

Bluff; her two sons, Sedgwick McCollum of Flint, MI, and Brandon Bradley of Plano, TX; her daughter, Tarnisha Gibson of Columbia, SC; her two brothers, James Edward McClinton of Flint, MI, and John Albert McClinton of Pine Bluff; her sister, Cecile Blade of Pine Bluff; and to her 9 grandchildren. Mrs. Bradley will be greatly missed, and her contributions to the city of Pine Bluff, Jefferson County and the State of Arkansas will never be forgotten.

INTRODUCING THE CHARITABLE
REMAINDER PET TRUST ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2007

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today, Representative RAMSTAD and I are introducing legislation that revises the Internal Revenue Code, IRC, to treat pet trusts in a similar manner as charitable remainder annuity trusts, CRATs. It will allow estates and donors with CRATs with a pet, or its guardian as a beneficiary, to receive a charitable deduction for the remainder interest when the trust is established. The bill provides a tax incentive for people to arrange for long-term care of their pets, which will result in a reduction of society's burden in caring for "unwanted" dogs and cats after the guardian dies.

Currently 39 States and the District of Columbia allow pet trusts, which is a specific legal arrangement providing for the care of companion animals in the event of the guardian's death or incapacitation. When the pet passes, the remainder of the trust is then distributed to one or more pre-designated charities. Recognition of these trusts by the Federal Tax Code will allow for long-term planning of care for pets, as well as encourage people to engage in charitable giving. The legislation bears no cost burden for the Federal Government and brings relief to animal lovers and shelters alike.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CHARLES
MCMILLAN

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2007

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Charles McMillan, a constituent of the 26th District of Texas, who has been elected the new President for the National Association of Realtors for 2008 and will subsequently serve as Chairman for NAR in 2009.

Mr. McMillan, a Realtor® for more than 20 years, is director of realty relations and principal broker for Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, Dallas-Fort Worth. At the national level, McMillan was NAR 2006 first vice president-elect. He has twice served as NAR regional vice president of Region X, which includes Texas and Louisiana. He is a member of the NAR Leadership Team, the executive

committee, and the Strategic Planning committee. He has also been recognized by NAR as an expert in the areas of agency, antitrust, misrepresentation, fair housing, and diversity.

In 1998, he was president of the Texas Association of Realtors®, and was vice president and secretary-treasurer before that. He was Texas "Realtor® of the Year" in 2000, and now has risen to the leadership role of president of the National Association of Realtors for 2008.

Mr. McMillan is also very active in his north Texas community as a life member of the Texas Real Estate Teachers Association. He is a past chairman of the Community Development Council of Fort Worth, the Tarrant County Affordable Housing Task Force, and the Housing Subcommittee of Fort Worth, and a past director of the United Way of Tarrant County and of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce.

It is my honor to congratulate Mr. Charles McMillan for his recent election to president of his association. He is admired in the community for helping others, and I am glad that his work is being recognized at a national level. I am honored to represent him in Congress.

HONORING NANCY EWTON SHARPE
ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF A
MAJOR MILESTONE

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2007

Mr. LINCOLN DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, Milestones indicate distances traveled by one or many, collectively. I rise today to honor one individual from the beautiful Sequatchie Valley for having reached the 50-year anniversary of a major milestone in her life.

Ms. Nancy Ewton Sharpe of Dunlap, Tennessee, the first born of W. Howard Jeanette Campbell Ewton, was brought into this world on April 1, 1938. Her grandparents, F.P. and Nancy Ann Ewton, started a funeral home in 1919 and built their own caskets. Nancy attended school in Dunlap for 12 years graduating in 1956. She then began studies at the John A. Gupton College of Mortuary Science in Nashville, Tennessee. Graduating in 1957, she was the first dually licensed female funeral director-embalmer in the State of Tennessee. I rise today to honor Ms. Sharpe's accomplishment and celebrate the 50th anniversary of her success.

TRIBUTE TO JONESBORO H.S.
MOCK TRIAL TEAM

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2007

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great achievement by students in my congressional district. Congratulations to the Jonesboro High School Mock Trial Team, which proudly represented

the State of Georgia at the National High School Mock Trial Championship in Dallas, Texas, in early May. The Jonesboro team defeated 40 other schools from across the Nation to win the 2007 National Title.

Mock Trial offers students the opportunity to understand the many important aspects of our legal system, including trial preparation and standard courtroom procedures. In the fall, each team begins to prepare for their local competition by preparing for trial just as real lawyers would. If a team like Jonesboro High School is so fortunate to win both county and State competitions, they have half as much time to prepare for a substantially harder competition at the national level. Even with these great challenges, the Jonesboro team persevered and achieved victory nationally and they are champions.

I would like to recognize the hard work and dedication of the Jonesboro High School team by acknowledging the students and coaches who made this victory possible. The competitors were Brian Cunningham, Lindley Curtis, Kayla Delgado, Matthew Mitchell, Braeden Orr, Laura Parkhouse, Kyle Skinner, Britt Walden, Jayda Hazell, Joe Strickland, Lindsay Hargis, Jurod James, Sandra Hagans and Tabias Kelly. The Jonesboro High team was led by Anna and Andrew Cox, attorney coaches John Carbo and Deborah Benefield, Tasha Mosley and Mercer Law School student coach Katie Powers.

In closing, Madam Speaker, I wish to extend congratulations to all of these outstanding individuals in achieving the 2007 National High School Mock Trial National Title.

INTRODUCTION OF THE STOP DE-
CEPTIVE ADVERTISING FOR
WOMEN'S SERVICES ACT
(SDAWS)

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2007

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, today I am reintroducing important legislation that will protect the rights of women seeking information on family planning services. Too often, women who are facing the difficult consequences of an unintended pregnancy are being deceived and intimidated. Fake reproductive health clinics entice women with unintended pregnancies through their doors under the pretense of providing the full range of reproductive options. Called crisis pregnancy centers (CPCs), they pose as sources of unbiased pregnancy counseling using neutral-sounding names and advertisements. Some of these centers have even conducted market research to ensure that women looking for healthcare will be tricked into believing that the anti-choice centers will provide unbiased medical information. The centers also lure unsuspecting women with the offer of free pregnancy testing or HIV tests. Once inside, the clinic staff—usually volunteers with no professional training—try to dissuade women from abortion by subjecting them to inaccurate medical information, anti-choice propaganda, and intimidation.