

The church's first pastor was the Reverend S.C. Pierce, who conducted services atop an animal stable in old downtown Los Angeles. In 1887, under the spiritual leadership of the Reverend C.H. Anderson, the church purchased the land and erected its first sanctuary on Maple Avenue. The Reverend Anderson pastored Second Baptist Church for two decades. He was followed in 1908 by the Reverend J.L. McCoy, who served until 1915. The Reverend H.D. Prowd succeeded Pastor McCoy; he served from 1915 to 1920.

In 1921, the Reverend Thomas L. Griffith answered the call to pastor Second Baptist Church's burgeoning congregation. Four years later in 1925, the church erected and moved to its present edifice at 2412 Griffith Avenue. Designed in the Lombard Romanesque style by famed Los Angeles architects Paul R. Williams and Norman Marsh, the church has been designated as a historical landmark by the city of Los Angeles.

The Reverend Griffith was succeeded in 1941 by the Reverend J. Raymond Henderson. During his 20 years of ministry, the church liquidated its mortgage of \$83,000, underwent a complete renovation, constructed a parsonage and a Christian education building, and purchased an apartment building, a parking lot, and a community center.

In 1963, the Reverend Thomas Kilgore, Jr. became pastor of Second Baptist Church. It was under his leadership that the church solidified its base as an influential and important force in the future of Los Angeles' African-American community. During his leadership, the church succeeded in helping to reorder the priorities of community leaders to include the less fortunate and traditionally underserved members of Los Angeles society. He raised the community's social consciousness and established Second Baptist Church as a force not to be dismissed in formulating plans for the future of our neighborhoods and communities. Dr. Kilgore established programs to meet the needs of citizens that were otherwise not being addressed. He oversaw the construction of Griffith Gardens, a 38-unit apartment building, and established a child development center at the church. In addition, the church's social hall underwent a complete renovation and two parking lots were purchased. Today, the Reverend Kilgore serves as pastor emeritus of Second Baptist Church.

In October 1987 the Reverend William S. Epps answered the call to pastor Second Baptist Church. Today, the church operates a Christian education program, a community social service program, the Pueblo Christian Action Center, and the Second Baptist Child Development Center.

In addition, under the Reverend Epps' able leadership and ministry, the church regularly convenes seminars and forums as it continues to address the problems endemic to our communities today. Second Baptist Church extends its ministry far beyond the pulpit of its majestic stained-glass-surrounded sanctuary. It is an increasingly important force in our community as it provides spiritual nourishment to its flock, and also seeks to provide spiritual and economic renewal for the disenfranchised members of the community. It provides hope where there is often no hope and it inspires the spirits of men, women, and children by helping them to realize a better tomorrow.

Few would argue about the increasingly important correlation that exists between the church and a healthy and prosperous commu-

nity. For over a century, Second Baptist Church has contributed to that prosperity by offering a ministry that nurtures the soul and empowers the mind. By providing economic and spiritual empowerment to the community, it continues to shine as a beacon of hope for the future. We are proud to recognize and commend this historic edifice and to congratulate the Reverend Epps, the Reverend Thomas Kilgore, Jr., and the members of Second Baptist Church for their ministry and leadership to the Los Angeles community. Please join us in extending our profound best wishes for continued success in the future.

A TRIBUTE TO THE SAN
BERNARDINO COUNTY SUN

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 1995

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention the fine work and outstanding public service of the San Bernardino County Sun newspaper in San Bernardino, CA. The Sun, under the leadership of executive editor Arnie Garson, was recently recognized as one of the top newspapers in the United States for 1994 in the annual Best of Gannett competition.

The San Bernardino County Sun was one of six finalists for the Gannett's Outstanding Achievement Award recognizing the best overall news performance by a newspaper in 1994 and is the recipient of the coveted Gold Medal Award for 1994. Altogether, the Sun received seven individual awards, the highest for any newspaper with a circulation of over 40,000.

In addition, Arnie Garson was 1 of 10 editors nationwide awarded the President's Ring and has thus become one of the finalists in the 1994 Editor of the Year competition. The top three contenders will be announced at the Gannett's editors' meeting in May and the winner will be announced in June.

Specifically, the Sun won top awards in seven separate categories. Mickie Enkoji was a top winner taking home first place honors in the Outstanding Achievement in Writing and Feature Writing categories. Rebecca Fairley Raney relieved the top prize for investigative reporting, while Paul Oberjuerge was recognized for his prize-winning sports column. In addition, the Sun received top honors for public service, headlines, and packaging and presentation.

Few who make their home in San Bernardino County are surprised by the Sun's success. As my hometown newspaper over the course of my life, I have watched the Sun professionally adapt to the many changes that have taken place in our county over the years. While we may differ on specific issues from time to time, I have nothing but the utmost level of respect for the high standards and professionalism of this newspaper.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, my colleagues, and the people of San Bernardino County in recognizing Arnie Garson and the entire staff of the Sun for its success. It is only fitting that the House recognize the San Bernardino Sun, one of the truly outstanding newspapers in the United States today.

TRIBUTE TO THE FEDERAL
WORKERS IN OKLAHOMA CITY

HON. CARDISS COLLINS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 1995

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Federal workers who are among the bombing victims in Oklahoma City. Their great sacrifice deserves our respect. Their public service deserves our gratitude. Their memory deserves our reflection.

We have just begun the annual commemoration of Public Service Recognition Week, an occasion where Federal agencies and employee organizations recognize the contributions made by public servants at all levels of Government. The Oklahoma bombing victims are truly the most deserving of recognition this year. Those who were killed or injured while working for America, shall forever remain among our Nation's most honored.

The loss of these workers reminds us that Federal service does have its risks, as well as its rewards. The blast hit the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building just as the employees inside began another workday. Now many of them are gone, but they have left behind a legacy of service to the public that is warmly remembered by the people of Oklahoma City.

Since the bombing, the Nation has witnessed the fine work of other Federal employees working tirelessly in Oklahoma City. During each day that has passed, we have seen Federal law enforcement officers effectively pursuing suspects and witnesses, the Federal Emergency Management Agency responding to the needs of Oklahoma citizens affected by the tragedy, and the General Services Administration's Emergency Operations Center coordinating the restoration of Federal agency operations in the area. This is Government service at its best.

This terrible event has caused many Americans to learn more about Federal workers—who they are, where they live, and what they do. Let's remember with pride those who served and are still serving today in Oklahoma City. Let's also recognize that there are many more like them serving Americans across this land.

TRIBUTE TO JERROD E. HAWK

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 1995

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize an exceptional young man from my district who has recently accepted his appointment as a member of the class of 1999 at the U.S. Military Academy.

Jerrold E. Hawk will soon graduate Paulding High School after 4 years of outstanding academic achievement as well as extracurricular involvement. While in high school Jerrod has distinguished himself as a leader among his peers. He is an outstanding student and patriot.

Mr. Speaker, one of the most important responsibilities of Members of Congress is to identify outstanding young men and women