

TRIBUTE TO JOHNNIE B. BOOKER

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 16, 2011

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Johnnie B. Booker on the occasion of her retirement from the Coca-Cola Company. Ms. Booker's career has been marked by an extraordinary record of success as a corporate executive, national expert on workforce and supplier diversity, and senior federal government official.

Ms. Booker has served as Global Director of Supplier Diversity for the Coca-Cola Company since 2001. In this capacity, she has been responsible for developing and implementing the company's supplier diversity program and initiatives to assure equal contracting opportunities for minority- and women-owned businesses. During her first year with Coca-Cola, contracts with minority- and women-owned businesses increased over the previous year by 50 percent, exceeding the company's goal by 27 percent. Under Ms. Booker's leadership, the company has consistently exceeded its goals for subsequent years, and its supplier diversity profile has grown substantially in actual dollars expended and global recognition.

Mr. Speaker, I might add that this is Ms. Booker's second retirement. Before joining Coca-Cola, she had a successful career in the federal government, culminating in her role as Director of the Office of Equal Opportunity at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), from which she retired in 1996. In 1991, Ms. Booker joined the Resolution Trust Corporation (RTC) as Vice President, Division of Minority and Women's Programs. While at the RTC, she created unprecedented contracting and investment opportunities for minority- and women-owned businesses and law firms. She commissioned the first disparity study by a federal agency and increased contracting fees for minority- and women-owned businesses from 18 percent to over 48 percent and from 3 to 26 percent for minority- and women-owned law firms. Her work at the RTC served as a model for other federal agencies as well as private companies seeking to establish viable minority procurement programs.

Prior to her tenure at the RTC, Ms. Booker served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. In this role, she established a new office of affirmative action and equal opportunity and successfully revamped the Department's fragmented approach to discrimination complaint processing and affirmative employment programs. Ms. Booker also served in executive capacities with the Federal Home Loan Bank Board and the National Urban League.

Active in her community, Ms. Booker serves on the boards of the National Minority Supplier Development Council, Women's Business Enterprise National Council, US Pan Asian Chamber of Commerce, Bronx Community College Foundation, the Ashley Stewart Foundation, National Advisory Board of the Whitney M. Young, Jr., School of Social Work—Clark Atlanta University and the Supplier Diversity Council of The Conference Board. Her civic affiliations include Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Dogwood City Chapter of The Links, Inc., Circle-Lets, The National Black Child Develop-

ment Institute, NAACP, Urban League and Big Bethel AME Church. Ms. Booker has appeared in a myriad of national publications and has received numerous honors and awards for her outstanding professional contributions and accomplishments.

Ms. Booker received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Hampton University and a Master of Social Work Degree from the Atlanta University School of Social Work. She is the proud mother of a son, S. Courtney Booker, III, mother-in-law of Nissa and grandmother of two wonderful grandchildren, Dalyn and Aiden, who bring her special joy. I know that she is looking forward to being able to spend more time with them in retirement.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the entire House join me in congratulating Ms. Johnnie B. Booker on this well deserved retirement. I wish her good health and Godspeed.

HONORING SARAH SMIERCIAK, RECIPIENT OF THE 2011 RHODES SCHOLARSHIP

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sarah Smierciak, a graduate of my alma mater, Northwestern University, who was recently awarded a prestigious Rhodes Scholarship.

Ms. Smierciak hails from Lemont and majored in History and in Middle East Language and Civilization. She studied Arabic at the American University in Cairo and Damascus University. She is also an accomplished triathlete and a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society.

Established in 1903, Rhodes Scholarships are awarded to outstanding well-rounded students to attend Oxford University for post-graduate study. The selection committee identifies young men and women of outstanding intellect, character, leadership, and commitment to service. Over 830 of our nation's top students applied and Sarah was awarded one of only 83 Rhodes Scholarships.

Ms. Smierciak's work and experiences demonstrate that she is a very deserving choice for this prestigious scholarship. She has published articles on social justice and published her photography, and serves as a docent on Egyptian art at The Field Museum.

Fluent in Arabic, she currently resides in Egypt, where she is promoting the value of education by assisting orphans in the aftermath of the Egyptian Revolution. Through her work with the international charity, FACE for Children in Need, she is working to develop a teaching curriculum for the street children of Egypt and Sudan. She remains tireless in her devotion to helping these young boys appreciate the need for education.

