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To quote Robert Frost, The Capitol and the Kids "begins in delight and ends in wisdom." Stan Jennings has written an exciting, informative, and humorous book on the history of Washington over the past three quarters of a century. I salute him.

HONORING BISHOP-DESIGNATE  
AUBREY BAKER, JR.

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 31, 2000*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bishop-Designate Aubrey Baker, Jr., the son of the late Bishop and Mrs. Aubrey Baker, Sr.

Aubrey was born on November 19, 1932 in Brooklyn, NY. At that time, his parents were members of Brooklyn No. 1 at First Church of God in Christ, under the leadership of the late Bishop Frank Clemmons. The family remained there for 5 years until 1937, when they moved to a little mission in Brownsville, Brooklyn under the pastorate of the late Bishop Frank Edward Cook. Aubrey was reared and nurtured in the church, and he received Jesus Christ as his personal savior at an early age. He was baptized and filled with the precious Holy Ghost at the Holy Trinity Church of God in Christ.

Bishop-Designate Aubrey Baker, Jr. matriculated through the New York City Public School system, receiving his higher education at Long Island and New York Universities. He furthered his religious education at Shelton Bible College and the O.M. Kelly Religious Institute. In 1958, Bishop-Designate Aubrey Baker married Mildred Josephine Butler, and they were blessed with two beloved children: Aubrette and Renwick.

As a loyal and faithful servant of the Lord, the late Bishop O.M. Kelly ordained Aubrey Baker, Jr. in 1959 at the Holy Trinity Church of God in Christ in Brooklyn, NY. Continuing his faithful service, Bishop-Designate Baker, Jr., served as District Secretary Brooklyn No. 1, Assistant Financial State Secretary assisting the late Elder S.A. White, and State Y.P.W.W. President of ENY jurisdiction.

In May 1973, Bishop-Designate Aubrey Baker, Jr., was appointed to the Keystone Church of God in Christ and, in August 1977 under the leadership of the late Bishop O.M. Kelly, he merged Keystone and Zion Temple Church of God in Christ. His service in the jurisdiction included serving as Assistant Superintendent to the late Bishop F.D. Washington in the Brooklyn Hill District. Thereafter, he succeeded the late Bishop F.D. Washington as the Superintendent. Under the leadership of the late Bishop F.D. Washington, he served as a member of the Finance Board.

Mr. Speaker, Bishop-Designate Aubrey Baker, Jr. is a man of God and a true servant of the people. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today, and I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in honoring this truly remarkable man.

NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY'S STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROJECT

**HON. BOB FRANKS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 31, 2000*

Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today regarding a matter of great importance to my district and the entire State of New Jersey. My home state is confronted with an array of complex challenges related to the environment and economic development. However, one issue in particular, the over development of land, had become especially concerning because of the impact it is having on our watersheds and floodplains, as well as its resulting impact on economic activity.

As many of my colleagues already know, this past August vast parts of northern New Jersey were devastated by flooding caused by severe rainfall. The resulting natural disaster threatened countless homes, bridges and roads, not to mention the health, safety and welfare of area residents. The total figure for damages in Sussex and Morris Counties has been estimated at over \$50 million, and area residents are still fighting to restore some degree of normalcy to their lives.

While the threat of future floods continues to plague the region, one New Jersey institution is taking concrete steps to prevent another catastrophe. The New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) has been studying the challenges posed by flooding and stormwater flows for some time, and is interested in forming a multi-agency federal partnership to continue this important research.

NJIT is one of our state's premier research institutions and is uniquely equipped to carry out this critical stormwater research. The university has a long and distinguished tradition of responding to difficult public-policy challenges such as environmental emissions standards, aircraft noise, traffic congestion and alternative energy. More broadly, NJIT has demonstrated an institutional ability to direct its intellectual resources to the examination of problems beyond academia, and its commitment to research allows it to serve as a resource for unbiased technological information and analysis.

An excellent opportunity for NJIT to partner with the federal government and solve the difficult problem of flood control has presented itself in the 2000 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). At my request, the final version of this important legislation includes a provision directing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to develop and implement a stormwater flood control project in New Jersey and report back to Congress within three years on its progress. While the Corps of Engineers is familiar with this problem at the national level, it does not have the firsthand knowledge and experience in New Jersey that NJIT has accrued in its 119 years of service to the people of my district and state. Including NJIT's expertise and experience in this research effort is a logical step and would greatly benefit the Army Corps, as well as significantly improve the project's chances of success.

