

Mr. Speaker her plan includes: Transferring long-term housing from FEMA to HUD, the people who understand housing; settling the elderly and disabled into long-term government housing; and developing affordable rental housing while repairing the battered homes of survivors.

We cannot turn a blind eye to survivors. The victims of these natural disasters and their needs cannot be ignored. They need their government to finally help them find the calm after the storm.

That's just the way it is.

IN HONOR OF SERGEANT VINCENT
FISCELLA

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to Sergeant Vincent Fiscella a 17-year veteran of the Delaware State Police and the 2006 recipient of the Legacy of Honor Award presented by the Ronald G. Williams Foundation.

In 2003, The Ronald G. Williams, Jr. Foundation instituted the "Legacy of Honor" Award to recognize Delaware law enforcement officers who distinguish themselves through exemplary integrity and devotion to character. Sergeant Fiscella is a very worthy recipient of this award and I'm proud to honor him today. Sergeant Fiscella also serves as the President of the Delaware State Troopers Association.

The Legacy of Honor Award was created in memory of Delaware State Trooper Ronald Williams who was dedicated to the ideals of honor, duty, loyalty and service to others. Sergeant Fiscella joins two other distinguished individuals who have received the Legacy of Honor Award: Chief Kevin McDermby of New Castle County Police and Major Joseph Papili of the Delaware State Police.

Sergeant Fiscella's desire to become a Delaware State Trooper was born out of a will to be a part of an organization with rich tradition and history. Since 1923, the Delaware State Police have been serving the people of Delaware and now more than ever, the importance of effective law enforcement is apparent. Thankfully, there are officers like Sergeant Fiscella serving and protecting our communities.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to once again, commend Sergeant Fiscella on his achievement and thank him and all law-enforcement officials for all the tireless work they undertake to make our streets and communities safe places to live. I'm sure Sergeant Fiscella is and will continue to be an inspiration to his colleagues and future law-enforcement officers.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF
JIM EMFINGER

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jim Emfinger of Mobile, Alabama,

for his dedicated, inspiring work as an umpire at Mobile Municipal Park. For over 25 years, Jim, affectionately known as "Big Blue," has given his own special touch to the game of baseball and the development of little boys and girls who are learning at a very young age the rules of America's pastime.

All across America, baseball is an important part of our lives, full of history and tradition. From little league games in small towns, to enjoying a box of Cracker Jacks and a hot dog at a major league ballpark, there is no other sport that is as American as baseball. Jim Emfinger has enriched this tradition with a sense of kindness and humanity for which we should all strive both on and off the field.

Jim is well known for helping out the young girls and boys at Mobile Municipal Park, calling a time out if a player needs help or lending a hand if someone gets hurt while sliding into home. On more than one occasion, Jim has pretended to help tie a youngster's shoe while secretly telling him how to hold the bat. I have heard nothing but praise for Jim from the countless parents, coaches, and players who have been lucky enough to be a part of one of the many little league games that Jim has umpired. As the father of a little slugger myself, I can say I have witnessed first-hand the numerous times Jim Emfinger's love of children and love of baseball have come together to make a positive difference.

With a remarkable sense of patience and class, Jim Emfinger is a man who not only honors the game of baseball, but he is a role model to all of the parents and children he meets.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a dedicated community leader and friend to many throughout south Alabama. I know Jim's family and friends, along with past and present ball players, join me in praising his accomplishments and extending thanks for his many efforts over the years on behalf of the city of Mobile and all the future "Hall of Famers" who live there.

TRIBUTE TO REV. JOSEPH CALVIN
NEAL

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of Rev. Joseph Calvin Neal, from Carroll County in my district in Georgia.

Rev. Neal began life in Carroll County as one of 12 children of a single mother. As a young teen, he took a job at the Green Front, a locally owned restaurant, and was renowned for his ability to take the orders of multiple patrons with no notes and never missing a beat.

Rev. Neal became so beloved by key community leaders that they got him a job at Sunset Hills Country Club and eventually encouraged and supported him at Paine College in Augusta, where he received a degree in music.

The Lord called Rev. Neal to the ministry, and after his training was complete, he began serving as the pastor of several Methodist churches in west Georgia.

But his service at his churches wasn't his only job. During his time as pastor, he also

worked for the Douglas & Lomason Company, one of the major producers of car parts in the country. Even after the plant in Carrollton closed down, the company trusted Rev. Neal with the oversight of the company property for years afterward.

But even in working two jobs, Rev. Neal never lost sight of his ministry. Normally, a Methodist pastor serves one church and is moved from church to church every five or so years. But Rev. Neal was so beloved by his congregations that he served as the pastor of 3 churches simultaneously—in Newnan, Georgia for 32 years. These churches are Smith Chapel UMC, Wesley Chapel UMC, and Clark Chapel UMC. During those years, his churches were recognized twice as "church of the year" by the North Georgia Methodist Conference, another testament to his leadership and skill. Rev. Neal also continued his education by receiving a Master of Divinity degree from Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta.

But Rev. Neal also lived out what he preached regarding the importance of family—he cared for his mother until she passed away, and he continues to live in her house with an older brother.

He has also been invaluable to the community in Carroll County. He has served on the planning commission for the city of Carrollton, the Carroll County Water Authority, and on the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors to name a few. Even while working two full-time jobs, Rev. Neal still found time to serve his community.

Rev. Neal has earned the respect and love of the people of Carroll County. Even today, when Rev. Neal does something as simple as go out to a restaurant to eat, people know him and come speak to him about their lives.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to bring a life of service like that of Rev. Neal before the House. He is an example to young people across this Nation of the type of spirit we need in our citizens—he looks beyond what it means to gain notoriety for himself, and focuses on serving others. Servant leadership. Something we would do well to practice here in Washington, and something that Rev. Neal exemplifies by his life. We all wish him the very best in his retirement and continued service to my State and our Nation.

TRIBUTE TO DIANNE EDWARDS

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dianne Edwards of Santa Rosa, California, who is retiring after ten years as Director of Human Services for Sonoma County,

Dianne's job required overseeing one of the largest departments in County government. Human Services provides essential services to one in nine residents including cash aid, medical assistance, and food stamps to low income individuals and families; employment and training services; assistance to the elderly, disabled and veterans to maintain quality of life; and child welfare and child protective services. Dianne managed the 600 staff and their supervisors responsible for these activities at 8 locations.