

A SPECIAL SALUTE TO REV. DR.
DONALD JACOBS

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 1996

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute Rev. Dr. Donald G. Jacobs on the occasion of his retirement after more than 55 years of services in the ministry. On September 27, 1996, the membership of his present congregation, Community A.M.E. Church, will hold a retirement dinner honoring Dr. Jacobs. I am proud to join in this tribute to a distinguished member of the religious community who is a gifted leader and a good friend.

Dr. Jacobs has served more than 55 years as a minister and pastor in African Methodist Episcopal Churches in Pennsylvania and Ohio. The Ohio churches include a circuit in Bainbridge and Hillsboro; Quinn Chapel in Stubenville; and St. Paul Church in Canton, OH. Dr. Jacobs began his ministry in the Cleveland area with his pastorate of St. James A.M.E. Church. He also served as pastor at Mt. Moriah A.M.E. Church prior to his pastorate at Community Church. Dr. Jacobs is a strong leader who possesses vision and wisdom. He has been an inspiration and champion to all who have come to know him.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Jacobs has also utilized his pastoral calling to bring about important social change. He is the past executive director of the Interchurch Council of Greater Cleveland and was the first African-American director. Activities which were initiated under his leadership include the initiation of a hunger center; the development of an interracial program aimed at involving area churches in job development for inner-city youth; and support of activities aimed at serving mothers on welfare.

Further, as a member of the National Council of Churches, Dr. Jacobs helped to organize Partners in Ecumenism, a national effort to more significantly involve African-American clergy and laity in the American religious community. Other board memberships include the Ohio Humanities Council, the Urban League of Greater Cleveland, and Wilberforce University.

Mr. Speaker, during his lifetime Dr. Jacobs has also been a strong voice in the struggle for civil rights. He is the past president of the Cleveland Branch NAACP. I recall that in the 1960's, Dr. Jacobs organized demonstrations at the building site of a new Federal building to protest the exclusion of African-Americans from unions in Cleveland. As cochairman of the Emergency Committee of Clergy for Civil Rights, Dr. Jacobs helped form an interfaith and interracial group of Cleveland clergy to participate in voter registration drives in Mississippi.

I also recall that when my brother, Carl, launched his campaign to become the mayor of Cleveland in 1967, he had the strong support of Dr. Jacobs as cochair of the Clergy for Carl Stokes Committee. This unified effort resulted in Carl's successful campaign victory, making him the first black mayor of a major American city.

Mr. Speaker, as we pay tribute to Rev. Dr. Donald Jacobs, we honor an individual who has led a life of devotion and service to others. I take special pride in saluting Dr. Donald Jacobs. We wish him well in his retirement

and commend him for a life of devotion and leadership.

TRIBUTE TO GIRL SCOUT GOLD
AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. DAVID R. OBEY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to salute two outstanding young women who have been honored with the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. Gold Award by the Birch Trails Girl Scout Council in my home town Wausau, WI. They are Jessica Thoms and Margaret Stahr.

They are being honored for earning the highest achievement award in Girl Scouting. The Girl Scout Gold Award symbolizes outstanding accomplishments in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development.

Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., an organization serving over 2.6 million girls, has awarded more than 20,000 Girl Scout Gold Awards to Senior Girl Scouts since the inception of the program in 1980. To receive the award, a Girl Scout must fulfill five requirements: earn four interest project patches, earn the Career Exploration pin, earn the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award project, earn the Senior Girl Scout Gold Award project. A plan for fulfilling the requirements of the award is created by the Senior Girl Scout and is carried out through close cooperation between the girl and an adult Girl Scout volunteer.

The earning of the Girl Scout Gold Award is a major accomplishment for these young women, and I believe they should receive the public recognition due them for this significant service to their community and their country.

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AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. WILLIAM M. "MAC" THORNBERRY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 1996

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to salute 10 outstanding young women who have each been honored with the Girl Scout Gold Award by the Texas Plains Girl Scout Council in Amarillo, TX. Each is being honored for earning the highest achievement award in Girl Scouting. The Girl Scout award symbolizes outstanding accomplishments in areas of leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development. The award can be earned by girls age 14-17, or in grades 9-12.

Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., an organization serving 2.5 million girls, has awarded more than 20,000 Gold Awards to senior Girl Scouts since the inception of the program in 1980. To receive the award, a Girl Scout must earn four interest project patches, the Career Exploration Pin, the senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, and the senior Girl Scout Challenge, as well as design and implement a Girl Scout Gold Award project. A plan for fulfilling these requirements is created by the senior Girl Scout and is carried out through close co-

operation between the girl and an adult Girl Scout volunteer.

As members of the Texas Plains Girl Scout Council, these senior Girl Scouts began working toward their Girl Scout Gold Award over 2 years ago. Each completed projects in an area which made a positive and significant impact in their community. These outstanding young women reached this achievement through many hours of dedication and commitment.

Angie Davenport and Angie Turpen of Lefors, TX designed and carried out a project to prevent crime and vandalism by organizing neighborhood watch groups. Jennifer Ellis of Amarillo, TX took it upon herself to create a program for young girls to better understand the needs of the disabled. Janel Kirby of Amarillo, TX created a project that involved making identification labels for each registered member of the Texas Plains Girl Scout Council to be used when they travel. Christy O'Dell of Amarillo, TX designed a project with a two fold purpose. She helped to provide residents of a retirement center the chance to hear musical presentations in the convenience of their community, and also allow the performers a chance to hone their skills. Amanda Peters of Amarillo, TX used her knowledge of computers to organize and design a library for her local church. Penelope Schuster of Amarillo, TX organized a clothing drive to aid local charities in providing clothing for economically disadvantaged women applying for jobs. Jennifer Walton of Amarillo, TX heightened awareness of national women's history through a rally at her school, which included special speakers and presentations. Jenny Whisenhunt of Amarillo, TX created a project to recognize senior citizens at a banquet, giving the senior citizens a forum in which to share their life experiences with family and friends. Jessica Nichols of Amarillo, TX organized a book drive to create a library at her local church.

Each of these senior Girl Scouts deserve public recognition for their efforts to serve the community and the country.

HONORING WINNERS OF HISPANIC
INDEPENDENCE AWARDS

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 1996

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Hispanic Independence Awards Ceremony that will be held on Saturday, September 14, 1996, at the General Motors Institute in my hometown of Flint, MI.

September is National Hispanic Heritage Month and the Hispanic Independence Awards Ceremony kicks off a month-long celebration of Hispanic culture, ideas, and achievements in Genesee County. The Hispanic community will once again honor individuals who have selflessly committed themselves to making Flint and Genesee County a better place in which to live.

Each award is named for a prominent deceased member of the Hispanic community who exemplified the ideals espoused by the award. The Pedro Mata Leadership Award is given to a person who has provided leadership, encouragement, and influence in the Hispanic community. This year's recipient is Mr. Pete Mata. The Tano Resendez Award for