Therefore, I urge the New York District of the Corps of Engineers to work closely with my office and NJIT to ensure the universities full participation in this study. By working together, we can create a nexus between the considerable flood control expertise of the Army Corps and NJIT, and finally solve this difficult problem for the people of New Jersey. I hope my colleagues will support my efforts in this regard.

SUPPORT FOR THE EFFORTS OF CHANNEL ONE TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN ABOUT DEMOCRACY

**HON. VAN HILLEARY**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 31, 2000*

Mr. HILLEARY. Mr. Speaker, at a time in which we hear so much about what's wrong with our children and young adults, it is easy to forget all of the positive things taking place. The truth is that most of our children are doing well—they are growing up in loving homes, they are receiving a high-quality education, and they are becoming tomorrow's leaders. And while it is right to point out instances where we can improve, I believe it is equally important to call attention to positive developments.

In that vein, today I would like to commend the Channel One Network and the 900,000 young adults who participated in Channel One's "OneVote", the largest online vote ever. "OneVote" allowed students in Channel One middle and high schools across the country to cast online ballots for President, for Governor, and for Senate in states where statewide races are taking place. The students also were polled on important national issues. Each student was assigned a special registration number so that only registered students could vote and that no student could vote more than once.

Now I know my colleagues are skeptics—and will think I enjoyed this poll solely because Governor Bush defeated Vice President GORE in a landslide. That's not true, although it did make me feel better about our future.

Seriously, the simple truth is that this vote should be celebrated no matter who won or lost. Channel One's "OneVote" undoubtedly gave many young Americans their first taste of democracy on a national scale. Students in one small school in rural Tennessee were able to see how their votes compared not just with their friends across the hallway, but with kids across the country, from California to Missouri to Maine.

Young adults also were encouraged to think about important issues facing our country, including education, world affairs, and integrity in government. They were urged to think about how these issues impact their lives and the lives of those around them. More than just a quick poll, OneVote is part of Channel One News' ongoing process of education and involvement for millions of teens.

Mr. Speaker, these activities should be recognized and encouraged. Staying informed, thinking about concerns greater than one's self interest, and participating in our nation's

decision-making process are excellent habits for our young adults to develop.

There is a great deal of cynicism in our country about whether our government really does the work of the people. Recent history shows that this cynicism has led to lower and lower voter turnout at elections. This is a shame, Mr. Speaker, because the only way to make sure the government does the people's work is if the people stay informed and actively engaged in the affairs of government.

The power of the people to control this country's future can take many shapes and forms—from writing letters to the editor to serving in office. But the greatest power comes from perhaps the simplest of acts: voting. When all the campaigning speeches are over and the television ads are gone, each and every American gets their say when they step into the voting booth and pull the lever. We need to constantly remind our fellow citizens, especially those in the next generation, that voting is both an important right and responsibility.

Mr. Speaker, the Channel One Network's "OneVote" gave hundreds of thousands of young Americans an important first lesson in democracy—and I would like to recognize Channel One and the thousands of participating schools and their students for this outstanding success.

WILLIAM KENZO NAKAMURA  
COURTHOUSE

**HON. JENNIFER DUNN**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 31, 2000*

Ms. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, I support H.R. 5302, to name the United States courthouse in downtown Seattle as the "William Kenzo Nakamura United States Courthouse."

It is important to pay tribute to a man who made such great contributions to our nation. Private First Class Nakamura was an outstanding American, and this is a fitting way to honor him for giving his life to protect our freedom.

Pfc. Nakamura grew up in what is now the Chinatown International District in Seattle. He was studying at the University of Washington when he was moved with his family to an internment camp in Idaho. Despite this hardship, Pfc. Nakamura joined the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, which went on to become the most decorated military unit in history.

On June 4, 1944, Pfc. Nakamura provided cover for a retreating platoon in Catellina, Italy, and was killed by enemy fire. At first, Nakamura and other soldiers of color did not receive national recognition for their heroic deeds. Finally, this June, Nakamura and other soldiers received the Medal of Honor.

I believe naming this courthouse after Pfc. Nakamura is a fitting tribute for a man who defended his country and the freedoms we all enjoy. Pfc. Nakamura's valor and heroic actions should never be forgotten, and his dedication to his country—the United States—should be honored. I encourage all my colleagues to support this resolution.

