

WORLD AIDS DAY 2007

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 4, 2007*

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, on December 1, 2007, we commemorated World AIDS Day, and reflected both on the lives lost so far and on our continued moral obligation to ensure we provide necessary treatment and research to assist those living with HIV/AIDS.

As a senior member of the Health Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, I have fought hard for increased federal dollars for New York to treat more than 111,000 New Yorkers living with HIV/AIDS today. New York remains the epicenter of the AIDS epidemic in our nation with nearly 18 percent of all HIV/AIDS cases in the United States.

Last year, during the reauthorization of the Ryan White CARE Act, which addresses the unmet primary care and health support needs of low income people living with HIV/AIDS, I led the charge to stave off the Administration's proposal to dramatically shift needed funding away from New York. This year, we were able to achieve record increases in funding nationwide for the Ryan White CARE Act in the Labor-Health and Human Service appropriations bill. Sadly, President Bush vetoed this critical legislation on November 13, 2007.

I have also introduced the bi-partisan Early Treatment for HIV Act with Speaker Pelosi and Representative Ros-Lehtinen, which reforms rules in the Medicaid program which mandates that people be disabled by AIDS before receiving treatment. This rule is inconsistent with national health guidelines for those with HIV, which recommends early and aggressive treatment for those with HIV to keep their illnesses from progressing to AIDS. My bill will allow states to treat low-income individuals with HIV under the Medicaid program. HIV no longer has to be a death sentence with the new medical treatments available today.

Globally, we must also continue to be mindful of the 33 million individuals currently living with HIV/AIDS. Over 5,700 people die each day from AIDS related illnesses and the United States must provide adequate resources to help stop the global scourge of AIDS. As you may know, Tuberculosis is the leading infectious killer among adults with HIV/AIDS, as it preys upon these individuals with weakened immune systems. I am pleased to report that my bill, H.R. 1567, the Stop Tuberculosis Now Act recently passed the House of Representatives overwhelmingly and is currently awaiting action by the U.S. Senate. Worldwide, tuberculosis kills 1.6 million adults and 1.4 million children each year. My bill will go a long way towards providing resources to those with both HIV/AIDS and Tuberculosis.

I am proud that the AIDS Institute has decided to honor me with their "HIV/AIDS Care & Treatment Award for 2007". I am grateful for the award but am equally aware that World AIDS Day must prompt us to examine what progress we have made and reevaluate what additional steps should be taken to combat this deadly epidemic.

Madam Speaker, working together we can address both prevention and early treatment options, and hopefully one day find a cure for AIDS.

IN MEMORY OF SECOND  
LIEUTENANT STUART LILES**HON. MIKE ROSS**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 4, 2007*

Mr. ROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Second Lieutenant Stuart Liles of Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas, who died on November 13, 2007, at the age of 26, while serving our country in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Second Lieutenant Stuart Liles graduated from Fountain Lake High School before attending the University of Central Arkansas. While in high school and college, his deep sense of unity and teamwork flourished when he joined the ROTC program which was the inspiration for his service in the Army National Guard upon graduation.

Second Lieutenant Liles served our country in the U.S. Military in the National Guard, the Army Reserves, and as an active duty soldier in the U.S. Army. His proud and honorable service will forever be remembered by our nation. He served in the 122d Aviation Support Battalion, 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division based at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. His bravery, courage and dedication to the U.S. Army are exemplified by his service and leadership roles within his platoon, where he served as Platoon Leader on active duty.

Second Lieutenant Liles was a dedicated family man who adored his family dearly, and he was also a man of devout faith. As a deeply spiritual man, Liles was often proud to have the opportunity to combine two of his passions—his faith and his love of acting. In the community of Hot Springs, he will always be remembered for his portrayal of Jesus in the outdoor musical passion play, "The Witness."

Second Lieutenant Stuart Liles will be remembered as a hero, a son, a father and a husband. My deepest condolences go out to his wife Aubre Paschal Liles of Little Rock; his daughter Aurora Elisabeth Liles of Little Rock; his mother Kristen Liles Quintanella of Hot Springs; his sister Erin Long of Saint Mary's, Georgia; his brother Sean Liles of Fayetteville; and to his numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. He will be missed by his family, his community, his country and all those who knew him and called him a friend. I honor Second Lieutenant Stuart Liles for his bravery, his patriotism and his service and I will continue to keep his family in my deepest thoughts and prayers.

