arenas. Mrs. Hughes is a dedicated mother and role model, as evidenced by the recent takeover of business operations by her son Mr. Alfred C. Liggins III. Mr. Liggins, a graduate of The Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania (1995), has taken his mother's company and expanded it to the powerhouse that it is today. He is a staunch businessman and makes the well-informed decisions that have boosted Radio One's stock to over $40 a share. Currently, Radio One is the largest chain of African American radio stations. Still, Mrs. Hughes and her son Mr. Liggins are not satisfied and continue in their flight to even greater achievements.

Perhaps Mrs. Hughes' efforts are described best in the words of FCC chairman William Kennard: "Her political beliefs and commitment to the community are the most important things in her life. She has been able to be a spokesperson for causes and still be successful..." Hughes lives by a "Never give up. Stay and fight" philosophy. She is a true fighter, not only for her dreams, but for her beliefs.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I, on behalf of the 7th District, honor this inspirational American for her relentless refusal to be defeated and her efforts to soar to the highest heights.

"For she believes she can fly, She believes she can touch the sky, She thinks about it every night and day, She spreads her wings and has flown away, She believes she can soar, She has run through that open door, Yes, Mrs. Hughes you can fly!!"

IN REMEMBRANCE OF VICTOR VAN BOURG

HON. NANCY PELOSI
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, November 18, 1999

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in sadness to pay tribute to the passing of Victor Van Bourg, one of the nation's most respected and legendary labor union lawyers and senior partner of the nation's biggest labor law firm. He was 68 years old.

Raised by parents who were union organizers, Victor entered the University of California at Berkeley and graduated from Boalt Hall School of Law in 1956. He began his noted career working in the general counsel's office of the California Federation of Labor where he met Cesar Chavez and began working for Chavez' National Farm Workers Union prior to opening his San Francisco law office. In 1966 he represented Cesar Chavez' union—known then as the National Farm Workers Union—in its merger with the Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee.

One of Victor's most recent victories included an unanimous California Supreme Court decision that upholds a labor agreement under the authority of the San Francisco Airport's Commission to contract exclusively with union labor on the airport's multi-billion dollar expansion project.

Throughout his 44-year law career, he argued four times before the U.S. Supreme Court and made numerous appearances before the California Supreme Court. His labor law firm became the largest labor law firm representing over 400 unions in the United States including the Service Employees International Union.

Victor fought unrelentingly for working men and women of America and improved the living standards of untold numbers of people. He will be truly missed by his family, friends, and colleagues at the San Francisco Bay and national communities.

I sadly extend the condolences of my constituents and my colleagues to the Van Bourg family.

[From the San Francisco Chronicle, Nov. 13, 1999]

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Congressman Jose E. Serrano, a native of New York and a graduate of Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley, Van Bourg was a former socialist, painter, musician, raconteur and patron of Russian restaurants. The memorial which lasted more than two hours at times resembled nothing so much as a marathon bargaining session.

Heineman speculated that Van Bourg was probably hard at work filing a grievance over his death, calling it an "arbitrary and capricious act by Management," and no one in the hall was betting against the grievance being upheld.

SUPPORTING THE PRISON CARD PROGRAM

HON. KAREN McCARTHY
OF MISSOURI

HON. JOSE´ E. SERRANO
OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, November 18, 1999

Ms. McCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleague, the distinguished Ranking Member of the Appropriation Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and State, the gentleman from New York, Mr. Serrano, to highlight a successful initiative for more than 25 years, and to urge its continuation. The Salvation Army has been working with the Bureau of Prisons to operate what is known as the Prison Card Program. Under this highly successful program, greeting cards are donated to The Salvation Army which are then given to inmates at correctional facilities across the country. This program allows inmates to keep in touch with family and friends—affording them the opportunity to stay in contact not only during the holiday season and on special occasions, but throughout the year. This clearly benefits the inmates and their loved ones, but we know that the community at large benefits because prisoners who maintain strong ties are less likely to re-offend when they leave prison once their sentence is completed. In short, this is a win-win program.