Ms. Smierciak plans to use her Rhodes Scholarship to pursue developmental studies at Oxford University. She aspires to one day be an advisor at the United Nations.

I ask you to join me in honoring Ms. Sarah Smierciak, a member of the Rhodes Scholarship Class of 2012, and may she have success in all her endeavors to promote the value of education throughout the United States and the world.

RECOGNIZING RADM MICHAEL A. BROWN

HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 16, 2011

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Rear Admiral Michael A. Brown for his distinguished service to the Government of the United States as the Director, Cybersecurity Coordination, National Protection and Programs Directorate, and Senior Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity Representative to the National Security Agency and the United States Cyber Command from December 2010 to January 2012.

Rear Admiral Brown is a national level leader on cybersecurity, a matter of highest importance to the nation's national security, homeland defense and economic competitiveness. Since the Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security each bring different authorities, capabilities and cultures to this national challenge, the nation needed an astute solution provider and consensus builder in each of these areas. Handpicked to bridge the two leading Departments in this mission space, he quickly earned the respect of each due to his intellect, skill and determination for national-level solutions and brought the Departments closer together.

Rear Admiral Brown's sound advice routinely developed and informed policy and operations positions taken by senior decision makers at the national level, thereby advancing national and international cybersecurity policy and critical legislative proposals needed to change the nation's antiquated cybersecurity-related laws. Few people had a bigger role at increasing the understanding and appreciation of the complexity and relationship between policy, technology and operations required to secure our nation's public and private infrastructure.

Rear Admiral Brown's leadership was crucial in the execution of a first-of-its-kind government-wide boundary cyber defense system to which the U.S.'s foreign intelligence system would be connected, to setting the course to transform DHS's cyber operational centers into national assets, to creating the public-private partnerships necessary to jointly operate to mitigate extraordinarily pressing nation state, crime, and hacktivist cyber threats.

The National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center was another of his notable achievements providing the vision and execution to make it operational. Both a warrior and innovative thinker, he seamlessly worked with government and private sector counterparts to strengthen and support operational partnerships.

During a perilous time for our nation, in which our adversaries' ability and will to steal and control our national assets through cyberspace often far outpaces our posture to stop it, Rear Admiral Brown helped set the necessary strategic direction by unifying the Federal Executive branch, state and local government, the U.S. critical infrastructure community, and the private sector. His leadership culminated in a White House-supported effort that defined a national plan for unified public and private response to malicious activity under the National Cyber Incident Response Plan.

Our thanks also go to his wife, Therese L. Brown and his children Michael R. Brown, Meghan T. Brown and Lauren M. Brown. Their support and sacrifice on behalf of our Nation should be recognized along with Rear Admiral Brown's tremendous hard work.

HONORING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF CANAAN GALILEE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 16, 2011

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 60th Anniversary of Canaan Galilee Missionary Baptist Church in Madison, Illinois.

In 1951, Mother Georgia Jones accepted her calling to help organize a new church in the Eagle Park area of Madison, Illinois. Word of Mother Jones' efforts reached Rev. C. D. McClinton, the former pastor of Southern Tabernacle Church in nearby Lovejoy. These two, along with a small group of dedicated pioneers, met for several weeks before forming a Mission which would become Canaan Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, with Rev. McClinton as the first Pastor.

Early meetings of the new church were held in the Jones' home. Soon, a lot was purchased and the first church structure was constructed through the labors of the church members. A fire destroyed the first church building on Good Friday, 1966, and temporary facilities were required, including a tent where services were held during the summer and fall of 1966. Work was ongoing for a permanent replacement which would be completed in stages as resources were available. The physical church structure continued to develop as the church congregation grew and a new edifice was recently dedicated.

Canaan Galilee Missionary Baptist Church has grown and expanded since its humble beginnings. A number of ministries have been instituted to serve not only the church congregation but also the Eagle Park community. The current and seventh pastor, Rev. Don Sanford, has been a driving force for expanding the church involvement in the community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 60th Anniversary of Canaan Galilee Missionary Baptist Church and to wish them the best for many years to come.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 1540, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2011

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2012. The conference report provisions regarding the treatment of terrorism detainees in U.S. cus-

tody contained in the bill simply do not go far enough to ensure that counterterrorism officials have the ability to effectively deal with the threats our country faces, while upholding our constitutional values.

