

Church. Through Dr. Wright's vision and leadership, this church has made a significant contribution to the lives of thousands of West Virginians.

Maranatha is also widely known for the Semi-annual Passion Play that was created by Virginia Wright, wife of Pastor James Wright. This play reaches 15,000–18,000 people in eight performances, which is another example of this church's ever-growing ministry.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Maranatha Fellowship Church as they celebrate their twenty-eight years of ministry to the Kanawha Valley and West Virginia.

IN HONOR OF THE WESTERN
STAGE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Western Stage on the 30th Anniversary of its first performance in our community.

The Western Stage, founded in 1974 on the campus of Hartnell College, is the Salinas Valley's public theatre and is a leading arts institution of Monterey County with a national presence and impact. For over three decades The Western Stage has served the diverse population of the central coast region of California, presenting an annual season of plays and musicals and educational programming of the highest professional standard. Over 400 students, community members and professionals participate each year, and the annual audience numbers exceed 25,000 patrons.

The Western Stage also engages the community via its involvement with Hartnell Community College. The Western Stage Auxiliary Corporation is governed by a board of directors composed of community leaders and elected trustees of the College. The Western Stage manages the Hartnell College Performing Arts Center and administers the academic theatre program for the Hartnell College District under the direction of John Light, Melissa Chin Parker and Jon Patrick Selover, three company veterans with an average of 15 years each of experience with the Western Stage.

Furthermore, The Western Stage is a founding partner of the John Steinbeck Chair at Hartnell College and The National Steinbeck Center, the Salinas Public Library and Partners for Peace, and has numerous artistic accomplishments of note with adaptations of major works of American literature and that of John Steinbeck: *East of Eden* (1992, 1994, 2000), *Tortilla Flat* (2001), *Viva! Zapata* (2000), *Cannery Row* (1995 & 2005) and *Travels With Charley* (1998); as well as adaptations in collaboration with authors Studs Terkel (*The Good War* 1988), Ray Bradbury (*Something Wicked This Way Comes*, 1991) and Victor Villaseñor (*Rain of Gold* 2003 & 2005); and world premieres of *Summer Stock* (for Harold Arlen, 2000) and *Song of Survival* (for WWII Dutch POW Helen Colijn, by California's Ray and Eleanor Harder, 1997).

Today's performance of *Sweeney Todd*, the *Demon Barber of Fleet Street*, directed by Jon Patrick Selover, commemorates 30 years

since That Championship Season opened the Hartnell College Performing Arts Center, directed by founder of The Western Stage, Ron Danko.

Clearly, The Western Stage has a commitment to the artistic health of the community providing support and assistance to and nurturing young artists and arts organizations. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to thank The Western Stage for the outstanding work it has done and honor the many accomplishments of its staff and volunteers.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JACK QUINN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Jack Quinn, the Director of the Housing Authority for the City of Pueblo, Colorado who has dedicated his life to improving the lives of others in need. It is a privilege to stand before this body of Congress and this Nation and recognize his outstanding record of service to the Pueblo community today.

Jack grew up in Connecticut and graduated from Fairfield University with a degree in Chemistry, but his life took a different path when he took a volunteer job with the Catholic Diocese of Pueblo. After teaching grade school Jack found his passion working with the Pueblo Housing Authority where he has served with distinction for thirty-six years.

Today, he and his sixty-five person staff manage 2,500 housing units in the city. They are responsible for renovating several Pueblo properties and turning them into affordable housing for low-income families, preserving historical landmarks in the process. In addition to his work with the Housing Authority, Jack spends his spare time serving on local boards such as the United Way, the Packard Foundation and the Boys Club.

Mr. Speaker, Jack Quinn is a dedicated member of his community who has made a difference in the lives of his fellow citizens. I am honored to stand before this body of Congress and this Nation and recognize his exemplary record of service. Thanks for all your hard work Jack, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE OBITUARY
OF DR. BOBBY JOE TOLBERT

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I regret to inform the House that during the October break, a great American, the Reverend Doctor Bobby Joe Tolbert passed away. His memorial service was held October 12th at the Bethel Baptist Church in Three Rivers, Michigan.

Rev. Tolbert was a strong man of faith and he was a pillar of strength in St. Joe County. He was respected by all and made a difference for thousands—whether it was thru his service on the school board, pulpit, business board member, Dad, and husband. All that knew him miss him but know he is now praying for us.

I ask that the Celebration of Life obituary be printed in the RECORD.

