

TO RECOGNIZE THE 150 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2013

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of 278 simple words spoken a century and a half ago in a small town in my home state of Pennsylvania. When President Lincoln addressed the crowd assembled at the dedication of the National Cemetery at Gettysburg, he noted in his speech that his words were ones that, "the world will little note, nor long remember". Yet, 150 years later, President Lincoln's words of sacrifice and strength still ring true. Even amidst the fog of a still raging civil war, Lincoln promised that "this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom"—and that "government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth." Today, we recognize the commitment of President Lincoln to reunite and ensure the continued success of our nation. Furthermore, we reinforce our efforts to protect his solemn pledge of a free government for a free people.

COMMEMORATING JOHN LANCE
LINDABERRY

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Private First Class John Lance Lindaberry of Long Valley, New Jersey who honorably served his country during the Vietnam War. Mr. Lindaberry was a member of the 2nd Battalion of the 27th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, and killed in action on Nov. 16, 1967.

Mr. Lindaberry was graduated from West Morris Central High School in 1966, and joined the Army in 1967. He was loved by his family and the community, especially his fellow parishioners at the Highlands Presbyterian Church.

Long Valley continues to honor the memory of Mr. Lindaberry at its annual Memorial Day services, as well as other fallen service members.

CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS:
HUNGER IN AMERICA

SPEECH OF

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 18, 2013

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, as we begin to enter the holiday season, let us reflect on the devastating impact of hunger on individuals, families, and communities.

Mr. Speaker—hunger is no holiday for millions of Americans.

50 million individuals in this country are food insecure and 17 million of them are children.

Making sure children are well fed is necessary if America is to reach its health, education, economic, and fiscal goals.

In 2011, 679,900 children in Ohio lived in food insecure households.

On Nov. 1, the largest cuts in the history of our country's food stamp program, now called the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, went into effect when the increase given by the 2009 economic stimulus package expired.

This reduction, which totaled \$5 billion, has already touched more than 47 million people—1 in 7 Americans.

Moreover, billions more in cuts are scheduled to occur in the following two years, despite the fact that food insecurity in America has not even begun to return to pre-recession levels.

Mr. Speaker, we are in a hunger crisis.

When almost 50 million people in the richest country on the planet hungry, that is a crisis.

Moreover, food insecurity can have wide-ranging detrimental consequences on individual's physical and mental health, especially with the more vulnerable populations such as pregnant women and seniors.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, more than 1 in 6 Ohio households faced food insecurity from 2010 to 2012, up 6.3 percentage points from a decade earlier.

Ohio trailed only Missouri and Nevada in hunger increases during that same time.

Ohioans have been left to cope with loss of employment, wage stagnation, slow economic recovery, and food insecurity.

Ohioans are hurting.

Shellie, a mother in my district expressed to me that by the end of every month, she has to tell her kids that all they have left to eat is enough food for dinner.

There is nothing left in the pantry to put on the table for breakfast or lunch.

Then there is Roberta, who was a county caseworker in my district for 25 years and a school board member for ten years, and suffered a serious and sudden illness.

Now, because of medical bills, she and her family rely on food stamps and food pantries.

Another touching example is Sandra in my district, who is disabled and lost her job during the recession.

Food stamps are her only recourse for food.

There are thousands of stories like Shellie's, Roberta's, and Sandra's throughout our country.

We must let our constituents know that we hear their struggles and we are fighting for them.

Preventing irrational cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a great first step to curbing hunger.

The large \$40 billion cuts in the House version of the 2013 Farm Bill are unprecedented.

SNAP should remain a part of the farm bill and I urge anyone who believes hunger and food insecurity should end to make sure that it does.

This is a practical and moral imperative.

I will continue to support the American people through their daily fight to preserve funding for these initiatives and to end hunger in America.

I thank you for the opportunity to speak on this important issue.

