

TRIBUTE TO WILFRED EUGENE
TICKNER UNITED STATES ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 20, 2004

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today and honor Wilfred Eugene Tickner of the United States Army Corps of Engineers. On January 3, 2004, Mr. Tickner retired after serving the people of this Great Nation for over 42 years.

Eugene Tickner is a talented engineer, who spent his career improving our Nation's infrastructure and ensuring that projects vital to our coastal areas are completed. Throughout his illustrious career, Mr. Tickner's contributions to our Nation have not gone unnoticed. He has been honored with the Engineer Regiment Bronze de Fleury Medal, two Commander's Awards for Civil Service, several Exceptional Performance Commendations, and the Division Commander's Award for EEO.

As Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management of the Wilmington District United States Army Corps of Engineers, Mr. Tickner served the people with his involvement in many of the civil works projects in southeastern North Carolina. His innovative and unifying approach to solving problems has resulted in the timely completion of many projects that, without his involvement, may not have been possible. It is because of the dedication, determination, and leadership of Mr. Tickner that the people, animals, and ecosystems of the areas covered by the Wilmington District continue to flourish. From the Wilmington Port to the Brunswick, New Hanover, and Pender County beaches, his commitment has been unwavering and steadfast.

We owe Wilfred Eugene Tickner our sincere appreciation for his 42 years of committed service to our Nation. His devotion to the people of the United States should serve as an example to us all.

May God bless him and his family, and may God bless this great Nation.

TRIBUTE TO THE JACKSON HIGH
SCHOOL BLACK HISTORY TOUR
GROUP

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Jackson High School Black History Tour Group, a unique student organization started 10 years ago in my district that endeavors to share Black history and culture with the State of Michigan and the entire Nation.

In 1994, Jackson High School teacher Shirley Pitts recognized a desire among her students to learn and actively teach others about Black history. Though it began as a humble, once-a-year school program, her idea quickly grew into a year-round celebration of heritage and culture.

The Black History Tour Group is comprised of more than 30 students who travel to different schools, community organizations, and

events. These students perform in a variety of artistic media including songs, poetry, dramatic readings, and theatrical sketches. They are some of the brightest, most talented members of their class, and they all share a deeply founded interest in Black history. Group members devote a great deal of their time and effort to their rehearsals and performances, but they are also active in many other ways at school and throughout their community.

Since its inception, the Black History Tour Group has been gaining both popularity and recognition. Among its distinguished highlights, the Group performed before the Michigan State Senate in 1997, in the East Room in the White House in 1998, and at the Presidential Inauguration in 2001, as one of only 3 groups to represent the State of Michigan.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I am very pleased to recognize the Jackson High School Black History Group for its first 10 years of excellence in the promotion of Black culture and heritage. We praise you for your dedication and hard work.

TRIBUTE TO GWENDOLYN E. BOYD

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 20, 2004

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to rise today in honor of Gwendolyn E. Boyd, the National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for her service and dedication as a community leader and volunteer. The members of the Miami Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will gather with Ms. Boyd on January 31, 2004 for the 91st anniversary of the founding of this honored sisterhood.

Ms. Boyd, a hardworking and motivated woman, is an inspiration and role model to all. She received her B.S. degree in Mathematics with a double minor in Physics and Music from Alabama State University. She thereafter pursued her Masters of Science degree at Yale University. Today, she is an engineer and the Assistant for Development Programs at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory.

Committed to her work, Ms. Boyd nonetheless remains compassionate to the numerous community service organizations with which she is actively involved. She is a member of Leadership Washington, an organization committed to improving the quality of life in the Greater Washington Region and is actively involved with the Children's Research Institute of Children's National Medical Center. She is the founding chair of the Board of Directors of the National Center for Non-Profit Strategic Planning and Community Leadership and also served as President of the Board of Directors of United Way of the National Capital Area. A dynamo of a public servant, she also actively participates with The Links, Inc., the NAACP, the National Council of Negro Women and many other organizations.

Unselfish in her endeavors, Ms. Boyd can be found motivating others through inspirational speeches and workshops around the country. She routinely gives lectures on positive growth and the development of youth; conducts career development seminars; and often provides words of wisdom at commencement speeches to our future leaders.