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Dr. Bobby Joe Tolbert was the fourteenth child born to the union of Woodie and Jatie Tolbert in Montevello, Alabama. He was preceded in death by both parents and nine siblings; Woodie, Jr., Madelyn McComb, Andrew Tolbert, William Tolbert, Lonnie Tolbert, Rosie Bell Tolbert, Georgia Harris, Lois Mays, and Earlene Williams. Dr. Tolbert received his early education and confessed his faith and hope in God in Montevello.

As a young man, Dr. Tolbert moved to Chicago, Illinois where he played professional baseball in the Negro American League. From there he entered the White Sox Organization, playing in the Minor Leagues for the Kansas City Monarchs.

He attended Cortez Peters Business College where he met his loving and devoted wife. This union was blessed with two sons Darryl Wayne and Reginald Fitzgerald. Under the mentoring of his father-in-law, Reverend F.L. Porter, Sr., he received his call to the ministry—thereby moving from the ball team to "God's Team."

Desiring to prepare for the ministry, he matriculated to Chicago Baptist Institute, De Paul University and he received an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from Tennessee School of Religion, Memphis, Tennessee.

Dr. Tolbert was called to the pastorate of Bethel Baptist Church in Three Rivers, Michigan over thirty-six years ago, where he served as a steadfast and devout leader of God's people until he went home to be with the Lord. Under his charge, they built a new church edifice; he developed and built a Recreation and Learning Center; and he set up a College Scholarship Program for underprivileged students. In addition to all of Dr. Tolbert's spiritual endeavors, he made a lasting impact on the whole city of Three Rivers.

His civic activities over the years of dedicated service include: Three Rivers Community Chest Board, St. Joseph County Mental Health Board, President of Three Rivers Ministerial Association, Sixteen years as President of the Three Rivers Branch NAACP, Sixteen years on the Three Rivers Hospital Authority Board, Kalamazoo/St. Joseph County Private Industry Council (five years), Three Rivers Community School Board of Education (five years), two of those years as President.

Dr. Tolbert participated in the organization and implementation of the Biddy Basketball program (now called Junior Pro), and Fraternal Order of Police Baseball Program which he coached for five years. As a member of the Civitan Service Club, he helped organize the first youth chapter of Civitan.

Dr. Tolbert served on the Three Rivers School Board Committee for the building of Three Rivers Middle School, and many other advisory committees. Pastor Tolbert has supported the total community, all while serving his people in the Pastoral Ministry position.

Dr. Tolbert's life work centered on his deep commitment to do God's will as a spiritual leader, his family and his community. He was a man of faith, integrity, and deep conviction. The legacy he has left will be a guiding force for countless numbers. His memory, the lessons he taught and the love he shared is motivation for us to continue to carry the torch and make this world a better place.

He leaves to cherish his memory and celebrate his life: his beloved wife of forty-five years—Henri'Etta; two sons—Darryl Wayne (Connie) of Flint, Michigan and Reginald

Fitzgerald (Victoria) of Jacksonville, Florida; six grandchildren—Wayne Tolbert, Daniel Tolbert, and Dylan Tolbert of Three Rivers, Michigan and Jessica Tolbert, Brittany Marie Tolbert, and Joshua Tolbert of Jacksonville, Florida; four sisters—Mary Ella Bender of Montgomery, Alabama, Ethel Crenshaw (John) of Chicago, Illinois, Helen Tinker of Chereville, Indiana, and Wilma Abrams (Walter) of North Chicago, Illinois; a host of nieces and nephews; a very special friend, Dr. Leroy Shelton; adopted parents, Dr. W.G. and Mary Terry; his wonderful and loving Bethel Church Family; and a countless number of friends.

CONGRATULATING JUDGE COLIE
NICHOLS ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Judge Colie Nichols, Jr., on his retirement from the Santa Rosa County Courthouse.

Colie Nichols was born in Graceville, Florida on February 5, 1935 to the proud parents Colie, Sr. and Gladys Nichols. In 1955, he married Freida King and had three children, Rod, Stan, and Garth. After earning his Bachelor's of Science degree at Florida State University in 1959, Colie went on to become a probation and parole supervisor for the next eight years.

In 1973 Governor Reuben Askew appointed Colie Nichols for County Judge, and for the last thirty years Judge Nichols has been a fixture on the bench. Since 1982 he has been re-elected without opposition and now a state age limitation for judges is forcing the 69-year-old to retire this year.

His retirement is the ending of an era, an era in which any profession could be a means into the judicial sector. Judge Nichols was not an attorney, yet excelled at providing justice for all in his courtroom.

