

IN MEMORY OF DR. GEORGE
MEETZE

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in loving memory of Rev. Dr. George Elias Meetze. Dr. Meetze died Thanksgiving Day, November 23, 2006, after a brief illness. He was born June 24, 1909, in Columbia South Carolina. He was the son of the late Narvie Elias and Fannie Belle Leitzsey Meetze. On June 30, 1936, he married Margaret Allen who predeceased him.

Dr. Meetze was Columbia High School Valedictorian class of 1927. He was a graduate of the University of South Carolina, A.B., cum laude, 1930; the N.Y. Theological Seminary, N.Y., S.T.M., 1933; the Lutheran Southern Seminary, Columbia, 1934; and received his Honorary D.D. Degree conferred at Newberry College Centennial Convocation, Nov. 28, 1956.

Dr. Meetze served as Pastor to St. Barnabas Lutheran Church, Charleston (was ordained there July 8, 1934), 1934–37 and Grace Lutheran Church, Prosperity, 1937–42; Retired Pastor Emeritus, Lutheran Church of the Incarnation, June 1942–1974. He was elected Chaplain of the S.C. Senate January 10, 1950, serving until his death. His 57 years of service established him as the longest serving Chaplain of a legislative body in the history of the world.

Dr. Meetze's 97 years consisted of numerous activities, honors and services, included were serving on the boards of Social Missions Lutheran Synod of S.C., S.C. Synod Lutheran Church of America, Junior League Speech and Hearing, Salvation Army and S.C. Chapter of the American Cancer Society, where he was a past president. He enjoyed his memberships in Saint Paul's Lutheran Church, the Columbia Rotary Club, Heptagon Club, the Palmetto Forum, The Friday The Thirteenth Club, and the S.C. State Guard, where he was a Colonel and Chief Chaplain. He received the Service to Mankind Award by the Columbia Sertoma Clubs, the Paul Harris Fellow Rotary International award, the Order of the Palmetto, the Algernon Sidney Sullivan Award, and the 2000 U.S.C. Alumni Award. Dr. Meetze was the author of *The Development of Dr. Martin Luther's Doctrine of the Lord's Supper*. He was listed in *Who's Who in the South & Southwest*, *S.C. Lives*, *Dictionary of Intl. Biography & Royal Blue Book*.

Surviving are his sons and daughters-in-law; George Allen and Suzanne Meetze of Marion and William Dagnall and Toby Meetze of Columbia; grandsons, Michael Allen Meetze and wife, Tracy, William Vickery Meetze, all of Marion, George Seabrook Meetze and wife, Alston, William Dagnall Meetze Jr. and wife, Sheri, all of Columbia. Also surviving are his beloved infant great-grandsons, Elias Shaw Meetze and twins, William Seabrook Meetze and Joseph Alston Meetze; and nephews, nieces, great-nephews and great-nieces. He was predeceased by sister, Thelma Meetze Frick.

Dr. Meetze loved his God, his family, the South Carolina Senate, his state and his country. He enjoyed helping people and was always ready "to send up a prayer" as he said

"for those who needed one." He will be greatly missed by his thousands of friends.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the NATO—Parliamentary Assembly, I traveled to Quebec, Canada, from Sunday, November 12 to November 15, 2006 to participate in the assembly meetings. Due to the timing of the meetings and return travel, I was unable to participate in votes on Monday and Tuesday, November 13–14. I am requesting my absence for this date. I would also like you to note that, should I have been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

"Aye." H.R. 3085—Amending the National Trails System Act (Roll no. 517).

"Aye." S. 819—Reallocation of funds for the Pactola Dam (Roll no. 518).

"Aye." H.R. 5602—Authorizing the Extension of Nondiscriminatory Treatment to the Products of Vietnam (Roll no. 519).

"Aye." H.R. 6314—Extending provisions within the Survivors' and Dependents' Education Assistance Program (Roll no. 520).

"Aye." H.R. 864—Sober Truth in Preventing Underage Drinking Act (Roll no. 521).

"Aye." H.R. 5585—Financial Netting Improvements Act (Roll no. 522).

"Aye." H. Res. 1078—Congratulations to 2006 World Series Champions (Roll no. 523).

CONGRATULATIONS TO LUCRETIA
JACKSON

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

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Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lucretia Jackson of Alexandria, Virginia, on being awarded the Washington Post's Distinguished Education Leader Award for 2006.

As principal of Maury Elementary School in Alexandria, Ms. Jackson has led the school's dramatic turnaround. In the four years since Maury was "accredited with warning" in four content areas, Ms. Jackson has worked tirelessly to improve all aspects of school life. Since joining the school in 2004, she has spent endless hours recruiting a "dream team" of teachers for the school, revamping the entire licensed and support staff with dedicated and inspiring new staff who were ready to work hard and turn the school around.