TRIBUTE TO HENRY HYDE

**HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 4, 2007*

Mrs. MYRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of a great man, and a dedicated member of this body. Henry Hyde was an esteemed colleague, a remarkable orator, and a true statesman. He was uniquely able to graciously disagree with other Members at a fundamental level without disrespect or contempt. In this sense, he was an example to all of us, Republican or Democrat, conservative

or liberal. When he spoke on this Floor, he spoke deliberately and intelligently, crafting numerous policy speeches that will endure well into the future.

Henry was a devoted advocate for the unborn, and he never wavered on this point. For that, I am personally grateful. Much has been said on this point, but no one can say it better than Henry himself.

As he stated during a critical debate on this Floor, "One of the great errors of modern politics is our foolish attempt to separate our private consciences from our public acts, and it cannot be done. At the end of the 20th century, is the crowning achievement of our democracy to treat the weak, the powerless, the unwanted, as things? To be disposed of? If so, we have not elevated justice; we have disgraced it".

Henry Hyde was not a perfect man, and like the rest of us, I imagine he was sometimes inclined to become angry and unpleasant when confronted with the frustrating issues that make our days here in Congress so interesting. But I always respected Henry for maintaining an honorable demeanor, even in the midst of emotionally charged disagreements. In the spirit of our country's great orators, he knew that we don't promote a real debate with nastiness and sound bites, but with thoughtful consideration and a deep understanding of the issues at hand.

My heart goes out to his family during this difficult time. Surely they can appreciate the impact that Henry Hyde made on this chamber. I'm honored to have an opportunity to express my gratitude to a man whose public service changed this country for the better.

TRIBUTE ON THE BIRTH OF  
GRANT EVAN WILSON**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 4, 2007*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I am happy to congratulate Dave and Rochelle Wilson of Lexington, South Carolina, on the birth of their new baby boy. Grant Evan Wilson was born on October 25, 2007 weighing 7 pounds and 8 ounces. Grant joins seven siblings—Bryce, Carly, Makenna, Caleb, Alyssa, Bennett and Owen. He has been born into a loving home, where he will be raised by parents who are devoted to his well-being and bright future.

Dave and Rochelle are longtime friends, and I am so excited for this new addition to their family. On behalf of my wife Roxanne, and our entire family, we want to wish the Wilson family all the best.

TRIBUTE TO NORWALK, IOWA  
HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY CHEER-  
LEADERS**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 4, 2007*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Norwalk, Iowa, High School varsity cheerleaders on

placing first in their team's first national competition.

On October 27, 2007, the Norwalk cheerleaders competed against 13 teams and emerged as champions at an official National Cheerleaders Association event at St. Francis High School in St. Louis, Missouri. The Norwalk cheerleading coach, Melissa Priest, and the parents of the 16 members of this cheerleading squad are also to be congratulated for this great accomplishment. They have instilled the importance and value of hard work, dedication, persistence and teamwork in these students, which has helped them to perform with the spirit and camaraderie required of champions.

I commend each of the Norwalk High School cheerleaders and their coach on this great accomplishment in representing their school and community. I consider it an honor to represent these cheerleaders and their coach in Congress, and I wish them continued success in the future.

TRIBUTE TO TRUE PURPOSE  
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 4, 2007*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to True Purpose Missionary Baptist Church, located in the 30th district of Texas, that has faithfully served the community for over 50 years.

Founded in 1854 by Reverend Alphonso Lopez, the church originally formed as small prayer groups meeting in the homes of its members. From this humble beginning, True Purpose Missionary Church remodeled and transformed a local tavern into a sanctuary that continues to house the congregation today. From here, they have worked tirelessly to transform the neighborhood and serve the people of the Dallas metroplex.

In particular, two of the first leaders of the church, Pastor A.L. Wilburn and Pastor James D. Parker, deserve a special honor for their service.

Pastor A.L. Wilburn served as the first pastor of True Purpose Missionary Baptist Church until his death in 1985. His leadership during his tenure brought great hope and inspiration to his congregation. A member of the Baptist General Convention, Baptist Ministers Union, Interdenominational Ministers Alliance and the Rising Star District Association, he is best remembered for his kind spirit and love of church, family and friends.

