

Reverend Robert Stanley declared. Reverend Stanley continued saying, "For him, the position of mayor wasn't a position of clout. It was a place to make change." Pompano Beach Mayor Lamar Fisher stated: "his involvement in the city is immeasurable." When asked his legacy, Mr. Larkins said, "I have always had a great affinity and love for this city. I hope when it's all over it's said that Pat gave it all he had."

Madam Speaker, I ask you and all the members of this esteemed legislative body to join me in recognizing the extraordinary life and accomplishments of Mr. Elijah Pat Larkins. I am honored to pay tribute to Mr. Larkin for his invaluable services and tireless dedication to the South Florida community.

CONGRATULATING MAYOR THOMAS M. LEIGHTON, RECIPIENT OF THE 2009 "MAN OF THE YEAR" AWARD FROM THE WILKES-BARRE FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 2009

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Wilkes-Barre Mayor Thomas M. Leighton, recipient of the 2009 "Man of the Year" award from the Wilkes-Barre Friendly Sons of St. Patrick.

Mayor Leighton began his tenure as the Mayor of the City of Wilkes-Barre on January 5, 2004. Prior to becoming mayor, he served three four-year terms as a city councilman, as Chairman in 1995, 1998 and 2002 and as Vice Chairman in 1994, 1997, 1999 and 2001.

A graduate of Bishop Hoban High School, Mayor Leighton earned a bachelor of science degree from King's College in Business Administration. In 1996, he became president and owner of C.A. Leighton Company, Inc., a real estate, insurance and appraisal business located in downtown Wilkes-Barre since 1921. To fulfill his professional licensing, Mayor Leighton has successfully completed numerous continuing education programs over the years in the fields of real estate, appraisal and insurance and has retained membership in real estate professional organizations.

The combination of his municipal and business experience has provided him with the knowledge and familiarity to meet the financial and operational challenges he faces as Mayor.

An active alumnus of King's College, Mayor Leighton served as chairman of the 2006 King's College Alumni Phonathon Fund Drive as well as on the President's Council and the Century Club. He is a former coach of many community sports leagues including the Wilkes-Barre Family YMCA, St. Theresa's Little League, Skyhawks Youth Soccer, Rolling Mill Hill Basketball, St. Nicholas/St. Mary's Basketball and he is also a certified PIAA referee.

Mayor Leighton is also a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 302, third degree, the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, Elks Club, Saint Conrad's Club, North End Slovak Club and the Eagles Club.

Mayor Leighton and his wife, Patty, have three children: Kelly, Tom Jr. and Courtney.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mayor Leighton on the occasion of this auspicious event. Mayor Leighton's exemplary commitment to his family, his city and northeastern Pennsylvania is a clear reflection of his determination to play an active role in the improvement of the quality of life for everyone and, because of that, his selection as Man of the Year is a well deserved honor.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN J. HALL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 2009

Mr. HALL of New York. Madam Speaker, due to a family emergency I was unavoidably absent from the House on March 4, 2009, and missed the following votes:

Rollcall vote No. 94, a motion by Mr. PASCRELL of New Jersey to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 201, a resolution recognizing Beverly Eckert's service to the Nation and particularly to the survivors and families of the September 11, 2001, attacks. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Rollcall vote No. 95, a motion by Mr. CARNEY of Pennsylvania to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 195, a resolution recognizing and honoring the employees of the Department of Homeland Security on its sixth anniversary for their continuous efforts to keep the Nation safe. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Rollcall vote No. 96, a motion by Ms. LOFGREN of California to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 45, a resolution raising awareness and promoting education on the criminal justice system by establishing March as "National Criminal Justice Month." Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 2009

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, March 3, 2009, and Wednesday, March 4, 2009, I was not present for recorded votes due to the death of a close personal friend. Please let the record show that had I been present, I would have voted the following way: roll No. 91—"yea," roll No. 92—"yea," roll No. 93—"yea," roll No. 94—"yea," roll No. 95—"yea," roll No. 96—"yea."

INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIONAL MS AND PARKINSON'S DISEASE REGISTRIES ACT

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 2009

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, along with the co-chairs of the Congressional Caucuses on MS and Parkinson's disease, we are pleased to introduce the National MS and Parkinson's Disease Registries Act—which, for

the first time, establish national Multiple Sclerosis (MS) and Parkinson's disease registries at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Currently, a national coordinated system to collect and analyze data on MS or Parkinson's disease does not exist. Accurate incidence and prevalence information is critical to gain a better understanding of these diseases that are estimated to affect more than 1.4 million Americans. The current lack of core knowledge about who has MS and Parkinson's disease and why inhibits research, programs, treatment and services.

