

WOOD-PAWCATUCK WATERSHED
PROTECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2012

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Protection Act. I also want to thank my colleague, Congressman JIM LANGEVIN, for his unyielding efforts to introduce, promote and advance this important legislation.

As you know, the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Protection Act would initiate an important first step to potential National Wild and Scenic River designation for portions of the Chipuxet, Queen, Wood, and Pawcatuck Rivers in Connecticut and Rhode Island. Launching a study by the National Parks Service, this legislation could help to verify the outstanding beauty, abundant fisheries, and historic character that these free-flowing rivers currently provide our local communities and put this designated area on a path towards greater preservation.

Connecticut and Rhode Island are home to some of the most diverse habitats and natural resources, including the lands and waters of the Wood-Pawcatuck watershed. As stewards of this pristine 300 square mile area, it is our responsibility to ensure that these natural habitats are preserved and protected for generations to come. Our communities in Connecticut and Rhode Island have joined together to help protect this outstanding resource and preserve the area's biological diversity as well as its seemingly unlimited recreational opportunities. The relationship between the continued health of our local communities and the continued health of these waters is one that cannot and should not be overlooked.

The Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association and the Nature Conservancy have done an outstanding job advocating for the need and passage of this legislation, garnering the support of every town in the surrounding areas. It is evident that this locally-driven priority would benefit greatly from the public-private partnership that the Wild and Scenic designation entails, and I encourage this body to look favorably on this legislation so that a study for potential designation can begin.

I urge my colleagues to cast a vote in favor of H.R. 3388, the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Protection Act.

HONORING DR. BEVERLY WADE
HOGAN**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Dr. Beverly Wade Hogan. She was appointed as President of Tougaloo College in May 2002.

Prior to being appointed as President of Tougaloo College in 2002, Dr. Hogan served in many capacities at the College. She was the College's interim president, vice president for Institutional Advancement, founding direc-

tor of the Owens Health and Wellness Center, and executive assistant to the president. She served for ten years as the commissioner for the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission, four years as the executive director of the Governor's Office of Federal-State Programs, nine years as the executive director of the Mental Health Association in Hinds County and the state of Mississippi, respectively. She was once the adjunct instructor in Public Policy at Jackson State University and a frequent guest lecturer at the University of Mississippi and Mississippi State University. Additionally, Dr. Hogan has been involved with employment and educational training programs in Denmark, Sweden, and West Germany in affiliation with the German Marshall Fund. Dr. Hogan has also been a scholar with the Kettering Foundation where her research focus was on Higher Education and Civic Responsibility, in addition to being a participant and presenter in the Oxford Roundtable at Oxford University in Oxford, England.

Dr. Hogan holds the Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Tougaloo College and a Master's in Public Policy and Administration from Jackson State University. Dr. Hogan has continued her own education by pursuing additional studies at the University of Southern Mississippi and the University of Georgia. Dr. Hogan is currently furthering her education by pursuing her Doctoral Degree in Human Development and Organizational Leadership at Fielding Graduate University. She currently holds an Honorary Doctorate in Humanities from Wiley College in Texas and Rust College in Mississippi. In addition to this, she has also earned numerous certificates in leadership development, organizational management, policy development, health and human resources management, alcohol and drug studies, urban development and administrative law.

Dr. Hogan has also been credited with pioneering programs that have improved the quality of life for many citizens, including but not limited to the founding of the first psychiatric halfway house in Mississippi, establishing the first rape crisis center and shelter for battered women, and initiating the state's Self Employment Demonstration Project to reduce welfare dependency and the Rental Rehabilitation and Low Income Tax Credit Programs to increase the availability of housing for low income families.

As a woman dedicated to her community, Dr. Hogan volunteers and serves on various boards, including the community advisory board for Bancorp South, the Metro Chamber of Commerce, the University Club, and the Board of Visitors for the School of Dentistry at the University of Mississippi. She also serves on the local board for Entergy Mississippi, Sanderson Farm, the Regional Commission on Building Philanthropy, the national board of directors for the United Negro College Fund, the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education and the Brown University Leadership Alliance. She presently serves as the Chairperson of the Foundation for the Mid-South Board of Directors, and is a founding member and former president of the Central Mississippi Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women. Dr. Hogan is also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and the Links.

Dr. Hogan is a current member of the Mt. Wade Missionary Baptist Church in Terry, Mis-

issippi and is a regular worshipper at the Union Church of Christ/Woodworth Chapel at Tougaloo College.

She is married to Marvin Hogan and they have two sons, Maurice and Marcellus; two grandsons, Marsei and Tai'Micah; and two granddaughters, Emani and Liyah.

Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Beverly W. Hogan for her dedication to serving others.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, July 23, 2012, I was unable to attend votes due to a previously scheduled appointment. At that time I was in my district meeting with constituents to discuss environmental issues impacting the town of Clinton, IL and DeWitt County, IL.

Had I been present, my votes would have been as follows: for H.R. 2362 and H.R. 3477 I would have voted "yea"; for S. 2039, I would have voted "nay".

IN RECOGNITION OF THE REOPENING
OF ST. BARBARA CHURCH**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of St. Barbara's Church, one of the 11 Cleveland Catholic Diocese parishes that will be reopening this year.

In 2009 it was announced that several of the Cleveland Catholic Diocese's area churches, including St. Barbara's, were to close. However, just months ago, the Vatican overruled this decision and St. Barbara's will be reopening its doors on Sunday, July 22.

St. Barbara's Church originally opened in 1906 on top of a hill south of Big Creek in Cleveland. The building burned down in 1913, and a new one was built on the corner of Denison Avenue and West 15th Street, which was much more accessible for parishioners traveling by foot. In 1925, St. Barbara's Elementary School was established along with a new church building, leaving the old church building to be used as a hall for events. The third church building was torn down and replaced with yet another in 1952, and would remain the primary church building.

In anticipation of the re-opening, parishioners spent the past several weeks restoring the building to its former condition, cleaning the pews and replacing the statues that had been removed after the closing.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing the reopening of St. Barbara's Church, a beloved parish that has returned to the City of Cleveland.