HONORING LION IRVING STRAVITZ  
OCTOBER 2, 1912–DECEMBER 19, 1998

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 31, 2000*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Lion Irving Stravitz, who passed away on December 19, 1998.

Irving Stravitz was raised in Brooklyn and, as a child, loved to work with his hands. He became a carpenter at a very young age and always had his own business.

He met and married Eva, who became his partner in Lionism and life. She served side by side with him through thick and thin for the sixty-three years of their marriage. Together, they raised two children, David and Renee, who bestowed upon them the loves of their lives: two grandchildren, Allison and Matthew.

Irving was emblematic of the drive that Lion Melvin Jones, one of the founding members of Lionism, exhibited. Irving became a member of the Hyde Park Lions Club and served the Club by holding every office up to and including President. He was elected to the position of Deputy District Governor of District 20-K1. Mid-stream, Irving transferred into the Brooklyn Canarsie Lions Club and served for the remainder of his thirty years. He received Certificates of Appreciation, plaques that honored his dedication and was the first Lion in the Club to be presented with the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award.

His love and dedication will keep him in our hearts forever. Irving Stravitz was a Pin Trader and Pin Maker. His special project was the Vacation Camp for the Blind where his skill as a carpenter proved invaluable. He was involved with the Little League and ran the Hyde Park Lions Club's annual football pool fundraiser.

In the final words of Marc Antony's eulogy of Julius Caesar, "Indeed, this was a man." Mr. Speaker, I join with his friends and loved ones in saying "Irving, indeed you were a man and one of Lionism's finest tributes."

Mr. Speaker, Lion Irving Stravitz is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today, and I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in honoring this truly remarkable man.

VIOLATION

**HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 31, 2000*

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, as we near the end of this session, one of the country's largest companies is asking Congress for special treatment. According to numerous media reports, AT&T is asking Congress to attach an amendment to an appropriations bill to allow them to violate conditions they agreed to when their merger with MediaOne was approved by the FCC. This amendment would allow AT&T to violate the caps on cable ownership, caps that are designed to promote competition and protect consumers from price-gouging.

No Member of either this House or the other body has introduced a bill to give AT&T this

break, nor has a single hearing been held on the issue. To even consider this bill to enter legislation would not at this time be wise for the simple fact that we do not have enough proper information to make an informed decision concerning this break for AT&T.

Mr. Speaker, we should ask that AT&T keep their word. As well we should reject any last minute legislation that has not been fully reviewed by the Congress.

HONORING LAWRENCE D. DAHMS,  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, METRO-  
POLITAN TRANSPORTATION COM-  
MISSION

**HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 31, 2000*

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to Lawrence D. Dahms, executive director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission in the San Francisco Bay Area, who will be retiring at the end of this year.

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) was created in 1970 to provide transportation planning for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area. MTC is the designated federal Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area, and is charged with disbursing federal, state and regional transportation revenues in the region. The retirement of Lawrence D. Dahms is a severe loss to the Bay Area community.

Lawrence D. Dahms has served as MTC's executive director since 1977. In both his 23 years at MTC and in an earlier six-year stint at the Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART), Larry spearheaded the successful effort to extend BART to San Francisco International Airport. His many accomplishments also include a pivotal role in negotiating the San Francisco Bay Area Regional Rail Agreement, known as MTC Resolution No. 1876. This became the basis for securing federal funding for BART to San Francisco International Airport and the Tasman light-rail extension in Silicon Valley, as well as state and local funding for East Bay BART extensions to Dublin and Bay Point.

In addition to his regional impact, Larry was a leader on the national stage in developing and advocating the landmark 1991 federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA). This ushered in a new era in federal transportation policy by giving states and localities greater responsibility and flexibility in the investment of federal dollars. Larry continued his involvement as he advocated for the passage of ISTEA's successor, the 1998 Transportation Equity Act for the Twenty First Century (TEA-21), which consolidated that policy shift and dramatically increased funding levels.

Larry took the lead in implementing this new federal policy at the local level by establishing the Bay Area Partnership to foster multimodal decision-making and coalition building, in the process creating a trail-blazing MPO that is a model for the nation.

I, as well as the Bay Area Congressional Delegation, wish Mr. Dahms our most sincere