This legislation will remedy that by developing coordinated, separate national systems to collect and store existing MS and Parkinson's disease data on incidence and prevalence. These registries could help uncover and inform promising areas of MS and Parkinson's research such as genetic and environmental risk factors, and support the discovery of disease therapies, treatments, and one day a cure. The information collected through the registries will provide a foundation for evaluating and understanding many factors such as geographic clusters of diagnosis, variances in the gender ratio, disease burden, and changes in health care practices.

Madam Speaker, this legislation represents an opportunity to move neurological disease research in a meaningful way that aims to improve the lives of our constituents with Parkinson's and MS. I invite my colleagues to join us in cosponsoring this much-needed bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALLEN BOYD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 2009

Mr. BOYD. Madam Speaker, due to personal reasons, I was unable to attend to several votes. Had I been present, my vote would have been "yea" on H. Res. 201, Recognizing Beverly Eckert's service to the Nation and particularly to the survivors and families of the September 11, 2001 attacks; "yea" on H. Res. 195, Recognizing and honoring the employees of the Department of Homeland Security on its sixth anniversary for their continuous efforts to keep the Nation safe; and "yea" on H. Res. 45, Raising awareness and promoting education on the criminal justice system by establishing March as "National Criminal Justice Month".

CONGRATULATING WALTER J. ZABLE AND THE CUBIC CORPORATION

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 2009

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Cubic Corporation, a San Diego-based company celebrating 50 years as a publicly traded entity. In fact, on March 5, 2009, executives from Cubic were invited to the New York Stock Exchange to ring the opening bell to mark the occasion.

Since its founding in 1951 and subsequent status as a publicly traded company in 1959,

Walter J. Zable, Chairman and CEO, has been at the helm. I've known Walt for many years and this celebration not only marks a 50-year milestone for Cubic, but serves as a remarkable testament to the wisdom and good business sense of Mr. Zable.

While Cubic has experienced its share of business challenges, Mr. Zable has kept adhering to commonsense business tenets that steady the ship and allow Cubic steady, sustainable growth.

Cubic has followed a strong and responsible business philosophy, allowing it to achieve solid growth over many years along with the ability to weather several economic downturns—including the one the country currently faces.

While there are other companies that have had more spectacular growth than Cubic, many have suffered equally spectacular downturns as well. Cubic, under the leadership of Mr. Zable, has maintained a considered commonsense approach to its businesses thus returning stable, sustainable growth.

From its humble beginnings almost 60 years ago, Cubic is now an enterprise with \$881 million in 2008 sales and an employer of more than 7,000 people worldwide. The markets that it works in—Defense and Transportation—are much needed in this tumultuous world and Cubic holds a strong position in these markets. Today the company now operates in more than 45 countries with the largest foreign customer being the United Kingdom.

Indeed, in these difficult economic times, Cubic stands as a true American success story.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
JANIE GLYMPH GOREE

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 2009

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a trailblazer whose passing us mourn by all South Carolinians. The Honorable Janie Glymph Goree was the first female African American to be elected mayor of a South Carolina town. She passed away on January 13, 2009, at the age of 87 and I ask that we take a moment to celebrate her exceptional life and legacy.

Janie Glymph Goree was born in 1921, the youngest of ten children born to sharecroppers Orlander and Chaney Glymph in the Maybinton community of Newberry County. Her parents valued education, but there were limited educational opportunities for black children growing up in the rural, segregated South. Yet one of her teachers recognized her potential and provided her with the education she desperately desired.

Mrs. Goree became the first in her family to attend college. She had been awarded a scholarship to attend South Carolina State College, but financial problems prevented her from going. Although temporarily delayed, she worked as a domestic and eventually earned enough to pay her way through Benedict College in Columbia. Her hard work and determination paid off and she graduated Magna Cum Laude as Valedictorian of the class of 1948. She went on to earn her Masters De-

gree in Basic Sciences and Mathematics from the University of Colorado in 1959, and did further study at Notre Dame and the University of Wisconsin.

