

Tydingco, she returned with her family to her island of Guam as a young child and grew up in the village of Mongmong-Toto-Maite. She attended Yigo Elementary School, Barrigada Junior High, Dededo Junior High and graduated from George Washington High School in Mangilao in 1976.

Proving that hard work leads to success, Judge Tydingco-Gatewood earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Marquette University in 1980 and in 1983 achieved a personal milestone as she earned her law degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. After graduating from law school, Judge Tydingco-Gatewood began her career as a law clerk for the Presiding Judge of the Jackson County Circuit Courts in Kansas City, Missouri. In 1984, she returned home to Guam and became the first Chamorro woman to be appointed as an Assistant Attorney General. She served as an Assistant Prosecutor in Jackson County, Missouri from 1988 to 1990, and upon returning to Guam with her new experience, became Guam's first Chamorro woman appointed as Chief Prosecutor.

As Chief Prosecutor, Frances Tydingco-Gatewood exhibited the professionalism and leadership skills that would earn the respect of her peers and later appointment to the bench. She gained a reputation as a tough prosecutor and a savvy lawyer. In 1994 Governor Joseph F. Ada appointed her as a Judge in the Superior Court of Guam and in 2001 she was appointed by Governor Carl T. C. Gutierrez as an Associate Justice on the Supreme Court of Guam.

She was appointed by Chief Justice F. Philip Carbullido to chair seven Guam Supreme Court subcommittees. She served as co-chairperson of the Family Violence Task Force where she has been a community leader in raising awareness about domestic violence. Justice Tydingco-Gatewood serves as co-chairperson for the Pacific Judicial Council Education Committee, which is dedicated to improving the education of all Justices, Judges and Courts staff for Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of Palau, American Samoa, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia.

It is Judge Tydingco-Gatewood's character and her distinguished career that led me to confidently recommend her for the federal bench at her confirmation hearing before the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on July 11, 2006. She is a leader, a role model for our young citizens, and a strong Chamorro woman who embodies the integrity and pride of the Chamorro people. On behalf of the people of Guam, it is my privilege to recognize Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood and her achievements which are an inspiration to women in Guam and throughout our nation.

As she stands alongside her husband of 25 years, Dr. Robert Gatewood and their three sons, Daniel, Michael and Stephen, she has the support of our community and the confidence of the President and the Congress. We all share her joy with her family and friends and we wish her every success as she undertakes the greatest challenge of her remarkable legal career.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 9, 2006*

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 514, I was unable to vote due to unforeseen circumstances. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. PRASAD KOMMAREDDI

### HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 9, 2006*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Prasad Kommareddi as he completes his term as President of the Genesee County Medical Society. Dr. Kommareddi was honored at the annual President's Ball held on November 4th in my hometown of Flint, Michigan.

After attending Guntur Medical College in India, Dr. Kommareddi completed a residency in Pediatrics at St. John's Episcopal Hospital and a residency in Internal Medicine at Hurley Medical Center. After adopting Flint as his new home, Dr. Kommareddi went on to become board certified in three areas, Internal Medicine, Addiction Medicine, and Quality Assurance and Utilization Review.

Dr. Kommareddi has been active in enhancing the relationship between physicians and third party payers. He served as a medical advisor to MCare, Blue Care Network, and served as a member of the Michigan State Medical Society Committees on Licensing and Regulation and Third Party Payer Liaison.

Recognized by his peers for his leadership, insight, and focus, Dr. Kommareddi has been elected to several positions by his fellow physicians. He is the past president of the Physicians of India Association, has served on the Genesee County Medical Society Board of Directors, and as a delegate to the Genesee County Medical Society House of Delegates, and president of the Genesee County Medical Society Affiliated Companies. He is currently a Member of the Board of Genesys PHO, Chair of its Finance Committee and serves as its Administrative Medical Director.

Prasad Kommareddi's term as the President of the Genesee County Medical Society was underscored by his excellent guidance and concentration on implementing major components of the Medical Society's Strategic and Long Range plan. He worked to increase cooperation and involvement by the members and spotlighted the need for quality and evidence based initiatives.

Compassion is an integral part of being a good medical doctor and Dr. Kommareddi has worked over the years to educate patients about maintaining healthy lifestyles. Conducting weekly group meetings to explain the repercussions of diabetes, high cholesterol, cardiovascular disease and obesity. He provides these meetings free of charge. He provides these meetings free of charge. The Michigan Surgeon General has acknowledged his motivational efforts. He is the recipient of the Michigan Steps Up Award from the State of Michigan and the Health Plus Award for 25

years of service. In addition to being an outstanding physician, Dr. Kommareddi and his wife, Jay, are the proud parents of two daughters, Malika and Madhuri.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Prasad Kommareddi for sharing his skill with his patients, his co-workers, fellow medical doctors, and the people of Michigan. The Flint area is a better place because of his commitment to improving the health of its citizens. I wish him the best as he continues to serve to community.