Even though Judge Nichols was busy as an overseer of justice, he also remained active in his community. He was a member of the Governor's Advisory Committee on Criminal Justice, a member of Alcoholism Rehabilitation Advisory Subcouncil, First Vice-President of the Florida Conference of County Judges, President of the Milton Lions Club, President of the United Way of Santa Rosa County, and many other educational and community centered organizations.

Today, I salute a man who has dedicated his life to protecting freedom, ensuring liberty, and defending the principles of this country. His exemplary service has guaranteed that the United States will continue to prosper as the world's greatest nation.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to congratulate Judge Colie Nichols, Jr. on his retirement and wish him many more years of success and happiness.

CAFTA

HON. CASS BALLENGER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, during my nearly two decades in Congress, our country has made major efforts throughout the world to develop the growth and success of democratic governments. Because of our efforts in Central America over the years, the specter of Communism has receded and the democracies and economies of El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Honduras are beginning to flourish. These countries have now had at least three peaceful changes of government through elections. I think we in this body should be proud of the part we have played in their success.

Mr. Speaker, much of this success is due to opening up trade between the U.S. and Central America. With the Caribbean Basin Initiative, we have helped build growing economies based on trade with the United States. More prosperity in CBI countries leads to more successful democratic governments in this hemisphere and more prosperity and security here at home.

At the present time we are undertaking a similar mission in the Middle East. Increasing democracy and freedom in that region is vital to the war on terrorism and America's security. However, we must not let our focus on Iraq and Afghanistan cause us to forget the work that remains to be done to strengthen our neighbors in Central America. We have come too far to abandon them now.

Five Central American nations and the Dominican Republic have negotiated a free trade agreement with the United States that, despite concerns voiced by some in this country, is beneficial to all concerned. The presidents of the Central American nations have approved this agreement and these nations are now waiting for us to join them in making the Central American Free Trade Agreement a reality.

Mr. Speaker, as we continue to divert our attention elsewhere, time is running out for our legislature to approve DR-CAFTA. Without this agreement, the democracies we have helped build in Central America will be less prosperous in the increasingly competitive global marketplace. Unless we allow these fledgling democracies the access they need to compete with the rising tide of Chinese imports, they will be more likely to revert to corrupt regimes that base their existence on trade in illegal drugs instead of trade in goods and services.

It would be a tragedy to abandon our Central American neighbors now. We in this body have done so much to foster democracy and economic stability in Central America—we cannot allow them to fail at this crucial moment. I urge my colleagues to support DR-CAFTA and I urge the House leadership to bring it to the floor for a vote this year.

HONORING OWENSBORO SOUTHERN
LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Owensboro Southern Little League Baseball Team for their remarkable season and recent participation in the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. They demonstrated great sportsmanship before a national audience, representing competitive values that make Kentucky proud.

The hours of extra practice under the leadership of Manager Vic Evans, Jr, brought this impressive distinction to the State of Kentucky and City of Owensboro. I want my colleagues in the House of Representatives to know of the pride that I have in representing these athletes and their families.

I would like to commend Owensboro Southern for their magnificent season—an effort that epitomized team work, sportsmanship, and persistence. I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating these young athletes for their achievement and wish them continued success in seasons to come

IN HONOR OF DAVID W. HOLMES

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to honor and pay tribute to David W. Holmes for his twenty years of service as a SCORE Counselor in Delaware. Dr. Holmes, born and raised in Fremont, Ohio, earned a Bachelor's degree from Amherst College and a Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of Michigan. After completing his education, Dr. Holmes began what would become a thirty-seven year career with the Dupont Company.

During the course of his career with the Dupont Company, Dr. Holmes took on assignments in research, sales, and manufacturing. In addition, he spent his final twenty years with the company handling senior management responsibilities in manufacturing and worldwide sales. Upon his retirement from Dupont, Dr. Holmes spent three years working in the small business world. It was during these three years that he was able to gain valuable experience in various different business environments, from the small to the very large.

In 1983, Dr. Holmes joined SCORE (Service Corp of Retired Executives). SCORE, an organization that counsels the small business community, is staffed entirely by volunteers. These volunteers give their time and energy to assist others in both starting up and effectively operating small businesses. Specifically, Dr. Holmes' service to SCORE and the small business community has centered around counseling, training and information sessions for small businesses throughout the State of Delaware. He has assisted with entrepreneurial educational projects and presented a plethora of business training workshops.

Mr. Speaker, I commend and congratulate Dr. Holmes on reaching the tremendous milestone of twenty years of volunteer service with