HONORING BRANDT BEAUCHAMP

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Brandt Beauchamp. Brandt is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 663, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Brandt has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Brandt has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Brandt has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Brandt for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION IN
RECOGNITION OF PEOPLE OF AFRICAN
DESCENT AND BLACK EUROPEAN
LEADERS

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2013

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution recognizing people of African descent, and particularly Europe's Black community and political leaders, as we welcome a delegation of Black European Rights Leaders representing 10 European countries to Washington, DC this week, and continue working to address issues of inequality, discrimination, and inclusion in the 57 North American and European countries that make up the region of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).

An estimated seven to ten million individuals of African descent currently live in Europe, particularly in France, the United Kingdom, and the Netherlands, and form an influential part of the African diaspora. From labor and scholarship to politics and civil rights, they have contributed greatly to European history and culture over the past several centuries. However, the story of Black Europeans remains widely untold, rendering many of their past and present contributions to the political and social life of Europe invisible or forgotten. Furthermore, similar to the experiences of many African Americans, they have increasingly become the targets of discrimination, pernicious racial profiling, and violent hate crimes impacting equal access to housing, employment, education, and justice.

On April 29, 2008, I chaired a U.S. Helsinki Commission hearing entitled, "The State of (In)visible Black Europe: Race, Rights, and Politics," which focused on bringing to light the daily challenges of racism and discrimination encountered by Black Europeans, specifically with regard to their representation in leadership positions and political participation. Since

then, I have worked with minority and other European legislators to convene annual events in Brussels, Belgium at the European Parliament to address these issues, including the 2009 Black European Summit: Transatlantic Dialogue on Political Inclusion and the 2010 and 2011 Transatlantic Minority Political Leadership Conferences. Follow-on initiatives from these events have included the Transatlantic Inclusion Leaders Network in cooperation with the State Department and German Marshall Fund, which works to advance young, diverse, and inclusive leaders on both sides of the Atlantic.

This resolution acknowledges the findings from the OSCE's Annual Hate Crimes Report and European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights' (EUFRA) 2009 European Union Minorities and Discrimination Survey (EU-MIDIS), as well as initiatives such as the June 2013 European Network Against Racism's "People of African Descent and Black Europeans" Policy Paper and Open Society Justice Initiative 2009 report, entitled "Ethnic Profiling in the European Union," which reveal systemic discrimination against Black Europeans in housing, education, health care, employment, the criminal justice system, and access to political participation. Moreover, recent racist acts towards Black European cabinet-level officials highlight continuing issues of racism and national extremism, and the need to increase the awareness of rights and protection for Black Europeans.

Cooperation is key to addressing the global problems of racism and discrimination. As we continue working to build on past and current initiatives, I encourage my colleagues to join me in recognizing and celebrating the collective history and achievements made by people of African descent. This resolution reaffirms the importance of inclusion and the full and equal participation of people of African descent around the world in all aspects of political, economic, social, and cultural life. To that end, Congress should welcome increased parliamentary activities, including those of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, to engage in efforts to promote racial equality and combat racial discrimination through efforts such as introducing legislation, speaking out against racism, increasing the political participation of racial minorities, and working with Black European and other minority communities to develop relevant policies.

Europe today grapples with complex questions at the intersection of national identity, decreasing birth rates, increasing immigration, security concerns, and a rise in extremist political parties and vigilantism. In this context of changing demographics and attitudes, the experiences of Black Europeans increasingly serve as a measure of the strength of European democracies and commitments to human rights. Following the 2011 Transatlantic Minority Political Leadership Conference, U.S. and European parliamentarians called for a Joint US-EU Action Plan to work on transatlantic solutions to address bias and discrimination and foster inclusion—much the way we work jointly on counterterrorism, trade, and other issues. The adoption of such an initiative would significantly increase the tools our governments have to address common issues, develop proactive policies to meet changing demographics leading to increased diversity in our societies, and ultimately ensure the long-term stability and prosperity of our democracies.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the adoption of a Joint Action Plan in addition to immediate actions by European governments and members of civil society and the private sector, in consultation with Black European communities, to develop and implement initiatives to combat racial discrimination and promote racial equality in Europe. In the interim, our government can do more to partner with European public and private sectors and Black and migrant communities to advance human rights and inclusion in Europe, including appointing at the State Department and U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Senior Advisors on Afro-descent peoples and establishing a State Department Fund for the Inclusion of Racial and Ethnic minorities modeled after the Department's International Fund for Women and Girls and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Global Equality Funds.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2013

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, on November 18th, I was attending a funeral and missed rollcall No. 588, on H.R. 2061. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

HONORING MICHAEL A. LENOIR,
M.D.