For 33 years she taught math at Sims High School and Union High School, where she spent a great deal of time sponsoring extra-curricular programs for the students. Knowing the value of an education, she also tutored illiterate people and instructed Post Office workers. She always sought to improve her knowledge, and participated in numerous workshops and conferences.

Throughout her adult life, Mrs. Goree was active in politics. In 1978, she was elected Mayor of the Town of Carlisle, which made history in South Carolina. A sharecroppers' daughter, who once worked as a maid, was now the first black female to serve as Mayor of a South Carolina town. The same dogged-determination and dedication that led to success in the classroom also enabled Mrs. Goree to have great success as a municipal leader.

During her 22 years as Mayor of Carlisle, she won major grants to improve the city's water system, sewers, administration buildings, recreation areas, and build a fire department. She knew that basic infrastructure was essential to the quality of life for the residents in her community, and she made it her top priority. Always one to seek and share knowledge, Mrs. Goree was very active in organizations that allowed her to take fact-finding trips all over the world, visiting every continent except Antarctica.

She was an active participant in state and national organizations, including leadership positions in the South Carolina Conference of Black Mayors, the Municipal Association, the National Conference of Black Mayors, the Union County Chamber of Commerce and the World Conference of Mayors. She was invited to the White House several times, and interacted with Presidents and world leaders. For her civic work, Mrs. Goree received numerous awards and citations. One of her proudest honors was having the Carlisle Town Hall, which she helped to build, named in her honor.

Mrs. Goree was an active member of Seekwell Baptist Church, where she served as a volunteer, committee person, and Sunday school teacher. She was married to the late Charlie Goree, and is survived by six step-children, a foster son, and 32 nieces and nephews.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in celebrating the life of this extraordinary woman. Janie Glymph Goree turned life's challenges into a drive to succeed. This pioneer who changed her community was well-known nationally and internationally. Her lasting legacy can be seen on all the streets of Carlisle and in the countless people she helped educate over the years. Her presence will be sorely missed.

IN TRIBUTE TO CHRISTIE
STANLEY

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 2009

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise in tribute to my friend Christie Stanley, District

Attorney for the County of Santa Barbara, California.

Christie Stanley joined the District Attorney's Office in 1980 and quickly moved into supervisory positions, including 15 years as Assistant District Attorney for the North County, where she was responsible for the day-to-day operations of all the District Attorney's Office's business north of the Gaviota Pass.

The hundreds of cases she prosecuted include two Crips gang members who came from Los Angeles and ambushed a Lompoc police officer as he responded to their call for help. The shooter is serving a life sentence for attempted murder.

Many murder cases she prosecuted were domestic violence cases, a cause she deeply believes in. The cases include a triple murder in which the defendant is serving three consecutive life sentences, two without the possibility of parole.

Christie Stanley's outstanding career led to her election as District Attorney in June 2006. With a nearly perfect conviction rate, Santa Barbara voters gave her an overwhelming vote of confidence with 70 percent of the vote.

She has not let them down.

As District Attorney, Mrs. Stanley supervises 52 prosecuting attorneys, 24 investigators, and victims advocates and support staff with offices in Santa Barbara, Santa Maria and Lompoc. She has earned their loyalty. They share her vision of upholding the law with a combination of fairness and firmness.

District Attorney Stanley traces her career as a prosecuting attorney to a favorite uncle who was murdered in a small town in Kansas. Her uncle's killer was caught and brought through the town square where the townspeople were bent on vengeance. In Christie's words:

"The officers who had him in custody, friends and colleagues of my uncle, brought the killer in safely so he could be prosecuted. I was and am consistently impressed by law enforcement professionals who do the right thing, even when it is the hard thing to do."

That attitude has earned District Attorney Stanley the respect and cooperation of law enforcement officers at every level, the respect and gratitude of crime victims, and animosity from criminals of every stripe.

Madam Speaker, tomorrow California State Senator Tony Strickland will honor Christie Stanley as the 19th Senate District Woman of the Year. It is a well deserved honor for a tough and respected prosecutor. I know my colleagues will join me in congratulating District Attorney Christie Stanley and in thanking her for dedicated and unflagging service to the people of Santa Barbara County.

EXTENDING CERTAIN
IMMIGRATION PROGRAMS

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2009

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of this bill reauthorizing two very important programs, the Non-Minister Religious Worker Program and the Program for Doctors Serving in Underserved Areas Program. I urge my colleagues to support this important bill that reauthorizes these much needed and much utilized programs.