

that, Ms. Cox was chief nurse and administrator of Patient Care Services at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ).

While on a sabbatical from UMDNJ from 1991 to 1992, Ms. Cox served as a White House Fellow. In addition to serving as Special Assistant to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, she also served as Executive Assistant to the President of the United States. Ms. Cox represented the University Hospitals as a witness before the House of Representatives Subcommittee of the House Government Operations Committee to discuss the impact of the AIDS crisis on the acute care environment. She has written and published several articles relating to patient care and presented a position paper on the Immigration Nursing Relief Act of 1989 to a Subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee. Ms. Cox has held a number of prestigious academic positions. She has been the guest lecturer at various academic forums and was the keynote speaker to the Graduating Class of 1992 at Seton Hall School of Nursing in South Orange, NJ. She is a member of the North Jersey Unit of the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club, The Concerned Black Nurses of Newark, the New Jersey Hospital Association and other professional organizations. She has also participated in 100 Black Women Teen Mentoring and Health Fair projects and is the recipient of numerous professional and community service awards.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in congratulating Ms. Cox and extending our very best wishes for continued success.

TRIBUTE TO MYKE REID

HON. WILLIAM (BILL) CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 15, 2000

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to join the members of the Virginia Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO in paying tribute to APWU Legislative Director, Myke Reid. Mr. Reid is a native of Portsmouth, VA, and before he became a National Officer, he served many years as an officer of his own Local and State Organization.

Mr. Reid served the Norfolk Virginia Local as Business Agent (Executive Vice President), Steward and Editor; the State of Virginia as President, Legislative Director and Washington Regional Council Chair and Secretary-Treasurer.

Currently, Mr. Reid serves as the Assistant Legislative and Political Director for the American Postal Workers Union, the largest postal union in the world. With over 350,000 members, the APWU has members in every city, town, and hamlet in the United States. Serving in his third term as an elected officer of the union, Mr. Reid works as a lobbyist for APWU, as well as a member of the union's PAC Committee. Prior to his election as the Assistant Director in 1992, Mr. Reid served nine years as Special Assistant to the President of the American Postal Workers Union for legislative and political affairs.

During his tenure at APWU, Mr. Reid has worked to secure passage of Hatch Act Re-

form, the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Federal Employees Retirement System Act, the Spouse Equity Act, the Postal Employees Safety Enhancement Act, the Veterans Employment Opportunities Act and many others. Mr. Reid has diligently worked to protect the viability of the Postal Service and oppose Postal Privatization.

Active in the community, Mr. Reid has been appointed by Democratic Governors of Virginia to the Virginia Employment Commission Advisory Board, and the Virginia Community College Board, as well as the Human Rights Commission by his mayor. He has chaired the Alexandria Democratic Committee for two terms, and the Alexander Redevelopment and Housing Authority Board, also for two terms. He has served on the Democratic National Committee's Platform Committee, and was elected as a Delegate in 1988 and 1992 to the Democratic National Conventions.

He has also served on the board of the National Consumers League, and Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington and recognized on several occasion with inclusion in Marquis Who's Who and by Outstanding Young Men of America. Active as a volunteer for many political campaigns. Mr. Reid was privileged to serve as an "International Observer" during the election of former President Nelson Mandela of South Africa.

Mr. Reid has a B.A. from Norfolk State University and resides in Alexandria, Virginia.

Mr. Speaker, I join the Virginia State APWU in recognizing the very special achievements of Myke Reid, whom I have known very well since he came to Washington, DC in 1983 by virtue of my previous capacity as Chairman of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee and currently as Ranking Member of the House Education and Work Force Committee. APWU is certainly well served to have Mr. Reid representing their Union before the Congress of the United States.

HONORING PASTOR EDWARD L. MCCREE, SR.

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 15, 2000

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you and my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives today on behalf of one of Pontiac, Michigan's top citizens. From June 11 through June 18, the congregation of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in Pontiac will gather and celebrate the work of its Pastor, Edward L. McCree, Sr., and his 27 years of commitment as Macedonia's spiritual leader.

After graduating from Ferndale High School in 1960, young Edward McCree went on to Detroit Bible College and the University of Tennessee, where he attended the American Baptist College. Edward achieved what he considered his mission to possess a thorough education, and graduated from American Baptist College in 1973. Edward was soon ordained at Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Mount Juliet, TN.

Edward returned his family to Michigan that same year, as he was chosen as Pastor of

Macedonia Baptist Church, where he has remained ever since. During these years, Pastor McCree has reached out to spread the Lord's word to thousands of people. In 1990, he preached in the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education to more than 40,000 people. He also organized a television outreach ministry which also allowed him to reach a wide audience. As Pastor of Macedonia, Pastor McCree has worked selflessly and tirelessly to help his congregation grow physically, emotionally, and spiritually. He is a counselor and confidant to the entire Macedonia family. He is a constant source of guidance to civic and community leaders, and people of all races, denominations, and walks of life. Pastor McCree has improved his church's technological equipment as well as the building itself, and organized the creation of a day care center and emergency food kitchen.

Pastor McCree is known not only throughout the Pontiac community, but throughout the country as a dynamic preacher, leader, lecturer, and community activist. He has served as State Coordinator and Administrative 1st Vice President of the Wolverine State convention, chairman of the American Baptist College Michigan Alumni Chapter, and has been recognized by "Who's Who in Black America."

Pastor McCree's influence is strongly felt in the local community as well. He has worked with the Pontiac Area Urban League, the Mayor's Advisory Committee, the Greater Pontiac Missionary Baptist District Association, and the OIC board of Oakland County.

Mr. Speaker, our community would not be the same without the presence and influence of Pastor Edward L. McCree, Sr. I know that I am a better person and a better Member of Congress because of his commitment to the Lord's work. And I know that our community is a better place in which to live because of Pastor McCree's spiritual mission. I am pleased to ask my colleagues in the 106th Congress to join in congratulating his 27 years of pastoral service.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. MAX SANDLIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 2000

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4577) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Service, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes:

Mr. SANDLIN. Mr. Chairman, today we voted on H.R. 4577, the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education bill for fiscal year 2001 (FY 2001). On behalf of the educators, administrators and students in East Texas, I would like to express my strong opposition to the education appropriations outlined in this measure. The inadequate overall