Madison County, VA, where this excellent academic institution is located, and are proud of the great tradition Woodberry has of training great students and first-rate citizens.

Prior to becoming Woodberry's eighth headmaster in 1997, Dr. Campbell served as the dean of the Divinity School and professor of theology at Duke University from 1982 until 1997. Before his appointment as dean, he was a professor, college and university administrator, and college chaplain. Dr. Campbell grew up in Elmwood Park, Illinois, and is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Duke University with both A.B. and Ph.D. degrees. In addition, Yale University awarded him the B.D. degree. A noted lecturer, seminar leader, and author, he is particularly known for his work in ethics and moral education. He has written numerous journal articles and reviews, and is the author or editor of eight books.

Dr. Campbell will leave Woodberry Forest a much stronger institution in all phases of secondary education including Woodberry's faculty, curriculum, athletics and physical plant. Moreover, these achievements have been made at the all-boys school while continually upholding Woodberry Forest's venerable honor code.

We are certain Dr. Campbell's contributions to American education will continue. He remains a trustee of The Duke Endowment, one of the nation's largest private philanthropic trusts, based in Charlotte, N.C., where he chairs the audit committee and serves as a member of the committees on educational institutions and child care. He also serves on the board of trustees of the International Coalition of Boys' Schools, the Boys and Girls Club of Orange, Va., and the Association of Boarding Schools. The Campbells are the parents of two children, Margaret and Trevor.

Today Woodberry Forest School will celebrate the tenure of Dr. Campbell, and we are honored to congratulate him for exceptional service to a unique educational institution of excellence in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

ERIC CANTOR,  
Member of Congress.  
ROBERT HURT,  
Member of Congress.

IN RECOGNITION OF BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 9, 2014*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my sincere congratulations to the congregation of Bethel Baptist Church in Vienna, Georgia as the church's membership and leadership celebrate a remarkable 150 years. The congregation of Bethel Baptist Church will celebrate this very significant anniversary with a celebration on Sunday, May 18, 2014 at the church in Vienna, Georgia.

Tracing its roots back to the Civil War era, the church was founded in 1864 as a brush arbor church by Reverend Randolph Beach. Along with Rev. Beach, Deacons William Cobb, E.D. Brown, Sandy Nealy, and Adam Lewis cut logs and rolled them together to form seats. The building was called Bethel.

During the first year, Rev. Beach and the members purchased the one acre of land on which the church still sits today. The first church built on this land was a "shanty" church. The membership continued to increase and Rev. Beach served as pastor for eighteen years until he was called home to be with the Lord.

Rev. Beach was succeeded by Rev. Nathan Brown, who facilitated improvements to the church's structure. Rev. Brown resigned and was succeeded by Rev. Daniel Amica, who then resigned after one year. Rev. Brown returned to Bethel and continued to serve for eighteen more years until he was called from labor to reward.

Rev. Brown was succeeded by Rev. Amos Reid, a strong and beloved leader. For the next several years, the church was served by a number of pastors, each leaving their lasting mark on the church in some form or fashion. Perhaps the most notable were Reverend S.P. Miller, who advocated for a brick building to be erected, resulting in the foundation of the present brick structure being laid, and Rev. C.S. Wilkins, who continued the work by raising money to complete the erection of the brick building. The main auditorium and a tower, which cost \$10,000, were built, and a seven-hundred-pound bell was installed. Rev. Wilkins, who had stepped up to lead the church at a time when it was experiencing difficulties, set high goals for Bethel Baptist Church. He instituted many internal changes, including organizing the membership into clubs, which raised the spirit and morale of the church. The membership was very sorry to see him resign due to his poor health.

Throughout the years, the church would continue to improve both aesthetically and spiritually under the leadership of several devoted pastors. In May 1957, Rev. Moses A. Lee became pastor of Bethel Baptist Church. The church was transformed during the first twelve months of his pastorate and continued to make progress under his remarkable forty-one year tenure.

In September 1998, longtime Bethel member and ordained deacon, Rev. Dr. Bobby G. West, accepted the pastoral invitation and continues to serve as pastor today. He and his