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. MEL GOLDSTEIN AS HE CELEBRATES HIS 10TH ANNIVERSARY AS A CANCER SURVIVOR

### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 9, 2006*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, in each of our communities we have local celebrities and there is always one to which we feel most akin—that personality that touches your life in a way that you never expected. For me, and for residents across Connecticut, that person is Dr. Mel Goldstein, meteorologist for WTNH News Channel 8. Tonight, family, friends, colleagues, and community leaders have gathered to celebrate a very special occasion for Dr. Mel—his 10th anniversary as a cancer survivor. This is a remarkable milestone—one which I am honored to share with him.

Dr. Mel, as he is affectionately known by all Connecticut residents, has been welcomed into thousands of homes over the years. He is more than just our weatherman—he is our friend. You can only imagine how stunned we all were when Dr. Mel announced that he had been diagnosed with multiple myeloma, an incurable but treatable cancer of the plasma cell. With a strength and determination that continues to inspire all of us, Dr. Mel shared his story with the world and in the 10 years since his diagnosis has brought much needed attention to this disease, the technological advancements in treatments that are available, and about living and coping with myeloma.

In bringing his personal battle with multiple myeloma to the public, Dr. Mel brought light to this rare disease and hope to the thousands of Americans, as well as their families and loved ones, who have been diagnosed with this cancer. Driven by his determination to win this fight, Dr. Mel established the Dr. Mel Goldstein Multiple Myeloma Fund at the Yale Cancer Center. Donating all proceeds from his speaking engagements as well as those from the two editions of his book, *The Complete Idiot's Guide to the Weather*, in the 7 years since its establishment, the Fund has raised thousands of dollars which have been directed to ongoing research and clinical trials that target this incurable form of cancer.

As a cancer survivor myself, I have the deepest respect and admiration for Dr. Mel and his willingness to be so open about something so personal and a health concern that can be the most frightening experience of your life. In describing himself, he uses the words optimistic, positive, and persistent—I cannot think of a more fitting description. Perhaps what has been most inspiring about his 10-year battle with myeloma is that we have

never seen him without that engaging smile and good-natured laugh. He has and continues to face the challenges of this disease with integrity and determination—he is one of a kind!

The late Rabbi Jerome Malino of Danbury, Connecticut once said, "It is much better to live one's life as an optimist and be wrong, than a pessimist and be right." This has been the motto by which Dr. Mel has not only approached his life, but his battle with cancer as well. He has given us all reason to be optimistic that we will find what we all seek—a cure. It is my great pleasure to rise today to salute Dr. Mel Goldstein for all that he has and will accomplish towards that goal. I am pleased to join his wife, Arlene, family, friends, and colleagues in extending my heartfelt congratulations on this very special occasion as well as my very best wishes for continued health and happiness.

RECOGNIZING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF SANCTUARY, INCORPORATED

**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 9, 2006*

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Sanctuary, Incorporated on the occasion of the organization's 35th Anniversary. Sanctuary is a community-based nonprofit organization in Guam dedicated to facilitating and supporting conflict resolution activities aimed to reconcile differences between family members and reunite estranged families.

Sanctuary was incorporated under the law of Territory of Guam in 1971. Originally the organization sought to provide counseling teenage runaways on the island. Sanctuary's primary purpose was to provide these youths with a temporary residential shelter while offering family counseling services. Sanctuary has grown over the last 35 years and it has expanded its services to accommodate the diverse needs and complex issues of today's youth.

Sanctuary began expanding its mission in the late 1980s. For instance, the organization opened its Transitional Living Program, TLP, to assist older youth who were aging out of the foster care system but who were unable to return to their families. The TLP program helped prepare these youths for adulthood by teaching them the fundamentals of independent living. Sanctuary also established a community-based Drug Prevention program in the 1990s. What is more, the organization developed the parental assistance program Ayuda Para I Manaina, APIM. Lastly, it created programs to provide for the emotional and physical needs of teens and young adults victimized by domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault or other crimes. These programs have made and continue to make important contributions to strengthening our community on Guam.