It is no surprise to me that Ms. Boyd has been acknowledged and honored for her service and commitment on many occasions and by various organizations. I know that all my colleagues join with me in honoring her today and wishing her every success in the future.

RECOGNIZING KEVIN ALLEN
POEHLER FOR ACHIEVING THE
RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 20, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kevin Allen Poehler, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 87, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kevin has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the twelve years Kevin has been involved with scouting, he has earned 29 merit badges and has held numerous leadership positions, serving as Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, and Quartermaster. Kevin is also a Runner in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

For his Eagle Scout project, Kevin planned and installed a brick driveway entrance and sidewalk for the Cameron Depot Station for the Historical Preservation Society of Cameron, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kevin Allen Poehler for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY
OF SPRINGFIELD CHAPTER
893, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 20, 2004

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 40th anniversary of Chapter 893 of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), located in Springfield, Virginia.

NARFE is a multi-tiered, political, non-partisan organization dedicated to preserving the earned retirement benefits of all Federal civilians. Membership eligibility includes current, former, and retired Federal civilians, as well as their spouses and survivor annuitants. Chapter 893 is one of over 1600 NARFE chapters nationwide.

From December 1963 to October 2003, the Springfield Chapter grew from 14 to 1,793 members, making it the fifth largest NARFE chapter. The majority of Chapter 893 members reside in the Springfield area; however, nearly 200 members reside outside Virginia, with two members in the Netherlands and Canada, respectively.

Over the years, Chapter 893 has become one of the most active in NARFE. It long has

been and continues to be dynamic, progressive, and energetic, overcoming every challenge it faces. Chapter members have had a strong voice in many national and local legislative issues.

The Springfield Chapter approaches all issues in a realistic and humanitarian manner. Its members have worked tirelessly for the benefits of Federal retirees and all elderly, cooperating with local, State, and Federal agencies to do so.

While Chapter 893 always has placed emphasis on fulfilling primary NARFE functions, its members have not neglected local community needs. Chapter 893 members have volunteered countless hours at hospitals, libraries, blood drives, meals on wheels, and local elections. Beginning in 1987, Chapter members most generously have contributed to Alzheimer's Research, the charity of choice by NARFE nationwide. They participate in dollars and miles to the local area Alzheimer's Memory Walk, bringing in roughly \$1,000 each year.

Over the course of its successful history, the Springfield Chapter has benefited from many dynamic, accomplished leaders. Several past presidents have been elected as officers or appointed committee chairs of the NARFE Virginia Federation of Chapters. Others have served in civic, professional, or fraternal organizations locally. Most notable are the accomplishments of past presidents David F. Sullivan, Vincent Agnelli, and Milton Kramer. Past President Sullivan was elected NARFE National Secretary in 2000 and 2002. Past President Agnelli served on an ad hoc committee influential in the 1993 Virginia State Supreme Court litigant tax refund issue. And Past President Kramer played a major role in organizing the Northern Virginia Caucus of Chapters.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to congratulate Chapter 893 on 40 years of success. They have become a strong organization committed to serving the interests of their members and their community. I call upon my colleagues to join me in applauding the chapter members' past accomplishments and in wishing Chapter 893 the best of luck in the many years to come.

PASSAGE OF S. 877 BY UNANIMOUS
CONSENT ON DECEMBER 8, 2003

HON. RICHARD BURR

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 20, 2004

Mr. BURR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of S. 877—the CAN SPAM Act of 2003—and urge my colleagues to accept the technical changes made by the Senate. I also rise in an effort to provide clarification for our nation's professional, trade, and non profit associations who may be unintentional victims of the Congress's efforts to control the fraudulent and abusive practices of spam email through the CAN-SPAM Act.

Trade associations have long provided representation for most of America's industries such as telecommunications, insurance, banking, realty, and transportation, just to name a few. Individuals or businesses that opt to join these associations do so in large part because of the outstanding benefits afforded to them, including reduced professional insurance pre-

miums, continuing education opportunities, legislative awareness seminars, and conventions. While most of these opportunities are offered at a price, the cost is set at a greatly reduced rate than might otherwise be offered to non-members, primarily to offset operating costs, but also as a means of contribution to the furtherance of the association's non-profit status.

