

2nd Assistant Chief of the Selbyville Delaware Volunteer Fire Company. In 1972, he served as the Chief of the Selbyville Fire Company, a post he would hold again from 1996–1997.

In his 38 years, Ray has served the Selbyville Fire Company in a variety of other positions, including work as Assistant Treasurer, a 32-year stint as an Engineer, and his current work as both a human resources officer and a safety officer. After serving as President of the Selbyville Fire Company, Ray moved to the Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association, where he would serve as President from 1999–2000.

As you know, firefighters are of critical importance to our society. In order to be as effective as possible, they require dedicated and organized supporters. Over the past year, Ray has exemplified these qualities and effectively led the DVFA. For his hard work, both the State of Delaware and the United States of America are indebted to him.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to congratulate Mr. Stevens on his exceptional career of service and dedication. DVFA 1st Vice-President and incoming President Ken Pyle and 2nd Vice-President Alan Robinson join me in congratulating Ray on his service as President of the DVFA.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
FATHER JOHN C. DALTON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Father John C. Dalton, Pastor Emeritus of Holy Name Church of Cleveland, Ohio, whose love, kindness and faithful service to the people of Cleveland will be remembered always.

Pastor Dalton entered St. Mary's Seminary in 1943 and was ordained into the priesthood in 1948. For sixty-five years, Pastor Dalton served the people of our community, young and old. He baptized more than 2,000 parishioners and united 545 couples in marriage. At Holy Name parish, Pastor Dalton tended to the spiritual and humanitarian needs of the parishioners, and extended his assistance out into the community.

Pastor Dalton's vision and focus on uplifting his community manifested itself along Broadway Avenue and beyond, where he led efforts to improve Holy Name church and school, and even helped out in the construction of new ball fields. His compassion, patience and love for others reflected throughout his life of service, from tenure as teacher, to his position as Associate Director of Services for the Deaf; to his neighborhood activism and work as a counselor within self-help groups. Even following his retirement, Pastor Dalton continued his life-long mission of regular visits to hospitals and the homebound, offering comfort and support to our most vulnerable citizens.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join us in tribute and remembrance of Father John C. Dalton, Pastor Emeritus of Holy Name Parish of Cleveland. Pastor Dalton's steadfast service to others, framed by compassion, understanding, and a warm smile, offered healing, hope and faith to all of us. I extend my deepest condolences to the family of Pastor Dalton,

to the parishioners of Holy Name Church, and to the entire Broadway Avenue community. Pastor Dalton will be deeply missed by everyone who knew and loved him well, yet his light and love will always serve as a guiding force throughout our community and will radiate forever along Broadway Avenue and far beyond.

IN LASTING MEMORY OF ROBERT
COMPTON

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2005

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Robert "Bob" Compton of El Dorado, Arkansas. Mr. Compton passed away on Saturday, August 6th at the age of 76.

A graduate of Hendrix College in 1949 and the University of Arkansas Law School in 1952, Mr. Compton was an agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and in 1970 ran for the Democratic nomination for Governor of Arkansas. Additionally, Mr. Compton was a Special Associate Justice and Special Chief Justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court and served as Special Chairman of the Arkansas Public Service Commission.

A member of the Arkansas Bar Association and President from 1975–1976, Mr. Compton distinguished himself among his colleagues as an outstanding attorney. This is further evidenced by his receipt of the Arkansas Outstanding Lawyer Award in 1988, a classroom dedicated in his name at the University of Arkansas School of Law in May 2004, and the Arkansas Bar Foundation Award for Excellence in June 2004.

Mr. Compton was a respected attorney and was dedicated to his family, community and state. Bob was a good friend who inspired me through his wise counsel, deeds and actions, just as he has so many others over the years. Bob leaves the City of El Dorado and the State of Arkansas a better place because of his many contributions.

Bob Compton truly led an exemplary life and developed a profound respect for our legal system. My deepest sympathies go out to his wife, Margaret Compton, their sons, Robert C. Compton, Jr. and Walter Knox Compton, their daughter, Cathleen Compton, and their grandchildren, Maggie, Whitley, Jackson, and Tyler.

TRIBUTE TO AMY SURGINER
LIGON NORTHPROP

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2005

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Amy Surginer Ligon Northrop on the occasion of her 100th birthday. Born September 28, 1905 in Dixiana, South Carolina, Mrs. Northrop became a successful entrepreneur, owning several businesses, including a thriving beauty shop and a laundromat in Columbia, South Carolina.

