

the livelihood of our great Nation. These true heroes provide every citizen with a feeling of security and safety, something that cannot be taken for granted. Every year, in towns all across Wisconsin and the United States, volunteer firefighters like those of the Cross Plains Fire Department provide a vital public service without requiring a single dime in compensation. Their selflessness and willingness to give back to the community is inspirational.

The motto of the Village of Cross Plains is, "Famous for Friendliness," and this ideal is personified by the volunteer staff at the Cross Plains Fire Department. Every day since 1910, the residents of the Cross Plains area have enjoyed the service and protection provided by the department. Today, I join the residents of the Village of Cross Plains and the towns of Cross Plains and Berry, the residents of Wisconsin, and all citizens of the United States in recognizing, honoring, and sincerely thanking the Cross Plains Fire Department for their tireless work and commitment for the past 100 years.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF U.S.
MARSHAL RICHARD J. O'CONNELL

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor U.S. Marshal Richard J. O'Connell for his outstanding service to this country.

In June of 2003, President Bush appointed Dick the U.S. Marshal for the Western District of Arkansas and for the last 5½ years he has worked to uphold justice and initiate programs to make our streets safer.

Dick was instrumental in establishing a Sex Offender Task Force, a multi-jurisdictional group of law enforcement officers working to keep our kids safe. In the first 14 months, task force officers arrested 1,047 people.

In 2006, the city of Fort Smith aggressively campaigned to be the home of the U.S. Marshals Museum and Dick served as steering committee cochairman. Under his leadership, the city was chosen to be the site of the U.S. Marshals Museum.

I have had the privilege to work with Dick during his time serving as U.S. Marshal. I appreciate his friendship and example. I am honored to have had the opportunity to have worked with such a great man, and thank him for his service.

HONORING MATTHEW LANE

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Matthew Lane for his heroic lifesaving efforts in reviving his coworker from cardiac arrest. Matthew is a 19-year-old employee at Wicker Park in Manchester, Connecticut, and a resident of nearby Colchester. On June 19, during cleanup for an event held earlier in the evening, Matthew found his coworker Stephanie Lee in cardiac arrest. During

the weeks prior to her collapse, Stephanie had undergone several medical tests on her heart and had received a heart monitor to help diagnose her condition. As soon as he realized the severity of the situation, Matthew quickly called 911 and carefully followed the dispatcher's instructions to perform CPR. Matthew, who had received instruction on CPR several years earlier in preparation for a camp counselor position, was able to successfully revive Stephanie.

Stephanie, a 22-year-old resident of Vernon, was quickly taken to a nearby hospital, where doctors were able to diagnose her with a rare condition called catecholaminergic polymorphic ventricular tachycardia (CPVT). Doctors implanted an internal cardiac defibrillator to help prevent future collapses. Thanks to the quick actions of her co-worker, Stephanie will be able to return to the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy in Boston, where she will be a fourth year pharmacology student. Matthew will be returning to Central Connecticut State University as a sophomore this fall.

This lesson in heroics brings attention to the importance of CPR training and exposure to basic first aid education. In honor of Matthew's heroic actions, the city of Manchester's Board of Directors will present him with an official citation during their August 3rd meeting. I ask all members of the House to join me in honoring Matthew Lane for his undying sense of service and commitment to the people of eastern Connecticut.

HONORING REV. DR. MARK
ANTHONY JONES, SR.

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, Christ Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate the installation of Rev. Dr. Mark Anthony Jones, Sr., as their new pastor on Sunday, August 8 in Flint, Michigan.

Rev. Dr. Mark Anthony Jones, Sr., is the son of Leora Yvonne Jones and the late Rev. Dr. Charles William Jones. He was licensed at the age of 16 and ordained the following year. He was the pastor of a church in Alabama when he took over his father's church in Chicago, the Mount Union Missionary Baptist Church. In what he considers one of his greatest accomplishments, Reverend Dr. Jones and his wife, Valda, founded the Mount Union Missionary Baptist Church of Grand Rapids in 2007. A nationally known evangelist, Reverend Dr. Jones has preached across the United States and in Seoul Korea.

In addition to his ministerial work, Reverend Dr. Jones found time to earn his associate of arts in religious education degree, his bachelor of arts in theology degree, his master of divinity degree and his doctorate of divinity degree.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Rev. Dr. Mark Anthony Jones, Sr., and Christ Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church as they celebrate this milestone. Christ Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church has been bringing the reality of God's love and His plan for salvation through Jesus Christ to the people of Flint since the 1920s. Continuing in this tradition, the congregation may rejoice in the work they

have already accomplished and under the leadership of Reverend Dr. Jones embark upon a new era of enthusiasm and spiritual growth. I pray God will bless and guide him as he brings the message of God's assurance of eternal life to the people of our community.

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION
EXTENSION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I strongly, resolutely, and steadfastly support this bill to extend critical unemployment benefits for our citizens through the end of November. This bill will provide vital assistance to over 137,600 Illinoisans, and to the 2.5 million Americans, who lost their benefits between June 2nd and July 17th. This bill helps address a national emergency resulting from one of the worst economic recessions in our country's history.

Unemployment insurance is not a theoretical concept to these citizens. Unemployment is a very real lifeline. It allows mothers and fathers to buy food for their children. It allows people to help keep a roof over their families' heads. I have received so many tearful calls from my constituents who call to beg for my help. They are disheartened by their continued unemployment despite active and prolonged efforts to find a job. They are embarrassed that they cannot support their families, and they are frightened that their children will suffer from their inability to feed, clothe, or provide housing. When they learn that their government allowed these lifeline benefits to expire and failed to reinstate them for almost 8 weeks, they are shocked. They worked and paid taxes for years with an understanding that government would help them in a time of need. Yet, this assistance was not there.

I think it is unfortunate that Republicans have delayed this critical financial assistance for so long. To add insult to injury, while proclaiming that our government could not afford \$33 billion to help our citizens who are suffering during an economic emergency, the Republican leadership confidently asserted the position that we want the government to lose over \$650 billion for the wealthy. This is approximately 20 times the cost of this critical unemployment assistance. This is the same leadership that had no difficulty spending a trillion dollars for two wars and giving tax breaks to the wealthiest of the wealthy.

The extension of the aid for 99 weeks is an important first step in helping our citizens who are struggling to find employment. I promise to continue to work with the Democratic leadership to push for ways to help those who remain unemployed beyond the 99 weeks. Long-term unemployment is an unfortunate reality for Chicago and for my constituents.

Passing this bill today tells our citizens that we are working for them. Further, passing this bill today reinforces their confidence in their government—confidence that they will help care for them in the lean times. For these reasons, I urge my colleagues to vote for its passage.