

need to know what our intelligence community knew and knows.

Many of the allegations are true, we just don't know which ones yet. We should be long past asking whether something went wrong in OFF. It's time to find out exactly what went wrong and who is responsible.

Our staff has been through the minutes of the U.N. "661 (six-six-one) Committee" of Security Council members responsible for sanctions monitoring and oversight of OFF. Those minutes tell a story of diplomatic obfuscation and an obvious, purposeful unwillingness to acknowledge the program was being corrupted. Questions about oil or commodity contracts were dismissed as dubious media rumors beneath the dignity of the U.N. to answer, while Saddam was given the undeserved benefit of every doubt.

We cannot ignore the profoundly serious allegations of malfeasance in the Oil-for-Food Program. To do so would be to deny the Iraqi people the accounting they deserve and leave the U.N. under an ominous cloud. This is the Iraqi's money we're talking about, so the Iraqi Governing Council and its successor should get cooperation from the CPA and the State Department in conducting its inquiries.

In Iraq, and elsewhere, the world needs an impeccably clean, transparent U.N. The dominant instrument of multilateral diplomacy should embody our highest principles and aspirations, not systematically sink to the lowest common denominator of politics profiteering.

This emerging scandal is a huge black mark against the United Nations and only a prompt and thorough accounting, including punishment for any found culpable, will restore U.N. credibility and integrity.

That is why it is critical to get to the bottom of the corruption. In order to do that we need to the intelligence community to better assist the Congress in its investigations.

Mr. Chairman, this Sense of Congress will help address the difficulties many committees have had obtaining information and documents—especially from the intelligence community—pertaining to the Iraq Oil-for-Food Program. This amendment should reinforce the importance Congress places on the Oil-for-Food investigations.

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY RECOGNIZES AND CELEBRATES THE CONTRIBUTION OF REVEREND WILLIE MAE NANTON, PASTOR OF THE CADWALADER-ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the eve of her retirement to recognize Reverend Willie Mae Nanton for her role as a pastor and community activist.

As Pastor of Cadwalader-Asbury United Methodist Church for the past 7 years, she has inspired and touched the lives of many. She is the first female pastor of the church in its 100-year history as well as the first female President of the Concerned Pastors and Ministers of Trenton and Vicinity. She has been an instrumental part of these organizations not only as a leader but also as a friend.

Rev. Nanton also has been involved with other organizations in her community, serving as a Board member of the Economic Development Corporation, a Board member of Black United Methodist for Church Renewal, a past president of the Northwest District Board of Ordained Ministry, a Board member of Ecclesia Ecumenical Ministry, a past Board member of Big Brothers & Sisters, and a Board member of Leadership Trenton. Through these organizations, she has positively contributed to the Trenton community's development and the spiritual growth of its members.

Over the years, Rev. Nanton has improved the quality of life of individuals in her community by being involved in Leadership Training Workshops, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counseling, Community Organization Development Planning and Management, Group Counseling, Interfaith Care Givers, and Meals on Wheels of Trenton. New Jersey is fortunate to have such a dedicated servant, and she deserves the utmost praise and recognition.

She has earned our heartfelt appreciation for a noble career of public and private service, and I urge all of my colleagues to join me today in recognizing her achievements.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, had I not been detained in Colorado earlier this week attending the funeral of a close family friend, I would have voted accordingly on those votes on which I was forced to be absent: rollcall No. 276 (H. Res. 591), "yea"; rollcall No. 277 (H. R. 4363), "yea"; rollcall No. 278 (H. Res. 660), "yea"; rollcall No. 279 (H. Res. 683), "yea"; rollcall No. 280 (H. Res. 683), "yea"; rollcall No. 281 (H. Con. Res. 449), "yea"; rollcall No. 282 (H. Con. Res. 13), "yea"; rollcall No. 283 (Amendment to H.R. 4613), "no"; rollcall No. 284 (H.R. 4613), "yea"; rollcall No. 285 (H. Res. 658), "yea"; rollcall No. 286 (H. Res. 686), "yea."

TRIBUTE TO ARCHBISHOP WILBERT S. MCKINLEY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Archbishop Wilbert S. McKinley in recognition of his spiritual leadership in the community.

Archbishop Wilbert S. McKinley is the senior pastor of The Elim International Fellowship.

The doors of the church were opened for ministry on July 26, 1964. As the founding pastor, Archbishop McKinley has served the church faithfully for 40 years.

Archbishop McKinley has an overwhelming passion to introduce people, especially men, to the Church and the teachings of Jesus Christ. Archbishop McKinley believes that these teachings hold the key to every door. He is especially called to reach black men with the message of hope through Jesus

Christ and with the necessity of embracing one's spiritual, national and racial identity.

Archbishop McKinley has been a gift to the Church. In addition to his pastoral duties, he is a leader who is committed to sharing his time and talent with others.

Mr. Speaker, Archbishop Wilbert S. McKinley has been a spiritual leader in his community for more than 40 years. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

IN LASTING MEMORY OF BILLY BOB SMITH

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the life of Billy Bob Smith from Prescott, Arkansas, who died Sunday, June 13, 2004, at the age of 83. As a husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, nephew and friend, his life was full of achievements and honors that impacted his entire community.

Mr. Smith was born December 10, 1920, in Nevada County. The World War II veteran was the recipient of 5 battle stars and an Oakleaf, participating in the Battle of the Bulge as well as the Normandy Invasion. His courage and patriotism led him to serve in the 413th Antiaircraft Artillery battalion, C Battery in Central Europe, the Ardennes, the Rhineland, Normandy and Northern France. For his dedication and loyalty to our nation, we will forever be grateful.

Mr. Smith was a selfless public servant and a leader, spending much of his adult life serving his fellow citizens in Nevada County. He was a member of the Prescott Church of Christ and served as a Justice of the Peace for 14 years.

I am deeply saddened by the death of Mr. Smith. His loyalty and dedication to Nevada County, his family and his country will forever be remembered. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Elya, his son, Michael, and his three daughters, Bobbie, Donna, and Jan.

HONORING DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS GENESEE CHAPTER NO. 3

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to honor the members of the Disabled American Veterans Genesee Chapter No. 3 as they celebrate their 75th anniversary on July 11, 2004 with local veterans and their families.

The Disabled American Veterans Genesee Chapter No. 3, of which my father, Timothy L. Kildee, was a member, was founded on March 18, 1929. The members of this non-profit organization have worked diligently on the behalf of America's wounded war heroes to ensure that they are not forgotten by our government and society. Through their efforts and generous donations from the community, they are able to assist disabled veterans by providing services such as transportation to and