

annually. The legislation specifies that distribution utilities will be allowed to recover the costs of the fee from retail consumers, resulting in a roughly \$10–\$12 total annual increase in residential electricity rates.

The \$1 billion annual fund will be distributed by the Corporation in the form of grants and contracts to governmental, academic and private entities for projects with the purpose of accelerating the commercial demonstration or availability of CCS technologies.

I would like to thank my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for working with me on and cosponsoring this legislation.

The Carbon Capture and Storage Early Deployment Act enjoys bipartisan and industry support and will enable the continued use of our nation's most inexpensive and abundant resources for fuel generation when a mandatory greenhouse gas emissions reduction program is implemented.

I urge my colleagues to support this measure.

HONORING LINDA DARNELL THORPE ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2008

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the many family, friends, and colleagues in paying tribute to my dear friend, Linda Darnell Thorpe, as she celebrates her retirement after 36 years of dedicated service as an educator with the New Haven Public School System. She has been a teacher that is not only loved by her students, but respected by her colleagues—a reflection of all that we hope and expect our educators to be.

A native of New Haven, Linda was educated locally earning a B.S. in education from Southern Connecticut State University as well as an M.S. from the University of Connecticut. She began her career at the Martin Luther King, Jr. School where she taught second grade. She spent 24 years at MLK, teaching two generations of students—literally having the opportunity to teach some of the children of the young people she first taught at the beginning of her career. She has spent the last 12 years at the Edgewood Magnet School where she has taken on the challenge of educating a more diverse group of fifth and sixth grade students.

I have often spoke of our nation's need for talented, creative educators ready to help our children learn and grow. Throughout her career, Linda has been just that kind of teacher. She is well-known among her colleagues as always being the first to arrive in the morning and one of the last to leave in the evening. Linda would arrive 6 o'clock in the morning and, on more than one occasion, would have to return home when it was announced that school would be closed on a snow day.

Linda's deep commitment to education is best reflected in the success of her students. Her enthusiasm and energy combined with her belief that children learn best when they are

active in the learning process created an environment where children not only wanted to learn, they had fun doing so. The myriad of accolades, awards, and commendations that she has received throughout the years are testimony to the positive impact she has had on her students. Her students were excited to be in her classroom and inspired to succeed. That was her gift to them. For an educator, there is no greater legacy one could leave.

In a career that has spanned four decades, Linda has touched the lives of thousands of young people. She has helped to shape their education and their character—preparing them with the tools and skills they need and building a foundation on which they will enjoy future success. She has also served as an inspiration to her colleagues. Today, as she celebrates her retirement and reflects on her career, I am proud to join her longtime companion, Stanley Welch, her grandson Vinston, and all of those gathered today in extending my sincere thanks and appreciation for her outstanding and invaluable contributions. Linda Darnell Thorpe is an extraordinary woman, teacher, and friend and we are all better for having the opportunity to know her.

IN HONOR OF THE MOST VENERABLE THICH HO GIAC

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2008

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, this Father's Day, I wish to celebrate the life and ministry of the Most Venerable Thich Ho Giac, who currently serves at the Phap Luan Buddhist Culture Center in Houston, Texas. He was born on January 14, 1928 and is now 80 years old. He does not have any biological children of his own, but he is still a father figure and mentor to many in the Buddhist faith.

The Most Venerable Thich Ho Giac has committed his life to religion and service. He was admitted to monastery life when he was five years old. He was ordained as a bhikkhu in 1948. He came to the United States in 1982 and became a United States citizen in 1988. He has two leadership titles: Supreme patriarch of Buddhist Sangha and President of the Overseas Office of the Unified Buddhist Church of Vietnam.

Madam Speaker, on this Father's Day, I ask my colleagues and the people of Houston to honor the Most Venerable Thich Ho Giac for his seventy-five years of service and leadership in the Buddhist faith.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DARRENT DEMARCUS WILLIAMS OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2008

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Darrent "Dee"

Williams and his legacy, the Darrent Williams Foundation.

Darrent Williams, a constituent of TX-D26, was a Fort Worth native and O.D. Wyatt graduate who died tragically January 1, 2007. Though his most important roles were as son, father and role model to many, he was also a star NFL player for the Denver Broncos. With a magnanimous heart, a desire to excel and the fight in him to say to naysayers, "just watch me," Darrent took on the world.

As a senior high school player, he was named 7–4A Defensive Most Valuable Player. During his career at Oklahoma State University, where he received full scholarship, he tied for first place all-time Division I-A in career interception returns for touchdowns. In 2005 he was selected by the Denver Broncos as 2nd Round pick for starting Cornerback and Punt Returner.

At the age of 24, Darrent Williams' life was cut short. But through tragedy, a life-fulfilling purpose emerged. The Darrent Williams Foundation, which carries his namesake, will partner with a host of organizations to provide mentorship, counseling, tutoring, guidance, and athletic training and conditioning to youth ages 6 to 13. These services will be rendered with the overall goal to help ease life challenges and concerns regardless of ethnicity and socioeconomic background. As partners with Fort Worth Independent School District (FWISD), L. Clifford Davis and Morningside Elementary Schools have been chosen as inaugural recipients.

Today, I join with the entire city of Fort Worth community in recognizing Darrent Williams' life and legacy.

IN HONOR OF FATHER'S DAY

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2008

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I wish to honor our Nation's fathers this Father's Day because they are the foundation of the family and heroes in the eyes of our Nation's children. Fathers are a vital part of the strength of the American family and I ask that my colleagues honor the fathers of our Nation on Sunday, June 15, 2008.

Father's Day is celebrated worldwide at different times of the year, but in America, we celebrate it on the third Sunday of June. Father's Day has a long history in the United States, although it was not officially recognized until the presidency of Richard Nixon. After the Civil War, the casualties were immeasurable and many women lost their fathers, husbands and family members. Two notable women, Sonora Smart Dodd of West Virginia and Grace Golden Clayton of Washington, acted upon their loss by encouraging their communities and states to commemorate the lives of their fathers. Sonora Smart Dodd, whose single-parent father raised 6 children before his death, was the first to propose such a celebration of fatherhood in 1909.

Father's Day is a time for Americans nationwide to show reverence and love for the father figures in their lives. It is also a time to pay