

He holds state licenses in both South Carolina and Tennessee.

Dr. Porter attained his undergraduate degree from Claflin University and he studied Business and Data Processing at Spartanburg Technical College. He is married to the former Errie Bobo, and the couple has three adult children.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in thanking Dr. John Henry Porter, Jr., for his commitment to chiropractics and his desire to teach a new generation the skills needed to succeed in the profession. Dr. Porter is a tremendous advocate for chiropractors, and very deserving of his recognition as a Trailblazer by his peers.

#### TRIBUTE TO WAYNE C. WILTSHIRE

#### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2006*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the jazz musician, Wayne C. Wiltshire, distinguished artist of the music industry. It behooves us to pay tribute to this outstanding artist and I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing his impressive accomplishments.

Wayne C. Wiltshire has spent his entire 33 year career trying to improve access to healthcare for thousands of New Yorkers. First, as administrator for Emergency and Ambulatory Care Services at Cumberland Hospital and then as Associate Executive Director at Woodhull Hospital, which he helped open in 1982. Mr. Wiltshire then returned to renovate the new Cumberland D&TC, and served as their first Executive Director for 8 years. He later was transferred to Bellevue Hospital where he served for 5 years as the hospital's first African-American Associate Executive Director for Psychiatry and Emergency Services. During this time, Mr. Wiltshire was also an adjunct professor at St. Joseph's College in Brooklyn and owned his own ambulette service—Health Link, Incorporated with his father Cuthbert Wiltshire and brother David Wiltshire. With a Master's Degree in Community Health from LID and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Urban Politics from Shaw University, Mr. Wiltshire, a Canarsie High School graduate, is currently the Chief Executive Officer for the Paul J. Cooper Center for Human Services, Inc., formerly the Brownsville-Oceanhill Mental Health Service.

Mr. Wiltshire celebrated his twenty-first wedding anniversary in July with his wife Donna, who is also a twenty-nine year health professional. They have four children—Marc, Ngina, Kelli-Lin and Victor. From Fort Greene to Williamsburg, and now Brownsville, Mr. Wiltshire has helped shape the health care landscape of Brooklyn, which has helped improve access to health care for thousands of New Yorkers.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the accomplishments of Wayne C. Wiltshire. His commitment to improving healthcare access makes him most worthy of our recognition today.

#### IN MEMORY OF RICK DANIEL

#### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2006*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the pro-Second Amendment community lost a true friend last month, with the passing of Herman Richard Daniel of Irmo, SC. "Rick" died due to complications from aortic heart issues. He was 45.

He was the son of Evelyn Spires and the late Herman Daniel. Rick was a member of the New Heights Baptist Church.

A longtime aide to South Carolina Comptroller General, Richard Eckstrom, Rick had a distinguished and passionate career in the service to causes in the defense of freedom. Rick served ten years as the President of Gun Owners of South Carolina and the NRA State Association. He was the only non-legislator in South Carolina to be named "Defender of Freedom" by the National Rifle Association and was also named the first ever NRA Member of the Year by "America's First Freedom" magazine. Rick was known for his powerful essays and articles on the subject of freedom and was recently awarded the Second Amendment Foundation's "James Madison Award" for excellence in writing. Rick was also a proud officer in the South Carolina State Guard.

Rick is survived by his loving wife Esther and two daughters, Heather Rhea and Kara Nina; his brother Jim and wife Tonette with niece Jamie, and sister Linda and her husband Charley Butler.

Rick was a patriot, loving father, devoted son, and dedicated servant of the Lord. His quick wit and personal charm will leave us all missing him.

#### HONORING ROCKENBAUGH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR BEING NAMED A NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

#### HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2006*

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rockenbaugh Elementary School located in Southlake, Texas for being named a 2006 No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School. Only 26 public schools in Texas will receive this coveted award this year.

The No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon Schools program recognizes schools that make significant progress in closing the achievement gap or whose students achieve at very high levels. Schools must make adequate yearly progress in reading, language arts and mathematics.

Rockenbaugh Elementary is no exception as Principal Karen White, her staff, the students and their families have poured dedication and heart into creating a fertile learning environment in Southlake. They have realized the immense potential of all those involved in making a school Blue Ribbon-worthy.

The No Child Left Behind Act is the bipartisan landmark education reform law designed to change the culture of America's schools by

closing the achievement gap, offering more flexibility to States, giving parents more information and options and teaching students based on what works. Under the law's strong accountability provisions, States must describe how they will close the achievement gap and make sure all students, including those with disabilities, achieve academically.

