

hit by a rocket propelled grenade. He was killed, and another soldier stationed nearby was injured in the blast. During his time in the military, Cody had been awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Army Service Ribbon and the Combat Action Badge.

Growing up in Hernando County, Cody had attended Springstead High School, where he had many friends and enjoyed working with cars and all things mechanical. An avid military buff as a child, Cody read military themed books and played with toys that dealt with the military. Prior to his enlistment in the Army, Cody was an active part of the Spring Hill Community, working with local elected officials to gain support for the construction of a skateboard park for area youth.

Joining the Army in April, 2006, Cody was assigned to the 407th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team. He then completed Motor Transport Operator Advanced Individual Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and was re-assigned as a vehicle driver with the 82nd Airborne Division.

Halfway through his fourteen month tour in Iraq, Cody had planned to re-enlist so that he could work with Blackhawk helicopters. His stepfather said that Cody loved the military and that "it was his goal to make the Army his career, which he loved. He was proud of serving his country." A firm believer in the mission he was fighting in Iraq, Cody was disappointed that people back home in the United States did not see the positive results of the military's efforts there.

Madam Speaker, it is soldiers like Pfc. Cody Grater who have volunteered to protect the freedoms that all Americans hold dear. While brave men and women like Cody have perished in the name of freedom and liberty, his family, friends and loved ones should know that this Congress will never forget his sacrifice and commitment.

TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF DR.
JEANNETTE A. ALLEN WILLIAMS

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2007

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, it is with heartfelt sympathy that I ask my colleagues here in the House of Representatives to join me as I rise to offer a tribute to the memory of Dr. Jeannette A. Allen Williams. Dr. Williams was a remarkable educator and an outstanding role model. With her passing on Wednesday, August 22, 2007, our greater community has lost one of its more valiant leaders. Fortunately, she leaves a legacy that her family, friends and colleagues can recall with a great deal of pride.

Truly, the cities of Newark, Jersey City and Plainfield were blessed to have Dr. Williams in their midst as an educator extraordinaire and as an administrator who always had the best interest of children at the heart of all her initiatives. She was thoughtful, gracious and a consummate professional. As a young teacher at West Side High School in Newark, Dr. Williams would serve as an inspiration to many of her young charges. When she became principal at West Side, she would be the first

black person to be a high school principal in the City of Newark and as a result she raised the bar for all students to realize that they could be anything they set their minds to becoming.

Personally, I knew Dr. Allen for over forty years and was glad to have her as a resident in the 10th Congressional District. Not only did she believe education was important for herself, having achieved advanced degrees but she encouraged her students, nieces, nephews and other relatives to strive for academic excellence. From what I know of many students touched by her, she was successful in her efforts.

Madam Speaker, it is my sincere hope that all those who knew and loved Dr. Jeannette A. Allen Williams will be able to draw comfort from the memories they have of her. I know she will continue to live in their hearts. As a Christian woman, I feel confident in saying that "it is well with her soul."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2007

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, on rollcall vote No. 821, the vote on final passage of H.R. 3356, I had intended to vote "nay," but mistakenly voted "yea."

HONORING HIS EMINENCE
WILLIAM CARDINAL KEELER

HON. C. A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2007

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Cardinal William Henry Keeler, Fourteenth Archbishop of Baltimore.

William Henry Keeler was born March 4, 1931 in San Antonio, Texas, the son of Thomas L. Keeler and Margaret T. (Conway) Keeler. He was raised in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, where he attended St. Mary School and Lebanon Catholic High School. He received a RA. from St. Charles Seminary, Overbrook, Philadelphia, in 1952 and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome in 1956.

Ordained a priest on July 17, 1955 in the Church of the Holy Apostles in Rome, Italy by Archbishop Luigi Traglia, the young cleric became assistant pastor at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Marysville, Pennsylvania and secretary of the Diocesan Tribunal. In 1965, he was appointed to serve as Vice Chancellor of the Harrisburg Diocese and Chancellor in 1969. He held the position of Vicar General when he was named Auxiliary Bishop of Harrisburg and Titular Bishop of Uclinium by Pope John Paul II on July 24, 1979.

Pope John Paul II appointed him Bishop of Harrisburg on November 10, 1983, and he was installed as Bishop on January 4, 1984, by His Eminence John Cardinal Krol, Archbishop of Philadelphia. He was appointed Archbishop of Baltimore by Pope John Paul II

and was formally installed as 14th Ordinary of the nation's oldest See on May 23, 1989 in ceremonies at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen. An influential participant in a wide range of national and international issues, Keeler was elected President of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) and the United States Catholic, Conference in November, 1992.

Cardinal Keeler was appointed to the College of Cardinals by Pope John Paul II on November 28, 1994. The Consistory Ceremony took place in the Pope Paul VI Audience Hall in the Vatican City State. As part of his work with the NCCB, Cardinal Keeler developed a reputation for effectively building interfaith bonds. He is particularly noted for his work in fostering an effective Catholic-Jewish dialogue and is the Episcopal Moderator, Catholic-Jewish Relations of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor William Cardinal Keeler, Fourteenth Archbishop of Baltimore. His lifetime devotion to his faith, the Catholic Church and its mission are unsurpassed. It is with great pride that I congratulate Cardinal Keeler on his stellar and exemplary career in the Roman Catholic Church.

RECOGNIZING THE 138TH SESSION
OF THE FLORIDA ANNUAL
CONFERENCE FOR THE AFRICAN
METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION
CHURCH

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2007

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize the 138th Session of the Florida Annual Conference for the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

Every year, leaders of the AME Zion Churches throughout the State convene to discuss the Church's past and present, as well as establish a direction for its future. This year's conference will take place at Talbot Chapel AME Zion Church in my district in Northwest Florida, and I welcome the members of the conference to this beautiful area of the Gulf Coast.

As these leaders gather to set a course for the AME Zion Churches in their respective communities throughout the State of Florida, I wish them God's grace in their decision making. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I send my sincere blessings for the success of the 138th Session of the Florida Annual Conference for the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

IN HONOR OF JILL MARINO

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2007

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jill Marino as she retires following twenty-eight years of dedicated service as an educator.