

Bishop Grady has been lauded for his services as a key negotiator in the 1969 hospital strike in Charleston, South Carolina. He has also served as chairman and vice-chairman of the South Carolina Juvenile Parole Board, strategist and advisor of several State and municipal elected officials, and is a past Chairman of the Charleston Community Race Relations Committee. Bishop Grady was a member of the Charleston Housing Authority and has served as a delegate to five World Methodist Conferences. He also served on the local boards of C&S National Bank and NationsBank. He holds life memberships in Beta Mu Sigma Chapter, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., and the NAACP.

On July 14, 1992, Bishop Grady was elected the 111th Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and has served in the 16th and 9th Episcopal Districts and currently serves the 1st Episcopal District.

Bishop Grady is married to Carrie Etta Robertson Grady of Winnsboro, South Carolina. They have four children.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in paying tribute to Bishop Zedekiah Lazette Grady upon his retirement from the Bishopric. In addition to being a great religious leader, he has been a trusted personal confidant. I am proud to have called him my pastor and even prouder to call him my friend.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DON MACKEY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the life and legacy of Don Mackey. Don bravely battled the Storm King Mountain Fire outside the town of Glenwood Springs, Colorado in 1994, but succumbed to the blaze along with thirteen fellow firefighters while working to protect the City. I personally served as a firefighter and understand the risks they face each and everyday. Witnessing the awful inferno that fateful July day, I know Don and his comrades battled the fire with the utmost courage and valor. With the tenth anniversary of the Storm King Fire approaching, I believe it appropriate to recognize the sacrifice Don and the Storm King Firefighters made on behalf of a grateful community, state and nation.

Don grew up in Hamilton, Montana where he attended Hamilton High School. He became a firefighter in 1984 working in the Bitterroot National Forest. He later became a hotshot in 1985 and 1986, an elite group of firefighters who specialize in wildland fire suppression. In 1987 he became a Missoula smokejumper, where he, along with fellow smokejumpers would parachute into rough, mountainous terrain to fight wildfires in areas of forests inaccessible by any other means. He was a dedicated member of his crew, and received a great deal of satisfaction from helping others. Above all, he was devoted to his family and friends.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise before this body of Congress and this Nation to pay tribute to the life and memory of Firefighter Don Mackey. Don was committed to providing high quality professional fire management

services to protect our natural resources, putting himself in harms way for unfamiliar people and places. He made the ultimate sacrifice doing what he loved, and I, along with the Glenwood Springs community and the State of Colorado are eternally grateful to this brave man.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF 2004 LEGRAND SMITH OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD WINNER LORI SYKES OF BRONSON, MICHIGAN

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2004

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, education is the key to our Nation's future prosperity and security. The formidable responsibility of molding and inspiring young minds to the avenues of hope, opportunity and achievement partially rests in the hands of our teachers. Today, I would like to recognize a teacher from Bronson, Michigan that significantly influenced and motivated exceptional students in academics and leadership who were winners of the LeGrand Smith Scholarship.

Lori Sykes teaches Mathematics and Science at Litchfield High School in Litchfield. She is credited with instilling in students an enthusiasm for not only these subjects, but also for life. As one of her students, Lindsey Teller, said, "She taught me a strong work ethic, as she always expected the very best from me. I felt like she was a real person, not just a teacher." The respect and gratitude of her students speak well of Lori's ability to challenge young minds and encourage them to always put forth their best effort.

Lori Sykes' extraordinary work as a teacher has challenged and inspired countless students to move beyond the teenage tendency of superficial study and encourage them to foster deeper thought and connections to the real world. Arguably, no profession is more important because of its daily influence upon the future leaders of our community and our country, and Lori's impact on her students is certainly worthy of recognition.

On behalf of the Congress of the United States of America, I am proud to extend our highest praise to Lori Sykes. We thank her for her continuing dedication to teaching and her willingness and ability to challenge and inspire students to strive for success.

