

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. PERCY JULIEN FOR 36 OUTSTANDING YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 1999

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Percy Julien, a resident of the Ninth Congressional District. After 36 years of distinguished service with the Oakland Unified School District, Mr. Julien is retiring.

For the past 11 years, Mr. Julien has served as the Director of the Oakland Unified School District's Office of Adult Education. As Director of Adult Education, he was responsible for over 26,000 students per year and a budget of approximately \$10 million. Mr. Julien had jurisdiction over 5 administrative sites and 140 satellite sites throughout the city of Oakland. His agency was responsible for the educational development of persons ranging from young adults to senior citizens. His most recent accomplishment was the creation, development and building of the Oakland Adult Education and Technology Center, which hosted its grand opening in April of this year. This facility includes a state-of-the-art computer center, and houses many other vocational classes which help students prepare for their future.

Throughout his brilliant career, Mr. Julien has served the Oakland Unified School District in many capacities. These roles have included teacher, counselor, work experience coordinator, leader in the career opportunities program, vice principal, principal, and lastly an administrator. In addition, he was the first elementary school counselor in the Oakland Schools.

Mr. Julien has been recognized and received countless awards from organizations across the State of California. These awards include the Oakland Alliance of Black Educators—the Personal Achievement Award; St. Columba's Church—the Ujima Award for Community Service; and the Baha'i—Annual Human Rights Award.

As an active member of his community, Mr. Julien has served on various boards and committees throughout the city including the Mercy Retirement and Care Center Board of Education; State of California Adult Education Master Plan Strategies Committee; and the St. Paschal Baylon's Board of Education.

The City of Oakland and its surrounding environs owe a great deal of appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Julien for his 36 years of committed service to education. It is for this reason that I take great pride and honor in saluting this education hero and thanking him for his many years of commitment to educating Oakland's students.

TRIBUTE TO KATIE BUFFHAM

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I take this time to honor a

woman who has given her time in order to make the community of Maybell, Colorado a better place. For 24 years, Katie Buffham has worked tirelessly as the librarian of the Maybell Public Library.

Katie's story begins in Sterling, CO where she was born, in 1916. Not long after that her family loaded up their Model T, a wagon and saddle horse and headed off for Three Springs, CO. Several years later she and her husband decided to raise their family in Maybell, CO. It was there that this story of a woman's dedication to the community takes shape.

In 1975, the Maybell Public Library was moved from the inside of a bank to a trailer where, shortly after, it was scheduled for closure. Katie Buffham, upon hearing this, took on the amazing responsibility of keeping the library up and running. She did exactly that and more. Just 1 month after she took it over there were 72 people visits to the library. For nearly 22 years she worked tirelessly, all the while earning nothing. Her days were spent going from the farm to the library and back taking advantage of every hour.

Today the library is a modular school house which was brought in from another city. It has modern conveniences and a few employees. They have become interactive with other cities and technologically efficient.

For years Katie Buffham has had the dream of making her community a better place. Thankfully, she fulfilled this dream. The area would have suffered greatly without this institution. So, it is with this Mr. Speaker, that I say thank you to Katie Buffham for her dedication and hard work. She is a great American and I wish her all the best in her well deserved retirement.

MOTHER PEARLIE MAE BROWN

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 1999

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary service of Mother Pearlle Mae Brown, a woman of strong devotion and commitment to her community and our Nation. Pearlle Mae Brown is currently the First Lady of the Greater Bible Way Church in Prince Frederick, Maryland, where she is the most active and most cherished member of its congregation. Her talents have her serving as President of the Field Missionary Board, the New Members Club, as advisor to the all Women's Auxiliaries and President of the newly formed Evangelistic Board.

Her tireless energy and determination in bringing the word of God to all have also taken beyond the boundaries of her own community to the National level where she was the President of the Clergy Wives and Widows for 19 years and currently the President of the International Women's Council. She is also the First Lady of the Maryland-Washington Metropolitan Diocese, the Vice Chair of the Board of the Interdenominational Council of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows of Washington, D.C. and Vicinity and is also involved in the numerous other comprehensive programs throughout the region.

While Pearlle Mae Brown takes part in all of these wonderful service organizations, she takes the most pride in being the First Lady of the Greater Bible Way Church in Prince Frederick and the proud wife of First Vice President Bishop Joseph N. Brown, D.D. Together they have four children and five grandchildren who are all an integral part of their life. It is through the strength of her family that she gains the true inspiration to carry on her mission to serve God and her community.

We recognize all of these many achievements on the eve of the 40th Annual Women's Convention being hosted by the Greater Bible Way Church under the direction of Pearlle Mae from November 10th through November 12th in Prince Frederick, Maryland. This convention, which is held in Prince Frederick every ten years, celebrates women's participation in religious affairs and explores the "total man and women—body, spirit, and soul. This year's convention is expected to include around 800 participants from throughout the Nation in addition to people from Trinidad, England, Africa, and Jamaica.

Pearlle Mae's life has been punctuated with zeal and enthusiasm, commitment and servitude, honor and distinction. She is an example for all to follow and the people of communities far and wide have benefitted from her determination, tremendous dedication and hard work. As she embarks on the 40th annual Women's Convention may she have strength in accomplishing her mission and satisfaction in knowing she has touched the lives of thousands.

HONORING MARTHA AND CARL LINDNER III ON THE OCCASION OF THE TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF CINCINNATI HILLS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 1999

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Martha and Carl Lindner III, friends and constituents who will be recognized at a gala dinner and pageant on Saturday, October 30, 1999 for their leadership as one of the founding families of the prestigious Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy (CHCA) located in Mason, Ohio.

CHCA is one of the fastest-growing schools in the country, and has earned a reputation for excellent academics, competitive sports and extracurricular activities. In 1997, I had the privilege of presenting the U.S. Department of Education's Blue Ribbon School Award to CHCA Elementary. CHCA's goal is to nurture and support each student toward individual growth. The school embraces students, parents and faculty within the care of a Christian community.

Martha and Carl's involvement with CHCA began twelve years ago when they worked to develop a vision for the school, and their deep commitment to CHCA has never wavered.

Carl was instrumental in developing the curriculum, particularly in the area of Biblical Integration. He established the Carl H. Lindner III