Mrs. Northrop, a pioneer among African American businesswomen, attended grade

school in Dixiana and St. Ann Episcopal School in Cayce, South Carolina. She received her bachelor's degree from Allen University in Columbia, South Carolina, where she later established a scholarship named after her and her late husband, John. With a boundless thirst for knowledge, she furthered her education at Tennessee State University, South Carolina State University, Almanella School of Beauty Culture, and the Manhattan Trade School in New York.

Broadening her knowledge of life and mankind through travel, Mrs. Northrop was at various times, a resident of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York. With her foresight and vision, she opened a beauty shop in Brooklyn, New York. She relocated to South Carolina in 1935 and opened Amy's Beauty Shop. In 1936, she became a member of the South Carolina State Cosmetology Association and the first clinic for the association was held at her business. When the Columbia Citywide Cosmetology Association was organized in 1938, Mrs. Northrop became one of the charter members.

In 1941, she successfully negotiated affiliation with the National Beauty Culturists League for the Columbia association. She became a state organizer at a national beauticians' convention and organized beauticians throughout the State. Her interest in cosmetology led to extensive travel throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

Mrs. Northrop has received numerous certificates and awards for her outstanding contributions to the field of cosmetology. In 1945, she received the great honor of being the first African American state inspector of beauty shops in South Carolina. A tireless civic leader, Mrs. Northrop founded Gamma Epsilon, a chapter of the Alpha Chi Pi Mega Sorority, whose first members were beauticians from Charleston, Sumter, Kingstree, and Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

As an entrepreneur, she was successful in securing the purchase of property on Clark Street in Columbia as a headquarters for the city's beauticians' association. She later helped to secure the land on Fontaine Road where the State Cosmetology Headquarters, the Margarette H. Miller Cosmetology Center, now stands.

Mrs. Northrop is a life member of Mt. Pisgah African Methodist Episcopal Church in Dixiana, South Carolina, where she organized the Youth Church, the Pull Together Club, the National Council of Negro Women, and the NAACP. In 1997, she relocated to the Washington, DC area to live with her niece and nephew, Rose and Edgar Crook, and worships with them at Shiloh Baptist Church. She continues to maintain strong ties to South Carolina, however, and visits as often as she can.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in saluting Mrs. Amy Surginer Ligon, one of South Carolina's and America's finest citizens, as she celebrates her 100th birthday.

COUNCIL OF KHALISTAN CONVENTION TO BE HELD OCTOBER 7 TO 9 IN DETROIT

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2005

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, the Council of Khalistan will be holding its annual convention in Detroit next month. It will be held from October 7 through October 9. This is a very appropriate date because Khalistan declared its independence from India on October 7, 1987 and the Council of Khalistan was formed at that time to lead the struggle to liberate Khalistan, a struggle that continues to this day, 18 years later.

It is outrageous that this struggle has had to go on so long, but the Council of Khalistan has been tireless in keeping it going and keeping the flame of freedom for the Sikh nation burning. I salute them on their convention and I wish them success both with their convention and with their efforts to bring freedom to the Sikh people.

It is time for India to get out of Khalistan and allow the people there to live in freedom. Until then, Mr. Speaker, we should stop our aid and trade with India and demand self-determination for the people of Khalistan, for the Kashmiris, as India promised in 1948, for the people of Nagaland, and for all the people and nations of South Asia. That is the only way to bring peace and stability to that troubled region.

IN MEMORY OF RONALD HYATT

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember former Marine Ronald Hyatt, of Calera, Alabama for serving our country in Iraq.

Hyatt was based in southern Iraq as a security contractor for Triple Canopy and worked with the Bureau of Diplomatic Security. He was killed Wednesday, September 7th when a bomb went off in the lead vehicle of a motorcade escort from the airport to the U.S. Embassy in Basra.

In my recent visit to Iraq, Hyatt was a member of the detail that protected my mission. His group watched over the delegation as we traveled into dangerous territory. I was fortunate enough to have met him and honored to have him protect our unit. He was courageous, thoughtful and a true American. Today, I would like to recognize and celebrate his life.

He will be remembered as a family man, a former Marine, a reserve, and to those who knew him, just one of those guys you never forget. Please keep his wife, Robin, and their four small children in your thoughts.