I extend my sincere congratulations to Rockenbaugh Elementary School for receiving this award. This school's contribution and services should serve as inspiration to us all.

#### STATEMENT ON HELEN CHENOWETH-HAGE

#### HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2006*

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, with the passing last month of Helen Chenoweth-Hage, America has lost one of its true champions of liberty and constitutional government, and I have lost a valued friend and colleague. When Helen served in the House of Representatives, she gained a national following for her principled and uncompromising defense of private property, the Second Amendment, American sovereignty, and limited federal government.

Unlike all too many people who come to Washington, Helen never forgot the principles that inspired her to seek office. I was honored when Helen became the first member of Congress to join my Liberty Caucus. She understood the importance of creating a support system to help members of Congress resist the constant pressures to "go along to get along."

I will always cherish my memories of the time Helen and I served together in the House, and I thank the Lord for enriching my life and the lives of so many others by granting us the opportunity to know Helen. I hope that knowledge of how many freedom-lovers across the country join Helen's family in mourning her loss provides some measure of comfort to Helen's family.

#### HONORING DENNIS KENNEDY UPON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 30 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE CITY OF MORGAN HILL

#### HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2006*

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. Dennis Kennedy who has served the City of Morgan Hill in various capacities for the past 30 years.

Since 1977, one year after Mr. Kennedy moved to Morgan Hill, he has been involved in various roles within the City of Morgan Hill's local government. He served three terms on the Planning Commission and two terms on the General Plan Update Committee.

In 1990 he stood for election and won a seat on the City Council. He has served four terms as the mayor of the City of Morgan Hill. He was appointed to his first term in 1992. In 1996, he became the first directly elected mayor and was re-elected in 1998, 2000, 2002 and 2004.

He is past chairman of the South County Regional Wastewater Authority, has served two terms on the Board of Directors of the Valley Transportation Authority and is a past-president of the Santa Clara Cities Association.

Mr. Kennedy has always been mindful of his commitment to the Santa Clara Valley and, although he was born in Nebraska, he has acted like a true local when community interests were at stake. Mr. Kennedy moved to San Jose, California during his high school years and attended Bellarmine College Preparatory School in San Jose. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Santa Clara University and served as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Professionally, it has been a pleasure to work with Mr. Kennedy because he sincerely cares about the residents of the City of Morgan Hill and their interests. I know I stand with many other thankful constituents in congratulating Mr. Kennedy on his years of service and wishing him the very best for his retirement.

#### HONORING THE RETURN OF BATTERY B, 2ND BATTALION, 116TH FIELD ARTILLERY

##### HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2006*

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exploits of one of Florida's National Guard Units—Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 116th Field Artillery.

In April of 2005, 139 soldiers from Battery B began a deployment that would take them to Afghanistan. For over a year, the unit brought security to the Afghani people by conducting patrols, guarding critical military bases, and providing a presence to deter Taliban insurgents. This past July, after their heroic service, elements of Battery B began returning to the United States. Thankfully, during their deployment, the unit suffered no fatalities.

Last month, I had the privilege of meeting with these brave individuals, many of whom live within my congressional district. The courage and selflessness of our soldiers never ceases to amaze me. I was also touched when I learned that during its tour, Battery B used an American flag that flew over the United States Capitol—a little piece of home halfway around the world.

Mr. Speaker, the war on terror is a long-term commitment, one that will require courage, sacrifice, and hard work. When I see the steadfast resolve of soldiers with Battery B, I know that we will prevail in this conflict. In closing, I want to thank the men and women in our Armed Forces, as well as their families, for making tremendous sacrifices to defend our freedom. May God bless you all.

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. BEATRICE GAMBLE-FRANKLIN

##### HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2006*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable doctor and South

Carolinian, who, on November 19, 2006, will be the only female recipient of the Trailblazer Award for her contributions to the chiropractic profession. Dr. Beatrice Gamble-Franklin is a native of South Carolina, who has spent her career helping others.

Beatrice Gamble was born in Georgetown, South Carolina and excelled as a student. She graduated first in her class from Choppee High School, and was selected for the MARC (Minority Access to Research Careers) honors program, which enabled her to pursue undergraduate and graduate degrees from Benedict College and Atlanta University. Beatrice then attended Life Chiropractic College in Marietta, Georgia.

Dr. Gamble-Franklin has been in the chiropractic field for 20 years. She holds the distinction of being the first African American chiropractor in South Carolina, and has been voted the best chiropractor in the state. At one time, Dr. Gamble-Franklin had six practices. Today, she and her husband, Dr. Gregory Franklin, have two practices in Columbia and Orangeburg.