Following in his predecessor's footsteps, Pastor James D. Parker served as a beacon of strength and guidance for the church. Internationally recognized as a motivational speaker, he traveled throughout the world sharing his expertise and assisting numerous organizations across the globe. Pastor Parker was a graduate of Southern Methodist University and Dallas Theological Seminary. He served the church faithfully until his death in 1989.

Thanks to the strong leadership of these two men, True Purpose Missionary Baptist Church today continues to provide a nurturing environment for its members and visitors. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join

me in honoring True Purpose Missionary Baptist Church for their contributions to the Dallas community.

ROBERT CARLSON RESOLUTION

**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 4, 2007*

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a House Resolution recognizing commending the accomplishments of an outstanding Californian, Mr. Robert Carlson, upon his pending retirement from the board of administration of the California Public Employees Retirement System more commonly known as CalPERS.

Robert Carlson's distinguished career on the CalPERS board began in 1971 and will end on December 18th of this year after 36 years of devotion to the active and retired CalPERS members and their families.

Madam Speaker, on December 18th, the California Public Employees Retirement System, CalPERS, will honor Bob Carlson at its Sacramento headquarters. The event promises to be one filled with affection as CalPERS honors one of its longest serving and most beloved board of administration members.

Madam Speaker, allow me to briefly cite some of the many accomplishments and contributions of Mr. Carlson during his 36 years on the board of administration. In 1968, just prior to his initial election to the board, Mr. Carlson served as the president of the California State Employees Association, CSEA, and the first CSEA president to be elected to a second term in that position. Mr. Carlson has and continues to be a member of the California State Bar Association since 1952 after receiving his juris doctorate from the University of California, Hastings College of Law, where he was named Hastings Law School Alumnus of the Year in 1997.

During his outstanding career with CalPERS, Mr. Carlson has served 9 terms as the president of the board of administration and 5 years as its vice president. Furthermore, he has served as a member of every CalPERS board committee, where he has been considered one of the board's strongest advocates for retirees.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Carlson also led a successful effort in the California Assembly to gain passage of legislation giving CalPERS the authority to build its headquarters in Sacramento. He has been a strong voice in support of sound corporate governance principles and a champion for transparency, accountability and fulfilling CalPERS fiduciary responsibilities.

Mr. Carlson's hard work and contributions to CalPERS, its members and our State as a whole over the course of his career place him among the most distinguished citizens of our State. It is with a sense of appreciation and respect that I offer this resolution and request this body to consider it and pass it as expeditiously as possible.

Madam Speaker, I thank you and Members of this House for your attention to this important matter.

CONGRATULATING THE F.J. REITZ HIGH SCHOOL PANTHERS 2007 4A FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

**HON. BRAD ELLSWORTH**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 4, 2007*

Mr. ELLSWORTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Coach John Hart and the F.J. Reitz High School Panthers on their 2007 4A Division Indiana State football championship. The title is the first state championship for the Panthers since 1971 and was a fitting conclusion to an outstanding season.

The Panthers defeated the Lowell High School Red Devils in the championship game by a score of 33-14 and capped off an impressive 15-0 season. Their victory is the culmination of years of hard work, dedication and sacrifice. The team and coaching staff have demonstrated outstanding talent and an unwavering commitment to achieving their goals.

The Reitz Panthers are shining examples of the idea that success in life comes to those who are willing to set goals and work hard to achieve them. They are an inspiration to me and everyone in the Evansville community who has followed their progress this season.

Congratulations again to the F.J. Reitz Panthers Football Team for an outstanding season. Go Panthers!

PASSING OF HENRY HYDE

**HON. LAMAR SMITH**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 4, 2007*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, Henry Hyde was a giant in Congress. His articulateness, diplomacy and knowledge was evident to all. He sat on the Judiciary Committee from when he was first elected in 1975 and served 6 years as the Committee's Chairman. It was a privilege to serve with him.

Vivid memories of my years in Congress center on comments Henry Hyde made on and off the floor. He was a person of conviction, but never a partisan for partisan's sake. He was one of those rare individuals that when he spoke on the House floor, was listened to with respect because of his way with words and his sincerity.

We will miss him but he will be in our thoughts and prayers.

MORTGAGE REFORM AND ANTI-PREDATORY LENDING ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 15, 2007*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3915) to amend the Truth in Lending Act to reform consumer mortgage practices and provide accountability for such practices, to establish licensing and registration requirements for residential mortgage originators, to provide