

a beautiful new school; and a growing reputation for commitment to the arts. Also, the Wildcats are doing well.

All this grew as much from heart as calculation. This is a little bit like faith. It has to stand the tests of reason—in this case, economic reason—and it does, but there are other factors in the blend: appreciation for tradition; memories of loved ones; love of neighbor. As Newman said of faith, belief in El Dorado lives in the desire for that which it confesses. There are things between earth and heaven, my dear Horatio, undreamt of by Investor's Weekly. To Theodosia, such things were real and exceedingly important—and in some small part because she saw them as such, they took hold. Through grace, grit and imagination, El Dorado perseveres against the tide.

If you knew Theodosia, you know where else her love of place and family coalesced: the Coast and Cherokee. When we say "coast" we don't mean the Pacific Palisades, we mean Pass Christian and the Mississippi Sound—waveless, brown and shallow. We couldn't wait to get there: slathered up with Off and Coppertone, fishing from the pier, catching crabs and speckled trout and occasionally a stingray; swinging in a hammock with a good or trashy book; zooming up and down the Gulf Coast Highway; eating better than kings. All that, we lost to Hurricane Katrina. Even the house that Bubba built couldn't hold against that primal tide. Safely inland, Cherokee endures.

If you knew Theodosia, you know that, as we reckon long, she lived a long time: from Model T to Prius. Not that she would drive a Prius: she belonged in Thunderbirds. She lived through social revolutions. I always knew what Polly Keller thought about those revolutions as they happened. I also had a solid take on William Nolan's views, which reliably ran opposite to Polly Keller's. Theodosia held her opinions closer to the vest. She seemed neither restless with the way things were, nor much disturbed by the thought that they were changing. There would still be town and family to attend to, come what may.

I do know that in 1966 she supported David Pryor's run for Congress in the Fourth District, because I read that in his book (actually, my son Christoph read the whole book and showed this to me. I read only the two or three sentences concerning Theodosia.) In the primary, Charles Murphy was backing Richard Arnold. (Show me a congressional election from New York to California that involved such commendable opponents.) The battle went to Pryor and Theodosia over Charles and Richard Arnold. As I said, meek she was not.

Watch over thy child Theodosia, O Lord, as her days increase. Bless and guide her, wherever she may be.

If you know Theodosia, you know her faith: Methodist, with the occasional Episcopal accoutrements; and you know that she called her children, and their children, and theirs, on their birthdays, to pray with them from the Book of Common Prayer.

Strengthen her when she stands, comfort her when discouraged or sorrowful . . .

Well, certain aspects of that prayer are no more applicable to Theodosia. She leaves sorrow and discouragement behind. She leaves you, her beloved family, with that prayer, to say for one another as you carry on. As you say that prayer, as I know you'll do, you will think of her. As you think of her, remember her in faith. The faith in that prayer imbues our attitude towards place and family—actually, our attitude towards everything, Theodosia's death included. At least, it should; and for her, it did.

This place, First United Methodist, was the church through which she lived that

faith through all her many years. Here, she commended the souls of Charles and Bertie her parents; William her husband; Charles her brother; and Bill her son, to the good Lord who was grace itself, incarnate.

If you know Theodosia, you know that, good Methodist that she was, her faith in Christ was first and last a matter of the heart.

She had a good one, didn't she. She was a gift.

RECOGNIZING OPPORTUNITY VILLAGE AND THE ABILITYONE PROGRAM

HON. STEVEN A. HORSFORD

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2014

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Opportunity Village and the AbilityOne Program. The AbilityOne Program harnesses the purchasing power of the Federal Government to buy products and services from participating community-based nonprofit agencies that are dedicated to training and employing individuals who have significant disabilities or are blind. Organizations like Opportunity Village, located in every state of our great nation, employ nearly 50,000 Americans who are blind or have significant disabilities through this Program.

AbilityOne affiliated non-profit agencies like Opportunity Village offer people who are blind or who have significant disabilities opportunities to acquire the job skills and training necessary to receive good wages and benefits and ultimately improve their quality of life. Today, over 75 percent of people with significant disabilities do not have jobs. Census statistics indicate there are 9.4 million people with significant disabilities in the United States who could work given the appropriate opportunity and support.

Opportunity Village is a shining example, providing employment opportunities and training to over 1,990 individuals with disabilities; many of whom live in the 4th district of Nevada; through this Program. Opportunity Village helps them to lead more productive lives, support their families, gain important work experience, and share in the same pride that each of us has after a day's work. Many of these individuals work in support of our men and women in uniform, doing their part to improve our country and ensure safety and security for us all.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I extend my support to the AbilityOne Program and to Opportunity Village. I also want to commend the dedication and commitment of Mr. Ed Guthrie, the Executive Director of Opportunity Village, and to his staff for helping individuals who are blind or have significant disabilities find employment opportunities. Their work helps people live fuller lives and become more active members of society. I also commend each of the nearly 50,000 AbilityOne employees who work every day to improve their lives, and make our country a better place to live.

TRIBUTE TO BISHOP DR. STEWART REESE, JR.

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2014

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

Whereas, Bishop Dr. Stewart Reese, Jr., is celebrating forty five (45) years in pastoral leadership this year as the founder of Bethesda Cathedral of the Apostolic Faith, Inc., and has provided stellar leadership to his church; and

Whereas, Bishop Reese, under the guidance of God has pioneered and sustained Bethesda Cathedral as an instrument in our community that uplifts the spiritual, physical and mental welfare of our citizens; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious man of God has given hope to the hopeless and is a beacon of light to those in need; and

Whereas, Bishop Reese is a spiritual warrior, a man of compassion, a fearless leader and a servant to all, but most of all a visionary who has shared not only with his Church, but with our District and the nation his 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 Bishop Reese, as he celebrates forty five years in pastoral leadership on this the Founder's Day of Bethesda Cathedral of the Apostolic Faith; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim June 1, 2014 as Bishop Dr. Stewart Reese, Jr. Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 1st day of June, 2014.

COMMENDING THE SALVATION ARMY OF BROWARD COUNTY ON THE LAUNCH OF THE OPEN DOOR PROJECT

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2014

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Salvation Army of Broward County, Florida. In the coming week, the Salvation Army will launch the Open Door Project, a new homeless shelter in Fort Lauderdale that will focus on helping the chronically homeless.

Our nation is currently faced with a harsh reality. Roughly 2 million Americans face homelessness every year. We have made great progress in reducing the number of Americans without a home, but there is much more to be done. The Open Door Project will be instrumental in helping vulnerable individuals in Broward County find shelter, support, and eventually, a permanent home.

The Salvation Army of Broward County has been serving the South Florida community since 1926, tirelessly working to serve the needs of the less fortunate. The organization offers transitional housing, life-skill training, and a structured support system to help individuals and families escape the cycle of homelessness. With the launch of the Open Door Project, the Salvation Army of Broward