It was my honor to have met Ronald Hyatt. I extend my deepest sympathies to his family and friends. He will be deeply missed and his service was greatly appreciated.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF JUDGE ANDREW BOYKO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Judge Andrew Boyko, dedicated husband, father and grandfather, friend and mentor, and WWII Navy Veteran. Judge Boyko's professional career as Municipal Judge, law director and assistant prosecutor in the City of Parma, reflects a legacy of grace and excellence that extended from the courtroom to the community.

Judge Boyko's unwavering work ethic and sense of service to others characterized who he was and how he lived his life. He grew up in Cleveland, graduated from West Tech High School in 1941, and served as a Navy Corpsman during WWII. After the war, he graduated from John Carroll University and in 1955, Judge Boyko earned a law degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.

In the early 1960's, he settled in Parma with his family, where he served as an assistant prosecutor until 1963, when he was elected to the post of law director. Judge Boyko's political ingenuity shone through when he orchestrated a bid for the post of law director for the City of Parma through a write-in campaign, successfully clinching the Democratic Party's nomination. He served as law director until 1987, when he was appointed to the municipal bench, where he served until his retirement in 1993. Although his professional achievements were significant, family and community were a consistent priority in Judge Boyko's life. He was an active member of numerous civic organizations, including the Elks Club, American Legion Post 572, Municipal Judges Association and the Citizens League, and he served on the Board of the Parma Savings Association. Judge Boyko embraced his heritage through his involvement at St. Andrew Ukrainian Catholic Church, where he headed the Ukrainian Youth League.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Judge Andrew Boyko. His commitment to his family and to his community defined his life, and he will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him well. I extend my deepest condolences to his wife of 55 years, Eve; to his sons, Chris, Tim, Greg and Jeff; to his ten grandchildren; to his brothers, Michael and Nicholas; and to his extended family members and many friends. Judge Boyko's life was lived with joy, energy and in service to others. His unyielding integrity and faith in our legal system will continue on as a guiding force of truth, fairness and justice for all.

A TRIBUTE TO THE CAREER OF JUDGE EDWARD THOMAS SMITHERMAN, JR.

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2005

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Judge Edward Thomas Smitherman, Jr. to Hot Springs, Ar-

kansas and congratulate him on his retirement.

For more than 16 years, Judge Smitherman served on the bench of the 18th Judicial Circuit-East, both as a circuit and chancery judge. He served with distinction as the circuit's first administrative judge, a member of the Ad Hoc Committee on Uniform Reporting of Case Information, and as chairman of the Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners. Judge Smitherman has also given back to the Hot Springs community by serving on several civic boards including the Hot Springs Optimist Club, the Area Council of Aging, the Boys Club, the Salvation Army and the Hot Springs School Board.

I wish Judge Smitherman the best of luck and success in future endeavors and safe travels in his retirement.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3132, CHILDREN'S SAFETY ACT OF 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 14, 2005

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of H.R. 3132, the Children's Safety Act of 2005. I can think of few offenses more horrifying than sexually assaulting or abusing a child. Children are among our society's most vulnerable and it's up to us, the adults, to protect them.

We have all heard the tragic stories about young children being kidnaped, assaulted, and too often murdered by sexual offenders who in some cases have been living in the same neighborhoods as these kids. Tragically, many of these offenders have committed multiple crimes against children. According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, more than 500,000 sex offenders are registered in the United States and as many as 100,000 sex offenders cannot be located by law enforcement. Statistics from the Bureau of Justice show that child molesters who are released from prison are more likely to be rearrested for child molestation than other sex and non-sex offenders. Approximately 3.3 percent of 4,300 released child molesters in 1994 were rearrested for another sex crime against a child within 3 years. For those who had more than one prior arrest for child molestation, 7.3 percent were likely to be rearrested for the same crime. And 24 percent of released offenders were reconvicted for a new offense, encompassing all types of crimes.

The legislation before us today would accomplish several critical objectives including requiring sex offenders to register more often and for longer periods of time, providing the public with access to more information on sex offenders, creating new penalties, and requiring DNA to be used to identify and prosecute sex offenders. However, I do share the concerns expressed by some of my colleagues regarding the limitations contained in the bill regarding the review of habeas corpus petitions by Federal courts.

I would like to thank Ranking Member CONYERS for offering an amendment today that is based on legislation that I have introduced, H.R. 1193, the "Hate Crime Statistics Improvement Act," which would require the Attorney General to collect data about gender-