The Department of Justice and the Bureau of Prisons should be commended for their support of this program. The Prison Card Program has the support of Congress and the Department should have confidence in such support for this program—which has operated for more than a quarter-century. My colleague, the gentleman from New York, Mr. Serrano, and I are prepared to work with the distinguished Chairman of the Appropriation Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and State, the gentleman from Kentucky, Mr. Rogers, and other Congressional supporters of the program in the coming months to ensure that the Department of Justice receives the continuing and specific authority that might be needed to ensure that this important charitable program is sustained well into the future. I can assure the Members of the House that I will work with them to develop legislative language if necessary to assure a long term solution on this issue. The parties involved should be confident that Congress supports programs such as this.

The gentleman from New York, Mr. Serrano, and I share the support for this program and know what a valuable contribution it
has made to the inmates, their family and friends and the public. The Salvation Army continues to make a difference in the lives of its 8,000 residents each year. The Salvation Army has made a significant contribution to the care of the inmates, their family and friends. The Salvation Army has made a significant contribution to the care of the inmates, their family and friends.

Mr. Speaker, please join with my colleagues in supporting the Prison Card Program.

FAITH IN AMERICA—A FOURTH OF JULY SERMON

HON. MAC COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 1999

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, as Congress prepares to recess for the Session, I wanted to commend the opening of Members' words delivered to a small Mississippi congregation on the Fourth of July this year by Rev. Ray N. Daniel, Jr. I bring these remarks to your attention now because I believe that as we return to the people who sent us here, we may find more time to reflect on the inspirational words of the basic beliefs upon which this Nation was founded. I trust that the views are shared by many across this country. As we close this year, and look to a new Session, may the inspiration of these words cause us to stop and think about why we are here, what we stand for, and how we will put the words of this sermon into action for the good of ourselves, our constituents, and the Nation as a whole.

FAITH IN AMERICA—A FOURTH OF JULY SERMON

(By Reverend Ray N. Daniel, Jr.)

Scripture Reading: Paul's Letter to the Romans 1:18-2:3 KJV For I am not ashamed with the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all unrighteousness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that they knew God, glorified him not as God, neither were thankful: but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and to beasts, and to creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves. And they exchanged the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. For this cause God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, deceit, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, despisers, proud, boasters, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them. Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same thing. But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things. And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgment which is to come on those which commit such things, doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God? Prayer: Lord God, we pray your word be upon our hearts and your blessings upon our nation. Amen.

How many of you are flying your flag today? all those who do, I join you here, what we stand for, and how we will put the words of this sermon into action for the good of ourselves, our constituents, and the Nation as a whole.

A FEW QUOTES FROM AMERICA'S BEGINNINGS

"It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ." Patrick Henry (D)

"We have supported the whole future of America's civilization, not upon the power of government, but from it. We have staked the future of all our political institutions upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God."—James Madison

"And the Constitution, wisdom, condensation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis—a conviction in the minds of people that these liberties are the gift of God. No, never! We have violated but with my wrath? Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that his justice cannot sleep forever."—Thomas Jefferson

"He who shall introduce into the public aff airs the principles of primitive Christianity will change the face of the world."—Benjamin Franklin

On June 12, 1775, our nation's Congress actually called for "a day of public humiliation, fasting and prayer," wherein "we offer ... a solemn appeal to Almighty God, to make ... wise, omnipotent and merciful disposer of all events." In initiating this day, Congress attended an Anglican service in the morning and a Presbyterian service in the afternoon. Congress even commissioned the printing of the Bible on October 26, 1780, stating that "it be recommended to such of the states who may think it convenient to take proper measures to procure one or more new and correct editions of the Old and New Testaments to be printed." Later, Congress allocated money for the Christian education of Indians. There are countless examples of such actions by Congress. So, how can our Christian history be so obviously ignored by those blatantly attempting to denounce Christian activism in the modern culture? They look to a simple phrase—"a wall of separation"—between church and state—that was once even a personal, inviting thing. Thomas Jefferson wrote to a group of Baptist worshipers. (Please note that this statement does not appear in the Constitution, even though network reruns of "The Jefferson Bible" call this a "constitutional separation of church and state.")

In September 1776, the House of Representatives, after passing a resolution calling for a day of national prayer and thanksgiving, received Mr. Washington's response: "It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God; to obey his will, to act in accordance with his word, to center our hopes, our anxieties, our affections, upon the merits of Christ, and to employ in his service the gifts and endowments which he has freely given us. Amen."

The most foundational of documents to our society, in fact the document which we celebrate today is—

THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE OF THE THIRTEEN COLONIES

"In Congress, July 4, 1776

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen United States of America.

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their..."