Standards of Learning test scores at Maury have improved drastically due to Ms. Jackson's work. Every student at Maury passed the science SOL in 2006, compared to only fifteen percent in 2003. Similar improvements have been seen in math and reading SOL scores: Ninety-three percent of students passed their reading SOLs compared to only forty-five percent in 2003, and eighty-three percent passed the math portion compared to only thirty-eight in 2003. Ms. Jackson encouraged teachers to work closely with students to improve these scores, even instituting a "Se-

cret SOL Supporters" program to help encourage students through difficult study periods with notes and gifts hidden at students' desks.

Maury Elementary is now a model example for underperforming schools thanks to the hard work of Ms. Jackson and her staff. Despite an early drop in enrollment after the poor test scores of 2003, enrollment has risen right along side test scores at Maury. I am sure that under Lucretia Jackson's leadership, the school will continue to see immense improvements in the years to come. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Ms. Jackson on this award and her tremendous success.

TRIBUTE TO M. ATHALIE RANGE

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today I rise with great sadness to memorialize the late M. Athalie Range, who, at age 91, died on Tuesday, November 14, 2006. I join our community, now saddened by the passing of this great civil rights icon, who represented all that is decent and honorable about our common humanity.

A genuine legend, this eloquent and courageous lady held our disenfranchised community together when access to equal justice was denied to us. She led the struggle of reason and conscience in righting this wrong.

She was barely 5 feet tall, but she stood indomitable against the forces of segregation and racism. She was a pioneer in forcing equal opportunity and justice for all. M. Athalie Range was a beacon who showed the way for us in fighting for the rights of others. The magnitude of her courage and the strength of her heart defined her will to end inequality and discrimination everywhere she found their evil vestiges.

A native Floridian, Ms. Range was born in Key West, was educated in Miami, and graduated from the Booker T. Washington High School. Her achievements were numerous, but a prominent accomplishment was her election as the first African-American to the Miami City Commission. She was the first Black woman ever to head a State agency, appointed by then-Florida Governor Reuben Askew as Secretary of Community Affairs, and she was appointed by President Jimmy Carter to the National Board of AMTRAK. Her humanitarianism was duly recognized when she was given the Silver Medallion Award by the Florida chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, followed by the Spirit of Excellence Award by The Miami Herald.

"She knew more about politics than anyone I knew," said former U.S. Rep. Carrie P. Meek. "She taught me humility, first and foremost. She taught me to go out and talk with the little people in the community, who no one else thought about."

Mr. Speaker, I find it difficult to write these statements on behalf of this "Grande Dame of Public Service" without thinking of my many wonderful memories of her. The most appropriate way I can describe her was that her life was as gentle as her words were gracious, purposeful and elegant. Her descriptions of our challenges as a people were insightful—so

simple and yet so impeccable that no one doubted that we were in the presence of an awesome leader whose promise of liberation was inspiring.

This is the legacy left by M. Athalie Range. With humble faith, we will now consign her back to the God she loved and served. I am glad that leaders like M. Athalie Range never have to say goodbye, because she will truly live on with us.

TRIBUTE TO H.B. PLANT HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL TEAM

HON. JIM DAVIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of the H.B. Plant High School girls' volleyball players, a powerhouse team who just this weekend won its first Class 5A state volleyball title since 2003.

With a 28–2 record, the number one ranked Panthers defeated Fort Meyers 25–16, 25–23, 25–19 in the championship match at The Lakeland Center. The team was led by senior Christine Williamson's 14 kills, five blocks and 12 digs.

Last season, the Panthers' march to victory was cut short by a heartbreaking loss to Venice during the state regional semifinals. At the beginning of this season, the Panthers made their intentions clear by wearing warm-up t-shirts that read "Unfinished Business." "Unfinished," however, was printed on a strip of Velcro, and on Saturday, the team proudly tore off "Unfinished" to announce their completed mission—"Finished Business."

The Panthers' victory could not have been possible without the tireless efforts of coach Leanna Taylor. The team's final win gave Taylor her first state championship medallion as head coach.

Saturday's victory marked the culmination of countless hours of practice, the team members' unwavering dedication and unmatched skill. On behalf of the entire Tampa Bay community, I commend all the Panthers for their championship win. We are all looking forward to your next season.

GEORGETOWN HONORS FATHER ROBERT DRINAN

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, on October 23 one of the most accomplished and distinguished people to serve in this House was the recipient of a wholly deserved high honor from one of the leading law schools in this country—Georgetown Law School. On that day, Georgetown Law School, where Father Drinan has taught since leaving the House twenty-six years ago, established the Robert F. Drinan, S.J., Chair in Human Rights. The establishment of this Chair—a very significant honor in academia—recognizes the pioneering work that Father Drinan did as a Member of this House for ten years,

and his continued commitment to that great work. Few people in our history have had as great a dedication to the cause of human rights and have been so consistently effective in advocating for this cause. Unlike many who have tried to make this a partisan issue, Father Drinan was equally fierce in his objection to human rights violators of the left, right and center, and accepted no excuses from those who would deny the basic rights of others.

