

A TRIBUTE TO OFFICER SCOTT  
WERTZ

**HON. JOSEPH R. PITTS**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 5, 2006*

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, today I seek to pay tribute to a true hero of Pennsylvania's 16th Congressional District, Reading Police Officer Scott Wertz.

On Sunday, August 6, 2006, Officer Wertz made the ultimate sacrifice carrying out his duties to serve and protect the people of Reading, Pa.

Officer Wertz's exemplary service is a stark reminder of the valor and honor that our public safety personnel display every single day. When danger arises, these brave men and women run to answer the call. Officer Wertz was no exception, and I honor his great courage and sacrifice.

His 9 years of dedicated service to the Reading Police Department have made the Reading community a safer place to live and work for thousands of families, and we all owe him a tremendous debt of gratitude.

On behalf of a grateful community, I offer my heartfelt condolences to his wife and two sons. They will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.

ON THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
IVY BAPTIST CHURCH

**HON. ROBERT C. SCOTT**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 5, 2006*

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate an institution in my hometown of Newport News. On December 1, 2006, the members of Ivy Baptist Church celebrated their 100th anniversary, and I would like to take a moment to highlight the rich history of this church and its contribution to our community.

In 1906, Rev. James Carr, along with Shaddy Clark and J.B. Peyton founded the first ancestor of the Ivy Baptist Church of today. It was called the First Baptist Church Dawson City. First Baptist Dawson was a blessing in a community plagued by crime in a city nicknamed "Blood Field." In 1915, under the leadership of Reverend Carr, the First Baptist Church Dawson City building was purchased for \$350 in cash.

Rev. Samuel Brown, the second pastor, moved the church to the 500 block of 18th Street in Newport News and renamed it the 18th Street Baptist Church.

In 1923, the church elected its third pastor, Rev. James M. Bray. After 27 years of growth, witnessing and fellowship under Reverend Bray, the church sold its building at 18th Street, and a new church was built at 1612 Ivy Avenue at the cost of \$60,000. Based on this change of location, the church was renamed Ivy Avenue Baptist Church in 1952.

In 1958, the Reverend D.L. Charity became the fourth pastor of Ivy Avenue Baptist Church. The church continued to experience substantial growth with new programs implemented by Reverend Charity, who served for 8 years.

On February 4, 1968, Rev. Dr. W. Henry Maxwell was selected as the fifth pastor of Ivy Avenue Baptist Church. Three years later, a new house of worship located at 50 Maple Avenue was purchased, and the first worship service was conducted there in February 1972. In order to maintain the heritage of the church, but to reflect the church's location change, the name was shortened from Ivy Avenue Baptist, to the Ivy Baptist we know today.

Under Reverend Maxwell, Ivy Baptist continued to flourish. A church day care center was established in 1974, and a multipurpose annex named the W. Henry Maxwell Family Life Center was opened in 1999. After 36 years of faithful service to Ivy Baptist Church, Reverend Maxwell retired.

After a year-long search, Rev. Kevin G. Swann was elected the sixth pastor of Ivy Baptist Church. The church has already experienced significant growth in membership under Reverend Swann, and I believe he will live up to the legacy left to him. Over these 100 years, pastors at Ivy have licensed nine other pastors, and ordained nine pastors to the ministry. The day care program is popular throughout the community, and the Family Life Center is a community asset under constant demand as a venue for various church, civic and social programs.

I would like to once again congratulate Reverend Swann and the members of Ivy Baptist on their centennial and I wish them another century of continued service to their community.

MOUNT SINAI MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 5, 2006*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church for 50 years of service and involvement in the Fort Worth Community. Mount Sinai is located in the 26th District of Texas.

Since opening its doors in 1956, Mount Sinai has encouraged the ministry, fellowship, and outreach of its members. Under the faithful guidance of Bishop B.C. McPherson II, Mount Sinai has flourished as a cornerstone of worship in our community.

The event will be celebrated with a Mass Choir Musical, and a service the following day by guest Pastor Carl Woodard. Current and former Mount Sinai members and prominent members of the community will be on hand to celebrate the anniversary.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to represent this congregation. I congratulate the Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church as they celebrate 50 proud years of commitment to ministry, and look forward to many years to come.

TRIBUTE TO PASTOR ARTHUR LEE

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 5, 2006*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Pastor Arthur Lee of the Rock of

Asia Missionary Baptist Church. Pastor Lee and his pastoral staff will be honored by the congregation at a celebration on December 10th in my hometown of Flint, Michigan.

After serving in the United States Army from 1963 to 1975, Pastor Lee was honorably discharged and worked as an offshore oil rigger in Singapore. He moved to Michigan in 1986 and served as a deacon at 1st Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church. He became an assistant pastor acting together with his brother, Pastor Henderson Lee. Arthur Lee was called to the ministry in 1990 and was ordained at 1st Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church in 1993.

He became the pastor of Rock of Asia Missionary Baptist Church and has faithfully served the congregation for the past 12 years. In addition to Sunday morning worship services, Pastor Lee also holds Sunday School and a Wednesday Bible Class. In keeping with the church's motto, 2nd Corinthians 5:7 "We walk by faith, not by sight," the congregation goes out once a month and witnesses to the community. They distribute food to the needy at the holidays. During the past 12 years the congregation has grown from 8 members to 80 members. Pastor Lee organized the drive to extend the sanctuary and install new pews to accommodate the growing number of faithful. During this time Pastor Lee also worked at MTA, and was a loving husband and father. He retired from MTA in 2001 to assume fulltime pastoral duties.

Taking his ministry beyond the church walls, Pastor Lee is active in several local and national groups. He has served with Concerned Pastors for Social Action since 1993 and is a member of Concerned Pastors of Genesee County. For 20 years he has served as a chaplain at Hurley Medical Center and he took on the role of chaplain at Genesys Hospice 18 months ago. He is the spiritual coach for Hamady High School Athletic Department. As a veteran, Pastor Lee understands the problems of veterans in our community and has worked for the past 7 years tending to the spiritual needs of the disabled veterans at the DVA Post 122. Pastor Lee has attended Mott Community College and continues to find new ways to improve his ministry. He recently completed a series of enrichment classes sponsored by Genesys Health Systems.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Pastor Arthur Lee, his pastoral staff and his congregation for 12 years of consecrated service to Our Lord, Jesus Christ. I wish them the best as they continue to spread the Gospel through the Flint area.

TRIBUTE TO FIRE CHIEF WILLIAM  
J. (BILL) MCCAMMON

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 5, 2006*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the First Chief of the Alameda County Fire Department, Bill McCammon. Chief McCammon is retiring after 28 years of exemplary service to the County of Alameda, California.

The district and contract service areas that Chief McCammon serves are approximately 460 square miles with a population of over