

goals; he wanted the class of 2015 to leave a memorable existence. So, he became Class President to lead them to that goal. He was skilled in getting the students to follow his vision and set goals to be achieved as a whole. He often volunteered on community school projects, getting his fellow classmates to join. He told them that it's not only good for the school, but they will be known as the class who gave back, plus they can use it on their college application for community service. Essie led the charge to make their class prom what they envisioned and dreamed, saying they are responsible for making it happen, the school doesn't have a lot of money and prom is a privilege not a right. No one ever knew he had been raising the money for years on his own to go towards his prom. That is amazing for a young person to set a goal that far in advance, stick to it, and carry it out. I called that great resilience. According to his teacher, Ms. Faulkner and I quote, "This senior class has more than doubled what his previous class had managed to raise, all thanks to Essie's determination, dedication, and careful planning."

In addition to that, Essie crafted a plan to increase enrollment in the National Honor Society membership representation of the students at Charleston High School. His plan helped to increase enrollment from eighteen students, when he started, to now, thirty-six. The class goal was forty, they are almost there. Now that's setting the bar again for the next class. I am proud to have Mr. Essie Frost as a citizen of the Second Congressional District of Mississippi.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Essie Frost, Class of 2015, Charleston High School, Charleston, MS, for his current active role as a student making a difference. Keep the faith. Keep progressing Essie.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LINCOLN PARK EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SQUADRON

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Lincoln Park Emergency Medical Services as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary. I also want to thank all of the men and women who have given so much to their community through their work on the EMS Squad.

Since May of 1965, the EMS Squadron in The Borough of Lincoln Park, New Jersey, has served their community faithfully and has always answered the call to duty.

Their job is not an easy one in any sense of the word. They are at their best when situations are at their worst. Squad members are state-certified Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), and they help those who are most in need of medical attention, no matter how big or small the issue. Not only is the work they do remarkable, but what is even more astonishing is the fact that these heroes are all volunteers.

Their task is difficult enough having to take care of one patient at a time. But it becomes

especially daunting when considering Lincoln Park Borough's population is over 10,000, and continues to grow every year. It takes dedicated men and women to go above and beyond the call of duty to serve a community of that size, and there is nobody more capable than those individuals in the Lincoln Park EMS.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to join me in thanking and recognizing the amazing men and women of the Lincoln Park Emergency Medical Services Squadron.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CARLOS CURBELO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Mr. CURBELO of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast the following votes on H.R. 1335 due to inclement weather: Roll Call 264: NAY, Roll Call 265: NAY, Roll Call 266: NAY, Roll Call 267: YEA.

CONGRATULATING THE NATIONAL BLACK DATA PROCESSING ASSOCIATES (BDPA)

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the National Black Data Processing Associates (BDPA) on its 40th anniversary of service to the residents of the District of Columbia and the national capital region.

Founded in May 1975 by Earl Pace and the late David Wimberly, BDPA was formed out of a concern shared by both men that minorities were not adequately represented in the information technology industry. The first BDPA chapter was organized in Philadelphia, PA in 1977. A year later, the second chapter was organized in Washington, D.C., and shortly thereafter, the third chapter was organized in Cleveland, OH. In 1979, BDPA was restructured as a national organization, and has 45 active chapters across the United States.

As the oldest and largest African American information technology (IT) organization, comprised of over 2,000 African-American IT professionals, as well as science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) college students, BDPA's vision is to be a powerful advocate for their interests within the global technology industry. Its mission is to be a global, member-focused technology organization that delivers programs and services for the professional wellbeing of its members.

BDPA continues to promote professional growth and technical development for young people and those entering into information and communication technology (ICT) in academia and corporate America. We also appreciate BDPA and its 45 chapters for continuing to provide ICT opportunities for STEM students and professionals.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the 40th anniversary of the National Black Data Processing

Associates, in congratulating BDPA for its outstanding accomplishments and commitment to the residents of the District of Columbia and around the country, and in welcoming those attending the BDPA Annual National Technology Conference and Career Fair, titled "Evolution of IT—Embracing the Digital Future," on August 18–22, 2015, at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

HONORING GREENHILL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable historical church Greenhill Missionary Baptist of Marks, Mississippi and the great leadership it is under, Rev. Alvis Pryor, Jr.

Greenhill M. B. Church was organized in 1909. The original building was a small one room wood frame building located across Highway #6 between the towns of Belen and Marks, MS in the county of Quitman. This building was destroyed by a storm.

A man by the name of Jessie D. Andrews heard about the loss of the church and sold them two (2) acres of land for the sum of One Dollar. The land was deeded to Sam Jones, Pleas Thomas and John Henry, who were Deacons and Trustees of the church. This land was sold with the understanding that it was to be used for church purposes or burial grounds or both and should it cease to be used for the before mentioned purposes, the land would be reverted to Jessie D. Andrews.

After acquiring the new land (present site) with only a few members remaining, another single room wood frame building was constructed. The new church was built by Alexander Gates, George James, David M. Gates, Epsie Morgan, Sr. and other men within the community. The church was built through donations made by church members and others under the leadership of the first pastor, Rev. M. O. Jude.

During the 106 years of Greenhill's history there have been a total of 11 pastors; some with short tenures and some with long tenures. Some made a great impact on the church and community and others kept the church moving forward.

Under the leadership of Rev. C. J. Carson, (5th) pastor an annex was added which included, pastor's study, kitchen/dining room, deacon's/secretary room and bathrooms.

Rev. Luster C. Tyler served as the (8th) pastor. During his tenure the church was again remodeled. He served a total of 25 years the longest serving pastor so far. He was often referred to as "the Mississippi Hooper".

In 2007, Rev. Curlye Relliford was elected as (10th) pastor. Even though his tenure was less than two years the annex was torn down and rebuilt into a beautiful modern structure.

Greenhill has always served as a beaconing light in its rural community setting. The church takes pride in ministering to the whole person. Special attention is given to the needs of the youth, aged, and underprivileged. Considering the fact that Greenhill is a small church we are proud of the fact that traditionally many of its