Mr. Speaker, Father Drinan served here in this body for ten years as one of its intellectual leaders, having been elected in 1970 as one of the most effective opponents at that time of the war in Viet Nam. He also played a very significant role in the impeachment of President Nixon, insisting that appropriate legal standards be applied in that matter. He was also a leader in matters that did not divide the House on either partisan or ideological lines, for example in the field of copyright, where he made contributions during that period that remain important foundations of our law today.

Mr. Speaker, when Father Drinan declined to run for reelection in 1980 at the direction of Pope John Paul II, I was elected to succeed him. While I had been aware previously of the great respect and affection in which he was held by his colleagues, I came to appreciate that even more fully when I took the seat he had so ably filled in 1981.

In the years since leaving this body, Father Drinan has continued to be a leader in the application of religious teachings to important moral issues; in lecturing and teaching about the law; and of course in continuing his great work in the field of human rights. Georgetown Law School deserves recognition, Mr. Speaker, for establishing this Chair in Father Drinan's name. I congratulate Professor T. Alexander Aleinikoff, who will be the first holder of the Chair, and I ask that the discussion of Father Drinan's work included in the program announcing the event be printed here so that people will understand how important his impact has been on the best traditions of our country.

ROBERT F. DRINAN, S.J., CHAIR IN HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

Today, Georgetown Law proudly announces the creation of the Robert F. Drinan, S.J., Chair in Human Rights. Priest, scholar, lawyer, politician, activist, ethicist, and one of the nation's leading advocates for international human rights, Father Drinan has dedicated his life to humanitarian causes and to improving the legal profession.

A member of the Law Center's faculty since 1981, Father Drinan teaches courses in international human rights, constitutional law, civil liberties, legislation, legal ethics, and professional responsibility. During his tenure at Georgetown, he has taught over 6,000 students.

Father Drinan earned his B.A. degree in 1942 and his M.A. degree in 1947 from Boston College and his LL.B. in 1949 and LL.M. in 1951 from Georgetown University Law Center. He entered the Society of Jesus while at Boston College, and in 1953, he was ordained a Jesuit priest. From 1956 to 1970, he served as Dean and Professor of Law at Boston College Law School. During the ten years between his deanship and joining the Georgetown Law faculty, he served in the United States Congress as a Representative from Massachusetts, where he was a member of various committees and chair of the Subcommittee on Criminal Justice of the House Judiciary Committee.

Throughout his career, Father Drinan has stood as a leading voice in the human rights

movement. He serves on the boards of numerous organizations devoted to the furtherance of human rights, including the International League for Human Rights, Human Rights First, the Council for a Livable World Education Fund, Americans for Democratic Action, and the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund. He was a founder of the Lawyers' Alliance for Arms Control and the National Interreligious Task Force on Soviet Jewry. Father Drinan has traveled the globe, both as a member of Congress and as a private citizen, on human rights missions to Chile, the Philippines, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Argentina, France, and Vietnam to document human rights abuses and to work for their eradication. He is the author of several notable works on human rights, including *The Mobilization of Shame*, of which Elie Wiesel said, "Anyone interested in human rights will read Robert Drinan's informative, passionate and challenging book with deep concern and hope."

In 2004, Father Drinan joined such American legal luminaries as Oliver Wendell Holmes, Thurgood Marshall, and Sandra Day O'Connor when the American Bar Association awarded him its ABA Medal—the organization's highest honor—which recognizes exceptionally distinguished service to the cause of American jurisprudence. The award citation notes, "For more than half a century, Father Robert F. Drinan has been an esteemed and beloved leader of the bar and a fearless advocate for the powerless and oppressed around the world. . . . Throughout his career, Father Drinan has heeded the call for human rights and social justice. With unparalleled passion and dedication, he has strived to improve the plight of the disadvantaged and oppressed, and to advance the rule of law throughout the world."

Through the generosity of alumni and friends, Georgetown now recognizes and honors one of its greatest sons, Robert F. Drinan, S.J., L'49, L'51, with the creation of the Robert F. Drinan, S.J., Chair in Human Rights. This meaningful and lasting tribute will enable the Law Center to attract teachers, advocates, and scholars who share Father Drinan's passion and concern for liberty, equality of opportunity, and human dignity and who will inspire the next generation of Georgetown Law students to become leaders, protectors, and defenders of human rights.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DR. MIRIAM AND SHELDON G. ADELSON

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor longtime philanthropists and community supporters, Dr. Miriam and Sheldon G. Adelson for their generous contributions to the Las Vegas community with the endowment of the Adelson School.

The Adelson School is the first and only Jewish High School in the Las Vegas area. The Adelson School will provide these students the opportunity to further their educational ambitions by combining rigorous academic standards with a strong foundation in morality and ethics. Opening during the 2007–08 school year, the Adelson School will provide students with state-of-the-art classrooms with integrated technology, a performing arts center, full-service dining facilities, and a full physical education facility. The physical education facility will include the only indoor, competitive-size swimming pool in Las Vegas. Dr.