

Currently, the fire department, led by Fire Chief Pete Herbert, is made up entirely of volunteers, who live in or around the Town of Boonton. They are men and women who "volunteer their time to protect and educate the residents of Boonton."

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the volunteers of the Boonton Fire Department on celebrating 115 years of a rich history in the protection of one of New Jersey's finest municipalities.

IN RECOGNITION OF RISING STAR
BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Rising Star Baptist Church of Fort Worth, Texas on its 75th Anniversary.

The church's modest beginning began on September 13, 1931 in a local diner, when Reverend Smith Cary and a small number of members organized Rising Star Church. The church has seen the leadership of many dynamic ministers including, Reverend Smith Cary, Reverend T.H. Davis, and its present pastor, Reverend Ralph W. Emerson, Jr.

The stated vision of the Church is to be "the Worship Center that seeks to reclaim lost souls, reshape lives, rejoice in love, react to the Holy Spirit while responding to God's call". Rising Star Baptist church has exemplified their vision through growth to a congregation of over 2,500 members and progressing into a multi-ministry church. Rising Star Baptist Church continues to be an influential presence and respected contributor to the Fort Worth community and greater Tarrant County citizenry.

I extend my sincere congratulations to the Rising Star Baptist Church on their 75th anniversary and praise their dedication and service to the people of Fort Worth, Texas.

RECOGNIZING THE MINORITY BAR
ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN NEW
YORK

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Minority Bar Association of Western New York, not only for furthering the work of the National Bar Association, providing social and professional interaction among minority attorneys but also for their work improving the protection of political and civil rights of all citizens.

Since its inception the Association has played a role in the community providing opportunities to students in its administration on scholarships, and has also awarded and recognized local leaders in the area for their hard work and diligent efforts.

The MBA is an organization that has grown to over one hundred members from diverse

ethnic backgrounds and practices across Western New York. With each member aiming to be effective advocates and advisors for Western New York clients and for the Western New York Community.

In 2004, the MBA, enlarging its commitment to promote education and scholarship in the field of law, organized the Minority Bar Association of Western New York Foundation, Inc., a not-for-profit organization providing financial assistance to individuals interested in pursuing a career in law. The Foundation is committed to ensuring continued minority representation in the legal community.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and gratitude that I stand here today to recognize the Minority Bar Association, for its continuing efforts in the community, its ongoing work for the furthering of the cause, and its promotion of minorities in the legal profession.

IN RECOGNITION OF FREE CLINIC
OF SIMI VALLEY

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of 35 years of continuous community service by the Free Clinic of Simi Valley.

The Free Clinic is a non-profit, volunteer-based community organization that provides medical care, counseling, dental, and legal assistance to individuals and families, regardless of their ability to pay. Throughout its history, it has enjoyed widespread support from the medical and legal communities, service groups, and elected officials.

Funding for the Free Clinic is provided primarily by private foundations, corporations, local service organizations, and individual donors.

All services offered at the clinic's fully licensed facilities are provided by volunteers, which include doctors, nurses, nurse practitioners, medical assistants, dentists, dental assistants, lawyers, paralegals, marriage and family therapists, MFT trainees, and interns.

Last year alone, more than 8,000 patients received services through the clinic, including general medical care, immunizations, smoking cessation programs, and counseling. The dental clinic, which just opened in May 2005, served 79 patients before the year was out. Over its 35-year history, the clinic has served an estimated 70,000 children and adults.

Despite the impressive number of patients served, the Board of Directors and staff practice frugality, with operating costs of less than \$225,000 in 2005. That speaks highly of the caliber of professionals who volunteer their services for the betterment of their community.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in recognizing the Free Clinic of Simi Valley, its board members over the years, its staff, and its volunteers for 35 years of service to our community.

"CONGRATULATING OFF-ROAD MOTORSPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES"

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge two extraordinary men who have been recognized for their contributions to Off-Road Motorsports. Bob Ham and the late "Corky" McMillin were inducted into the Off-Road Motorsports Hall of Fame on August 26th of this year.

Bob Ham has been a long time advocate for "off-roaders". In 1969, he co-founded the California Off-Road Vehicle Association (CORVA) and went on to create the Off-Road Vehicle Legislative Coalition in 1983. Bob worked with President Reagan's Interior Secretary, James Watt, to successfully re-establish the "Barstow to Vegas Motorcycle Race". He has worked diligently to preserve designated funds for off-highway vehicles and created a trust fund to stop California legislators from taking allocated money from off-highway vehicle programs. Bob later forced the state to return 30 million dollars to off-highway vehicle programs. His efforts have made it possible for many of my constituents to enjoy the California wilderness in their off-road vehicles.

Unfortunately, the off-road motorsports industry lost one of their most adamant supporters last year after Corky McMillin passed away last September. Corky was posthumously inducted to the Hall of Fame after supporting the industry for more than 29 years. He was a champion off-road racer, winning many competitions multiple times. Corky never wavered from his commitment to the sport and gave generously to various off-road events. He sponsored numerous races, and he was the title sponsor of the Superstition Championship Series, held in Plaster City, California. He was a true statesman to off-road racing and will be greatly missed.

I am pleased to recognize these men on their induction to the Off-Road Motorsports Hall of Fame.

SUPPORT FOR A SPECIAL ENVOY
FOR SUDAN

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I introduce this resolution to again call for the immediate appointment of a Presidential Special Envoy for Sudan. In calling for this I would like to commend the President for the leadership he has shown toward Sudan; Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, who has traveled there and cares deeply about this issue; the work of former Secretary of State Colin Powell, who was the first leader to call the conflict genocide; and former Deputy Secretary Robert Zoellick, for his efforts on behalf of the people of Sudan.