RECOGNITION OF MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM H. RUSS' RETIREMENT AND HIS INVALUABLE SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2004

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to recognize the accomplishments and career of Major General William H. Russ upon his retirement from the United States Army. Formerly the Commanding General of the United States Army Signal Command of Fort Huachuca, Arizona and the Director of Programs and Architec-

ture, Office of the Director of Information Systems for Command, Control, Communications and Computers in Washington, DC, Major General Russ will be relinquishing his position as Commanding General of the United States Army Communications-Electronics Command at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey on Friday, June 25, 2004.

Before pursuing military education, Major General Russ completed a Bachelor of Science degree in Electronics from Florida A&M University and a Master of Science degree in Public Administration from Shippensburg University in Pennsylvania. His military education includes the Signal Basic and Advanced Courses, the Armed Forces Staff College, and the United States Army War College.

His military career has taken him from serving as Communications Officer for the 1st battalion, 32nd Armor, 3rd Armored Division, United States Army Europe and Seventh Army to his current position as Commanding General U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command and Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. During that time he has earned numerous military awards and decorations including: Army Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, and the Meritorious Service Medal (with four Oak Leaf Clusters), to name a few.

A career such as this merits strong praise, Mr. Speaker, and as such I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude to Major General William H. Russ for his service and dedication to this country. My congratulations go to Brigadier General Michael R. Mazzucchi, who will be assuming Major General Russ' station, and my best wishes to Major General Russ and his family upon his retirement.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BONNIE HOLTBY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the life and legacy of Bonnie Holtby of Prineville, Oregon. Bonnie bravely battled the Storm King Mountain Fire outside the town of Glenwood Springs, Colorado in 1994, but succumbed to the blaze along with thirteen fellow firefighters while working to protect the City. I personally served as a firefighter and understand the risks they face each and every day. Witnessing the awful inferno that fateful July day, I know Bonnie and her comrades battled the fire with the utmost courage and valor. With the tenth anniversary of the Storm King Fire approaching, I believe it appropriate to recognize the sacrifice Bonnie and the Storm King Firefighters made on behalf of a grateful community, state and nation.

A third generation firefighter, Bonnie was in her third season with the Prineville Hotshots, an elite group of firefighters who specialize in wildland fire suppression. An exceptional student-athlete, Bonnie participated in basketball, track, cross-country, and weight training during high school, receiving numerous scholar-athlete awards. She was also active in 4-H, which now provides a memorial award in her honor to a 4-H member who exhibits leadership, sportsmanship, and overall success in 4-

H livestock and small animal projects. She was a dedicated member of her crew, and received a great deal of satisfaction from helping others. Above all, she was devoted to her family and friends.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to the life and memory of Firefighter Bonnie Holtby. Bonnie personified the Hotshots credo of Safety, Teamwork and Professionalism; putting herself in harm's way for unfamiliar people and places. She made the ultimate sacrifice doing what she loved, and I, along with the Glenwood Springs community and the State of Colorado are eternally grateful to this brave young woman.

SCOTT LILLY DEDICATION

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2004

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated public servant. Scott Lilly has spent 31 years serving the House of Representatives. Scott's career in Congress started in 1973, coincidentally, the same year I was appointed to the Appropriations Committee. While he has held many distinguished positions during his long tenure in the House, most of his time was spent working in some capacity for the House Appropriations Committee.

Scott started and ended his career working for my friend and Ranking Member, David Obey. He had a brief tenure as the Clerk and Staff Director of the House Appropriations Committee and has spent the last nine years as director of the minority staff of the committee.

Scott is an unapologetic liberal and we have vigorous debates and differences in our committee. But Scott never allowed a political dispute to become personal. We could have a knock-down drag-out fight in committee and after it was over Scott and the staff from both sides of aisle would retire to the Committee's appointed space and enjoy an adult beverage. There was never any lingering ill will or hard feelings.

