

after the war to raise their families, and make this the greatest nation in the world.

Son of the late Annabell and Oscar Cook, he resided in Lesterville, Missouri where he and his wife Luellen Laramore Cook raised four children. They have been blessed with eight grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

He served his community as a teacher and principal. Additionally, he was the proprietor of Black River Floats and Canoe service, and active in numerous service organizations.

Mr. Cook will celebrate his ninetieth birthday on July 2, 2014. It is my privilege to recognize Donald L. Cook's achievements before the House of Representatives with a hearty thank you from a grateful nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF GREATER  
PEACE BAPTIST CHURCH'S 75TH  
ANNIVERSARY

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2014*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my sincere congratulations to the congregation of Greater Peace Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia as the church's membership and leadership celebrates a remarkable 75 years. The congregation celebrated this very significant anniversary on Sunday, May 18, 2014 at 3 p.m. at the church in Columbus, Georgia.

Greater Peace Baptist Church was founded by a group of Christian missionaries from New Mount Zion Baptist Church in 1939. Rev. H. Hunter served as the church's first pastor during its humble beginnings. With the hard work and perseverance of dedicated deacons and members, Rev. Hunter was able to keep the church alive until Rev. George E. King became the pastor in 1940. Unfortunately, the church was completely destroyed by a fire in 1951. Instead of regarding the event as a tragedy, the members of Greater Peace Baptist Church saw the fire as an opportunity to come together, reconstruct the church, and help it move forward.

In 1952, Rev. Oliver L. Holston became the pastor and brought new ideas to enhance the church. He oversaw the renovations and expanded the church to accommodate new members. Rev. Holston ordained many Christian men during his leadership, some of whom later became pastors themselves. In 1984, Rev. Holston passed away and later in the year, Rev. E.L. Sullivan took over leadership of the church.

Under Rev. Sullivan, numerous new ministries were formed to meet the needs of the church, including the Missionary Circles, Pastor's Cabinet, and Church Program Committee. Rev. Sullivan also helped establish reliable transportation and church hymnals, and procured robes and other items for the church's members. Several members were licensed and ordained under Rev. Sullivan's leadership including the current pastor, Rev. Corey J. Neal. In 2004 and 2005, many amenities were added to the fellowship hall, an administrative office was constructed, and the Pastor's study was remodeled. In December 2007, after 23 faithful years, Rev. Sullivan preached as Senior Pastor and prepared to

pass the torch to his grandson, Rev. Corey J. Neal.

Rev. Neal was installed as the new Shepherd of Greater Peace Baptist Church on December 30, 2007. Since his installation, the church membership has increased tremendously. Rev. Neal has continued his grandfather's legacy of forming and developing many new ministries at the church. After Pastor Emeritus Rev. E.L. Sullivan was called home to the Lord, the fellowship hall was graciously named in his honor. By following the vision God gave Rev. Neal, the church was able to pay off the E.L. Sullivan Fellowship Hall two and half years early.

The story of Greater Peace Baptist Church is telling of the dedication and perseverance of a faithful congregation of people who put all their love and trust in the Lord. What began as a small group of people worshipping 75 years ago has grown into an expansive and successful church that has overcome fire and other hardships.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the membership of Greater Peace Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia for their long history of coming together through the good and difficult times to praise and worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and for serving the community through Him.

HONORING A NEW THING  
MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2014*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation.

Whereas, A New Thing Ministries International, Inc., has been and continues to be a beacon of light to our county for the past twenty years; and

Whereas, The Reverend Dr. Normal Phillips, Pastor and Organizer and the members of A New Thing Ministries International, Inc., today continues to uplift and inspire those in our community; and

Whereas, A New Thing Ministries International, Inc., has been and continues to be a place where citizens are touched spiritually, mentally and physically through outreach ministries and community partnership to aid in building up our District; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious Parachurch of God has given hope to the hopeless, fed the needy and empowered our community for the past twenty (20) years by preaching the gospel, teaching the gospel and living the gospel; and

Whereas, A New Thing Ministries International, Inc., has produced many spiritual warriors, people of compassion, people of great courage, fearless leaders and servants to all, but most of all visionaries who have shared not only with their members, but with DeKalb County their passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize A New Thing Ministries International, Inc., for their leadership and service to our District on this the 20th anniversary of their founding; Now therefore, I,

HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim April 13, 2014 as A New Thing Ministries International Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 13th day of April, 2014.

RECOGNIZING THE UNITED  
STATES ARMY YUMA PROVING  
GROUND AND ITS COMMANDER,  
COLONEL REED F. YOUNG, PH.D.

**HON. PAUL A. GOSAR**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2014*

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground and its Commander, Colonel Reed F. Young, Ph.D.

The U.S. Army's presence in Yuma dates back to 1850, when Fort Yuma was constructed on a hill overlooking the Yuma crossing of the Colorado River. Soldiers at Fort Yuma maintained peace with the local Indians and protected the important Yuma crossing. That fort operated until 1883.

In 1865, a second facility known as the Yuma Quartermaster Depot was constructed in order to supply Army posts throughout Arizona and western New Mexico. That depot was also closed in 1883, and the Army would not return to Yuma on a permanent basis until the Second World War.

Beginning in 1943, the area was host to various bases, depots, and training grounds. In 1950, the mission of the facility changed drastically to become the nation's premier artillery testing site, hosting the longest overland artillery range in the country. The installation was renamed Yuma Proving Ground in 1963 during the reorganization of the Army. The Yuma Proving Ground has since been home to tests of long-range weaponry, the Apache Helicopter, M-1 Abrams tanks, Bradley Fighting Vehicles, rockets, mortars, parachute and air-drop technologies, global positioning systems (GPS), and even automobiles. The Yuma Proving Ground contributes directly to both America's national defense and its national economy.

I must also thank and congratulate Colonel Reed Young, the Commander of the Yuma Proving Ground. He assumed command in May 2011. He leads over 2,700 military, civilian, and contractor personnel. Colonel Young is responsible for research and development of highly-advanced technologies valuable to the military, many of which also have civilian applications.

Before taking command of the Yuma Proving Ground, Colonel Young served as a Program Manager and Chief of the Technology Integration and Outreach Division for the U.S. Army Research Office in Durham, NC. He is also a member of the Arizona State Council on the Education for Military Children that helps remove barriers for children of military families. He is always quite courteous to my staff and me each time we visit, taking time out of his day to interact with us. His service to our country is exemplary.

On behalf of the State of Arizona, I want to recognize the Yuma Proving Ground for its rich history, and I want to thank Colonel Young for his hospitality and dedication to this nation.