These detainee provisions put into law the authority of the military to indefinitely detain without trial individuals determined to be members or substantial supporters of terrorist organizations. But the bill does not define in clear terms those who are subject to this provision and leaves open the possibility that even American citizens arrested on U.S. soil could be detained indefinitely.

I fully support many provisions in this bill, including those that provide our service members with the pay and equipment they need and deserve. I also strongly support provisions that make much-needed improvements to the sexual assault and harassment policies of the Defense Department, and ensure that victims have access to a military lawyer and maintain their option of confidential reporting even if they seek legal counsel.

But, the language regarding detainees contained in this bill threatens the rights and liberties of American citizens. We must state unequivocally that no American may be arrested on U.S. soil and detained indefinitely without trial. This bill fails that test and compromises our most basic constitutional values.

That is why I vigorously oppose H.R. 1540 and urge my colleagues to join me in a strong "no" vote.

DIVISION E OF THE CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 16, 2011

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, the Statement of Managers language contained in Division E of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2012 regarding the Boiler MACT rule is not intended in any way to convey an endorsement by the conferees of any Boiler MACT rulemaking proposal.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF MR. FRANK CASTELLI

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 16, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Frank Castelli's retirement as the Service Director for the City of Middleburg Heights after 25 years of dedicated service.

Mr. Frank Castelli was born in Jefferson, Ohio and graduated from Geneva High School. He later continued his education by attending Cleveland State University. Mr. Castelli and his wife, Delia, have been married for 45 years and have one daughter, Claudia, and two sons, Marc and Matt. Frank also has two grandchildren, Marcella and Pete.

Mr. Castelli is a veteran of the United States Army and served in Germany during 1955 and

1956. Following his service in the Army, Mr. Castelli worked in the insurance industry for nearly 30 years as a claim adjuster and commercial insurance agent. He also spent 16 years as the co-owner and operator of Trans Ohio Insurance Agency with his brother, Ron. In 1986, Frank became the Service Director for the City of Middleburg Heights, Ohio.

In addition to his careers serving his country, fellow Ohioans and residents of Middleburg Heights, Mr. Castelli has been a leader in the community. Since 1976 he has served as the president of the Misty Lake Condominium Association and at one time served as a member of the Planning Commission. From 1976 to 1986 Frank was a councilman for Middleburg Heights, Ward 1. He has also been serving as the president of the Middleburg Heights Democratic Club since 1998 and is an active member of the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party Executive Committee.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Mr. Frank Castelli as he celebrates his retirement.

HONORING ACTIVIST AND CIVIL RIGHTS HERO KATHLYN GILLIAM

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 16, 2011

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Kathlyn Gilliam, a champion of civil rights and the Dallas school district's first African-American female trustee. Ms. Gilliam was 81 years old when she passed away this last Sunday.

There is no shortage of talent and diversity in the 30th District of Texas, and residents like Kathlyn Gilliam are a testament to this fact. An activist and a leader, Ms. Gilliam dedicated her life to achieving higher quality education and living standards for all.

Growing up and working during the days of segregation, Ms. Gilliam's exceptional character helped her to triumph over a unique set of institutional hurdles and staunch resistance from her peers. She bravely attended Lincoln High School before Dallas ISD's desegregation and even went on to become the school district's first Black female trustee.

Ms. Gilliam actively shaped the way South Dallas schools would evolve into some of the magnet schools we understand them to be today. By fiercely advocating for stronger curricula and warding off near-constant opposition from the rest of the school board, Ms. Gilliam enhanced the overall learning experience for thousands of students in the area, the effects of which are still apparent today.

Mr. Speaker, it saddens me and thousands of other Dallas residents to hear of Ms. Gilliam's passing. Her legacy of effectively reshaping the Dallas school district and improving her community is not only immortalized in a school named in her honor, but also in our hearts and memories. Ms. Gilliam's passing comes as a great loss to the 30th District of Texas, and I hope that others will take example by her leadership and exceptional character.