Scott is a consummate professional. His knowledge and expertise of appropriations matters is rivaled by few. He is a shrewd floor tactician and legislative strategist. Scott will now be able to spend more time in the academic world, a world where he is able draw on his great intellect and wealth of Congressional experience. Our loss is his student's gain. Every class he teaches will be enriched by his thoughtful consideration of complex political and policy questions.

Scott will be sorely missed. I can say with confidence that he will not miss our long markups, our late night conferences and the marathon sessions on the floor. He is a great patriot, a great public servant and a great appropriator. I wish him all the success in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO BISHOP FRANK CURTIS CUMMINGS

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2004

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Bishop Frank Curtis Cummings, one of eight legendary leaders of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME) who will be retiring at this year's Quadrennial Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana. A native of Alabama, Bishop Cummings is the son of Edmond and Annie M. Cummings.

He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Daniel Payne College, a Bachelor of Arts degree from Seattle Pacific College, and a Doctor of Divinity degree from Shorter College. Bishop Cummings followed not only God's call but also his country's call and served in the United States Air Force for three years, and attended the Urban Training Center.

Bishop Cummings was ordained an Itinerant Deacon in 1948 and an Itinerant Elder in 1952. While in those positions, he pastored churches in Aldridge, Alabama; Bremerton, Washington; Santa Barbara, California; and St. Louis, Missouri.

In 1968, he was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the AME's Department of Church Expansion. He founded Allen Travel Service and served as the first Black Vice Chairman on the Civil Service Commission in St. Louis. In addition, he served as President of the Board of Directors for the West End Hospital Association.

Bishop Cummings was elected the 95th Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church at the 1976 General Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. He has presided over the 8th, 1st, 11th, and 6th Episcopal Districts, and entertained the General Conference in New Orleans. He also served as national co-chairman of the first National Assemblé of Black Churches in April 1984 in New Orleans. Bishop Cummings is married to Martha Colly Cummings and the couple has one child.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Bishop Frank Curtis Cummings upon his retirement from the Bishopric. He has provided tremendous leadership for the AME Church. His long history of educational leadership and service will influence future generations for ages to come. AME founder Richard Allen would be deeply proud of his Episcopal descendent.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DOUGLAS DUNBAR

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the life and legacy of Douglas Dunbar of McKenzie Bridge, Oregon. Doug bravely battled the Storm King Mountain Fire outside the town of Glenwood Springs, Colorado in 1994, but succumbed to the blaze along with thirteen fellow firefighters while working to protect the City. I personally served as a firefighter and understand the risks they face each and everyday.

Witnessing the awful inferno that fateful July day I know Doug and his comrades battled the fire with the utmost courage and valor. With the tenth anniversary of the Storm King Fire approaching, I believe it appropriate to recognize the sacrifice Doug and the Storm King Firefighters made on behalf of a grateful community, state, and nation.

Born and raised in McKenzie Bridge, Oregon, Doug attended McKenzie High School where he was an honor student, all star baseball player, and award-winning saxophonist. He was attending Southern Oregon State College where he was completing his business degree. In 1990 he began working for the Forest Service to help pay for his education. Doug immensely enjoyed the job and the people he worked with on the Prineville Hotshot Crew, an elite group of firefighters who specialize in wildland fire suppression. Doug had a true love for the outdoors, and was an accomplished skier who was pursuing a career in the ski industry. Above all, he was devoted to his family and friends.

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J. Barry Weldon teaches Modern American History and Government at Morenci High School in Morenci. He is credited with instilling in students an enthusiasm for not only these subjects, but also for life. As one of his students, Rosanna Green said, Mr. Weldon is an amazing educator. In everything he teaches he adds excitement for learning. He also taught me important life lessons and influenced me to always try hard and be the best I possibly can be." The respect and gratitude of his students speaks well of Barry's ability to challenge young minds and encourage them to always put forth their best effort.

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