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2013

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career of Dr. Michael LeNoir as we celebrate over 40 years of his contributions to the medical field. Dr. LeNoir continues to be a celebrated physician, and we join together in praise of his remarkable contributions to the Bay Area, California, and our great nation.

Dr. LeNoir is married to Denise Washington LeNoir and they have 4 daughters and 5 grandchildren. He attended the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston and graduated in 1967. During his transitional year, he interned at the Los Angeles County and the University of Southern California Medical Center. He completed his pediatrics residency at the William Beaumont Army Medical Center in 1970, and finished his fellowship in pediatric allergy and immunology in 1972 at the University of California at San Diego. Dr. LeNoir has been certified for 39 years in Allergy and Immunology from the American Board of Allergy and Immunology, and certified 40 years in Pediatrics from the American Board of Pediatrics. He has practiced clinical allergy and pediatrics in the Bay Area since 1977, and has been an active member of the National Medical Association (NMA) since 1975.

Throughout his prolific career, Dr. LeNoir has served in a number of leadership roles including former board member of the American Association of Certified Allergists, former chair of the Underserved Committee of the American Academy of Allergy, past President of the Northern California Allergy Association, former

Chair of the NMA Allergy and Asthma Section, and former Chair of the Clinical Faculty at the University of California, San Francisco when he served as an associate clinical professor.

Dr. LeNoir has also earned myriad accolades, including the first Floyd Malveaux Award by the NMA Allergy and Asthma Section, the 2006 Community Physician of the Year Award by the Residents at Oakland Children's Hospital and Research Institute, the Lydia Smiley Award from the California School Nurses Association, as well as numerous awards highlighting his community service.

Dr. LeNoir was named as one of the America's leading African American Allergists by Black Enterprise Magazine in 2001 and 2008. Since 2001, Dr. LeNoir has been named as one of the best 200 physicians by Oakland Magazine and San Francisco Magazine.

From 1981 to 1993, Dr. LeNoir was the medical editor for KCBS Radio, hosting a 2 hour weekly talk show. He has been the CEO of the Ethnic Health America Network since 1985, and is the host and executive producer of the About Health Program, a talk show featured on Pacifica Radio stations, including Berkeley's KPFA. He has also served as president of the National Association of Physician Broadcasters.

Currently, Dr. LeNoir is president of the Ethnic Health Institute at Alta Bates Summit Medical Center, Board Chair of the African American Wellness Project, and member of the Board of Directors at Children's Hospital and Research Center in Oakland.

Earlier this summer, Dr. LeNoir was inaugurated as the 114th President of the NMA. The NMA is the largest and oldest national organization representing the interests of more than 32,000 African American physicians and the patients they serve. Under Dr. LeNoir's leadership, the NMA will continue its work to eliminate health disparities, improve the pipeline for African American students, and advance the quality of health among communities of color and disadvantaged populations.

I have had the privilege of knowing and working with Dr. LeNoir for many years. He is a brilliant and compassionate physician who has used his expertise and experience on behalf of his patients and the overall community. I am proud to call him a colleague and a friend.

On behalf of California's 13th Congressional District, Dr. Michael LeNoir, I salute you. Your 40 years of dedication to improving the health of our communities and leadership on medical advances have made an indelible mark in history. Thank you for your continued work and best wishes to you and your loved ones in the years to come.

HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH—AFTON, MN

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the congregation of Saint Peter Lutheran Church of Afton, Minnesota on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the church. Since its founding by German settlers in 1863, the church has served as a center of faith and community.