Sanctuary has led other initiatives as well. The organization recently received federal funding to create theatrical productions to prevent teenage tobacco use in Guam. With those funds, the organization produced a music album and video in 2003 featuring

young musicians and aspiring actors and actresses from Guam. The project advocated a tobacco-free lifestyle and was distributed to Guam's middle and high schools for use as a classroom instructional resource. Most recently, Sanctuary opened Guam's first and only substance abuse treatment program for adolescents, Sagan Na' Homlo (Para I Manhoben). Sagan Na' Homlo provides two cycles of services and counseling to youth between the ages of 12 and 17 who struggle with drugs and alcohol. This two cycle approach is taken to ensure these at-risk youths receive the maximum benefits of the service and counseling available to them through this program. Today, Sanctuary also operates a Co-Ed Emergency Shelter that has the capacity to care for 18 youths. The shelter is designed as a safe alternative for abused, runaway, homeless and troubled youth to turn to when they are experiencing challenges.

For the 35 years, Sanctuary, Incorporated has been the leader in increasing public awareness of at-risk youth situations and providing those youths, their families, and the community of Guam with resources, counseling and support services. With the steadfast commitment, dedication, and leadership of Sanctuary's current Executive Director, Sarah Thomas-Nededog, and Sanctuary's staff, faculty, Board of Directors and volunteers, the organization has become a true force for good on Guam, helping countless youths coping with the physical and emotional abuse to become valuable, functional and contributing members of society.

On behalf of all the people of Guam, I extend a most Dangkolo' Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase, Maraming Salamat Po, and Congratulations to Sanctuary, Incorporated on the occasion of its 35th Anniversary.

HONORING THE TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY, CONNECTICUT ON THE OCCASION OF ITS BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

**HON. NANCY L. JOHNSON**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 9, 2006*

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Town of Middlebury, Connecticut, on the occasion of its bicentennial.

Once a Revolutionary War camp for French General Rochambeau and his troops on their march to Yorktown, West Farms and adjoining portions of Woodbury and Southbury first formed a distinct ecclesiastical society in 1790. The society took up the name Middlebury, derived from the central position its meetinghouse occupied six miles from its three older neighbors, Waterbury, Southbury, and Woodbury. After repeated petitions to the Connecticut General Assembly for independence from Waterbury, the Town of Middlebury was formally incorporated in 1807.

Today, recreational facilities and year-round cultural events are close by; Quassy Amusement Park, a local ski trail, and a town lake are some of the more popular amusements. Teikyo Post University is a short drive away, offering a variety of courses for students in pursuit of undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent the Town of Middlebury in the United States House of Representatives, and extend my best wishes to the city and its citizens for another 200 years of prosperity.

TRIBUTE TO BISHOP AND MRS. ODIS A FLOYD

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 9, 2006*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bishop and Mrs. Odis A. Floyd as they celebrate their 37th Pastoral Anniversary. The congregation is planning several events to commemorate this anniversary throughout the month of November starting with a banquet on November 4 and ending with a day of celebration on November 26.

Bishop Floyd accepted his call to ministry in April 1964. Working with his grandfather, Reverend L.W. Owens, he helped organize the New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church and in November 1969 was unanimously elected as pastor. In 1991 he changed the church's name to New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church.

Over the years New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church has grown under Bishop Floyd's guidance. As a "Church on the Move for Christ" the congregation has answered the Bishop's call to expand the ministry beyond the sanctuary doors. The church operates several outreach programs including the New Jerusalem Intervention Ministry Team, Operation Blessing, Nurses and Health Team, Philadelphia Ministry, Youth Ministry, and Singles Ministry. Mrs. Floyd heads the United Women of New Jerusalem. Bishop Floyd's message of salvation is broadcast throughout the week through several media outlets. The New Jerusalem Tape Ministry makes available copies of church services, special programs and Bible Study. The Christian Education Department runs the vibrant Children's Church, Sunday School, Adult Bible Class and the Upward Bound program. As part of the foundation of church life, the Prayer Ministry is at the forefront of the Wednesday Night Intercensory Prayer services and the 24-hour prayer vigil, "The Jerusalem Watch." The church moved into the present worship complex in 1994.

Bishop Floyd is the 2nd Presiding Bishop of the Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship, a board member of Concerned Pastors for Social Action, the Visually Impaired Center, and Gospel Today Magazine. He is the Past President of the Baptist Assembly of Free Spirit Churches, the Past Youth Director of the Great Lakes District Congress of Christian Education, he has received the Good Scout Award, and he was a nominee for the Soul Train Award, the Gospel Music Workshop of America Excellence Award, and a Grammy nominee for Best Soul Gospel Male Performance. Music has played an important part in the church ministry and Bishop Floyd can be heard performing on several albums.

His participation in the Flint community goes beyond New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church. Bishop Floyd has served on the boards of several organizations and is involved in improving the quality of life in the Flint area including the Bishop International