In addition to her work in chiropractics, Dr. Gamble-Franklin is using her training in scientific research to develop hair products. She has invented the VictoriUs Silk Protein Relaxer, which is highly recommended by hair stylists.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me today in applauding the trailblazing spirit of Dr. Beatrice Gamble-Franklin. Her recognition by her peers is a testament to the extraordinary contributions she has made as a chiropractor, and the difference she has made in the lives of her patients.

#### A TRIBUTE TO THE AUSTRIAN CONSULATE GENERAL IN NEW YORK AND THE RAV TOV INTERNATIONAL JEWISH RESCUE ORGANIZATION

##### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2006*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to the Austrian Consulate in New York as they honor one of my district's outstanding human rights groups, The Rav Tov International Jewish Rescue Organization.

Founded in 1973, at the behest of the former Grand Rabbi of Satmar, Rabbi Joel Teitelbaum of blessed memory, in 1973, Rav Tov was initially established to rescue the persecuted Jewish community living in the former Soviet Union. Rabbi Teitelbaum, himself a survivor of the Holocaust, saw his family perish at the hands of the Nazis. He envisioned Rav Tov as the protective shield for the global Jewish community living in tyrannical regimes.

Rav Tov's heroic accomplishments of rescuing and resettling Soviet Jewry was only possible with the unflinching cooperation and support of the Austrian government, which hosted the refugees as they waited for their final resettlement. It is estimated that 367,000 Jews stayed in Vienna between 1968–1989 rebuilding their often shattered lives in free countries. Following the fall of the Soviet Union, the focus of Rav Tov's and Austrian efforts have been to save other endangered Jewish communities that still exist around the world.

As a result of the enduring bonds between Rav Tov and the Austrian government, the Austrian Federal President, Dr. Heinz Fischer, has decided to confer the prestigious Grand Decoration of Honor in Gold to Rabbi David Niederman, Rav Tov's Chief Executive for over three decades, which will be presented to him at a ceremony today at the Austrian Consulate in New York. This wonderful event is not only a testament to the resolve of the Austrian government in saving Jews in peril, but a celebration of the strong relationship between the United States and Austria.

Mr. Speaker, as Rav Tov's representative in Congress, I have been privileged to work with them and the Austrian government on many pressing issues facing Jews in danger. I would like to particularly make mention of Austria's New York Consul General Brigitta Blaha and the Deputy Consul General Andreas Launer for their tireless work on Rav Tov's behalf. I encourage all of my colleagues to join me today in commending the Austrian government and Rav Tov for their phenomenal partnership in rescuing Jews around the world living in fear and danger.

#### IN MEMORY OF PASTOR BOB KELLEY

##### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2006*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, services for Dr. Bob Kelley, 65, were held Wednesday, November 1, 2006, at Grace Baptist Church in West Columbia, South Carolina. Officiating were Rev. Milton Ker and Dr. Charles Walker. Thompson Funeral Home of Lexington handled the arrangements. Interment was Thursday, November 2, 2006, at Lakewood Memory Gardens, East Chattanooga, Tennessee; Turner Funeral Home handled the arrangements in Tennessee.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. Psalm 116:15. Upon using every treasured moment that God had graciously granted him in laboring and pasturing for his Lord, loving and providing for his family, and living for and proclaiming his Savior, Dr. Robert Earl Kelley gained his entrance into heaven on Saturday, October 28, 2006. Born in Rossville, Georgia, he was the son of the late Clarence Day Kelley and Daisy Lou Hall. Known to most as "Pastor Kelley" he spent the last 43 years preaching and pasturing in West Virginia, Tennessee, and in West Columbia, South Carolina, where he recently retired as the pastor of Grace Baptist Church after 15 fruitful years of ministry. Pastor Kelley received many prestigious awards including The Order of the Palmetto, from Governor Mark Sanford, and The Order of Palmetto Patriot, from Lieutenant Governor Bauer and Senator Jake Knotts.

Survived by his loving wife, April Allene Scott Kelly of West Columbia; daughters and sons-in-law, Rachel Star Kelley Bancroft and John Bancroft of West Columbia; Laura Dawn Kelley Phillips and Chris Phillips of Charleston; Sharon Daye Kelley Goforth and David Goforth of West Columbia; sisters, JoAnn Kelley Tillman and Betty Jewel Kelley Tate both of Ooltewah, Tennessee; brother, Kenneth "Buzz" Kelley of Hixson, Tennessee. He is