As a matter of expediency, trade associations often communicate with their membership through email, as this method is the fastest, most convenient, and most cost-effective process for both the associations themselves and the members with whom the associations communicate. These emails are a valuable element of membership privileges agreed to by the member upon joining, as they keep the member apprised of upcoming events, industry-related products, and legislative alerts. These emails are restricted to circulation within the membership only, and excluding the general public. It is my belief that association members have essentially opted-in to the receipt of these emails by virtue of their membership, and that these emails would fall under the definition of "transactional emails" that S. 877 contains. Therefore, email between a professional or trade association and its members should be a protected and mutually agreed-to line of communication and is hence not included in the definition of spam in the CAN SPAM Act of 2003.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to call attention to Section 5(a)(3)(C), which provides an exception for not being able to receive the commonly-referred-to "unsubscribe messages" from commercial email recipients in circumstances where there are technical problems beyond the control of the sender. Although I'm sure that legitimate commercial email senders will make every effort to fully comply with the stipulations of this bill and receive unsubscribe emails whenever they are sent, I believe that the authors of this legislation understand that there may be short periods of time during which the sender is unable to receive unsubscribe messages because of necessary technical maintenance to the email systems receiving such unsubscribe messages.

Additionally, where Section 7(b) of the bill provides that banking agencies have enforcement authority over their respective financial services providers, it is my hope that the Federal Trade Commission will coordinate with the various regulators of banking agencies in its efforts to implement the rules called for in this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased with the important bill we have before us today. I strongly urge my colleagues to support this consumer protection and anti-fraud bill, and to quickly send it to the President for his signature.

HONORING FAIRFAX COUNTY
BRANCH OF THE NAACP FOR
THEIR COMMEMORATION OF DR.
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 20, 2004

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Fairfax County Branch of

the NAACP for their effort to honor one of our nation's most treasured heroes, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Together with members from throughout our community, the Fairfax County NAACP has used the anniversary of Dr. King's birthday to commemorate the life and legacy of this great American.

The Fairfax County NAACP has used the teachings and life of Dr. King as inspiration to end the hatred of racism throughout the county and to celebrate the diversity that is common to this vibrant community. Through their efforts they have helped those who have faced discrimination find justice and have encouraged everyone to envision a world without intolerance.

It is important that we honor and celebrate the accomplishments of Dr. King and how he helped our nation deal with the hatred that had threatened to destroy us. By coming together to celebrate his birthday we are honoring a man who gave our nation a new hope that we can all live together. I am certain the celebration that the Fairfax County NAACP is hosting will do justice to the legacy of this great man.

However, we must celebrate what Dr. King taught us not just on his birthday, but every day. Every American should take the time to help their neighbor, enlighten a friend whose mind has been clouded with prejudice, and commit their lives to making the United States the true beacon of justice in the world. We must continue to live by the words of Martin Luther King and "make justice a reality for all of God's children."

We must all strive to achieve the dream that Dr. King imagined for his children, so that our children's children will live in a world free from racism, discrimination and hatred.

I applaud the Fairfax County NAACP for hosting this commemoration of Dr. King's life, a life cut short, but whose ideas, dreams and hopes continue to inspire our lives every day. I am pleased that they are using this opportunity to bring a beacon of light and hope to our community and share the legacy of Dr. King.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PEOPLES
BANK ON 94TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 20, 2004

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and pleasure that I stand before you today to recognize the many accomplishments of Peoples Bank throughout its 94 years of service in the Northwest Indiana community. To commemorate this special occasion, Peoples Bank will be holding an anniversary celebration on Saturday, January 10, 2004, at the Center for Visual and Performing Arts in Munster, Indiana.

Peoples Bank was established in 1910, and was organized to meet the needs of consumers. Peoples Bank was originally known as The First Polish National Building and Loan Association. During that time, it was the main hub for church and social activities in East Chicago, Indiana. Over several decades, the association's name changed numerous times, and in 1989 it was entitled Peoples Bank.