

church was bricked under the leadership of Rev. Andrew Hawkins.

The church activities consist of: Sunday School, Annual Men & Women's Day Programs every second Sunday in October, Family & Friends Day and Mother's Day Programs in May, Black History Observance in February, Church Anniversary in July, Sunrise services on Easter Sunday, Christmas concert and Thanksgiving programs. All services are held to benefit members of the congregation who may have a need as well as the surrounding communities.

Worship service has changed to every second and fourth Sunday. Old Antioch Baptist Church has had 21 ministers to serve as pastors. Currently Rev. Lorenzo K. Robinson, who is a native of Bolivar County is pastor, ministry of music and Sunday school teacher and trainer of future Sunday school teachers. He has been the pastor for the last 12 years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing an amazing house of Worship, which has been instrumental in meeting spiritual needs.

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**MOURNING THE DEATH OF  
GARRETT FITZGERALD**

**HON. MIKE QUIGLEY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 2, 2015*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life of an important and respected member of the Chicago community.

Mr. Garrett FitzGerald passed away May 9th 2015 at the all too young age of 49 after his battle with brain cancer.

Since 2006, Garrett FitzGerald was the Executive Director of the North Center Chamber of Commerce. Under his leadership, he increased membership from 23 to nearly 400. He loved his neighborhood and set out to make it better for its residents and all of its visitors. He was the driving force expanding the chamber's programming such as the concert series and movies in the square. Thanks to his hard work and passion, what was once a simple street festival, Ribfest has become the second biggest festival in Chicago.

He was known for his ability to connect with others. His selflessness was the source of his boundless energy. It was not uncommon to see him making food to give away to concert goers at festivals.

Garrett's top priority was always his family, and the love and support they provided him was the most important thing in his life. He will be missed most by his wonderful wife, Alicia; his daughter, Bridget; his parents, Kathleen and Thomas FitzGerald; his sister, Meghan Wiegold; and his many aunts and uncles.

Mr. Speaker, May God bless the FitzGerald family and the memory of a man who was truly loved by his friends, his community, and his family.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 2, 2015*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following regarding my absence from votes which occurred on June 1, 2015. My flight was delayed for three hours at Charlotte due to inclement weather at Reagan National Airport causing me to miss votes.

Listed below is how I would have voted if I had been present.

Dingell Amendment to H.R. 1335—No  
Lowenthal Amendment H.R. 1335—No  
Democrat Motion to Recommit H.R. 1335—No

Passage of H.R. 1335—Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act—Aye

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 2, 2015*

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, on June 1, 2015, I was unavoidably detained during a series of Roll Call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "NAY" on the following Roll Call votes: #264, on passage of the Dingell Amendment, #265, on passage of the Lowenthal Amendment, and #266, on the Motion to Recommit with Instructions. I would have voted "YEA" on Roll Call #267 for final passage of H.R. 1335, the Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act.

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HONORING THOMAS SURDYKE

**HON. JASON SMITH**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 2, 2015*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Thomas Surdyke of Festus, Missouri, for the outstanding achievement of receiving his Eagle Scout award. This award is not easily attained and cannot be achieved without a steadfast determination to succeed.

In order to receive this award, Thomas completed several steps and a service project exemplifying patriotism and his commitment to serve others. Thomas erected a new flag pole by the football field at St. Pius X High School where he played as a student. In addition to earning his Eagle Scout award, Thomas achieved Order of the Arrow Brotherhood, and received the Parvuli Dei and Ad Altere Dei religious emblems. He was senior patrol leader and librarian during his time in Troop 484. He also served as chaplain's aide on a ten day trek at Philmont Scout Ranch Adventure Base.

As a scout, he has learned about service and leadership which were influential in his decision to attend the U.S. Military Academy at West Point to prepare for a career serving as an officer in the United States Army. Thomas is a role model for young and old alike, and it is my pleasure to recognize his achievements before the House of Representatives.

HONORING CYNTHIA T. LEE

**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 and ambitious citizen with a desire to pursue justice for others, Cynthia T. Lee.

Cynthia T. Lee is a native of Raymond, MS. Her parent, Ms. Sonja Wilson Lee and the late grandparents, Annie Mae and Sam Wilson are very proud of her accomplishments. After graduating from Raymond High School in 2006, she attended Jackson State University and received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology.

While in college, Cynthia developed a passion for social justice-oriented work and decided to further her education at the University of Alabama, where she received a Masters of Social Work degree in May 2012. In the fall of 2012 Cynthia began her matriculation at the University of Mississippi School of Law. Currently, as a third-year law student she has demonstrated her capacity and competence as a leader by serving as the student coordinator for the Pro Bono Initiative and the President of the Public Interest.

Ms. Lee's Law Foundation is admirable. She was the recipient of the University of Mississippi's Pro Bono Initiative Service Award, as well as the Adams and Reese Pro Bono Award. In addition, she also serves as a dedicated member of the Trial Advocacy Board, the Law Association for Women, and Black Law Students Association. As a proud member of BLSA, she has served as the 2013–2014 Community Service Committee co-chair and currently serves as the 2014–2015 Black History and Social Action Committee co-chair. Her dedication to service and academics has resulted in her receiving the BLSA Member of the year and the BLSA 2 L Scholarship award. Cynthia is truly thankful to God, her mom, aunts, uncles, family and friends for their continued support of her academic advancement and services to others.

After law school, Cynthia plans to sit for the Mississippi Bar, and pursue a career dedicated to Social Justice with a specific emphasis in Criminal Justice Reform.

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OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL  
DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 2, 2015*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$18,152,851,678,150.27. We've added \$7,525,974,629,237.19 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.