

to lead Garfield in this annual celebration. Mr. Moskal's election as 2010 Grand Marshal brings him the additional distinction of being the first-ever Garfield resident to serve as Grand Marshal and one of the youngest Grand Marshals in the history of the Pulaski Day Parade.

Madam Speaker, today I would like to congratulate Deputy Mayor Moskal on this exciting honor and thank him for his extraordinary contributions to the City of Garfield. I am proud to have such a dedicated and enthusiastic leader as part of my constituency.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF NEW PROVIDENCE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

**HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 28, 2010*

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the 50th anniversary of New Providence Missionary Baptist Church in Miami, Florida. Since its inception, the Church has stood in the community as a symbol of perseverance and inspiration. This anniversary of New Providence Missionary Baptist Church marks a time of remembrance of a storied past and renewal for a bright future.

On October 4, 1960, the late Reverend C. J. Burney organized New Providence Missionary Baptist Church with a membership totaled at 376 members. After 23 years, Rev. Burney retired in November 1983. On December 8, 1983, Rev. James Walthour became the Pastor of New Providence. He served and led the Church faithfully until he passed on September 6, 2001. Rev. Vinson Davis became the interim Pastor on July 25, 2002. He was elected to be the Pastor of New Providence and was installed on September 15, 2002. For the last eight years Pastor Davis has followed his motto and vision for New Providence Missionary Baptist Church—"The Spirit of Oneness."

Madam Speaker, please join me in applauding and honoring New Providence Missionary Baptist Church as it celebrates 50 years of dedicated fellowship. Throughout the past 50 years, the clergy and members have dedicated themselves to providing spirituality, service and guidance to the Church and greater community of South Florida. New Providence is a model for our community and our Nation. New Providence has never wavered from the ministry of saving lost souls, preaching the gospel, feeding the hungry, helping the homeless, and reaching out and renewing the spirit of neighbors in need. It is my hope New Providence Missionary Baptist Church continues to stand as a beacon of resolve, inspiration and worship for many years to come.

CONGRATULATING THE SEATTLE STORM FOR WINNING THE 2010 WNBA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

**HON. JIM McDERMOTT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 28, 2010*

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Seattle Storm for

winning the 2010 WNBA National Championship Title, their second national championship in six years. After a record-breaking season, the Storm swept the Atlanta Dream in three close games during the WNBA finals, winning on Thursday night in Atlanta, 87-to-84. Their victory is not only a tribute to the hard work of the players but also the determination and gumption of our team's female owners, who bought the team in 2008, refusing to make the move to Oklahoma City with the Sonics. I applaud our players, owners, and fans for allowing our team to grow and thrive in Seattle.

While none of the athletes on the Storm were born when Patsy Mink wrote and worked to pass Title IX, in 1972, all have reaped the benefits of her efforts. Title IX gave women and girls greater opportunities to participate in high school and collegiate sports, which the talented and dedicated women of the WNBA have parlayed into professional careers.

I am so very proud of our team and their accomplishments. As we all learned in grade school, it's not just if you win, but how you win. Too many of our professional athletes have forgotten this lesson, but not the women of the Storm. As ESPN's Mechelle Voepel put it: "The Storm weren't a team that was dominant in the sense that it throttled all its opponents. To the contrary, the Storm made rallying an art form this summer. But the Storm were a team that always seemed to figure out how to get the job done whenever it really mattered." Congratulations.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MARINE CORPORAL MAX WILLIAM DONAHUE

**HON. GEOFF DAVIS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 28, 2010*

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, today I pay tribute to Marine Corporal Max William Donahue. He lost his life on August 7, 2010 after he was severely wounded in Helmand Province, Afghanistan.

He was assigned to Military Police Support Company, First Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, Camp Pendleton, California.

Corporal Donahue served two previous combat tours in Iraq before deploying to Afghanistan.

Corporal Donahue was the son of Gregory Donahue of Worthington, Kentucky.

Today, as we celebrate the life and accomplishments of this exceptional Kentuckian, my thoughts and prayers are with Corporal Donahue's family and friends.

We are all deeply indebted to Corporal Donahue for his service and his sacrifice.

IN TRIBUTE TO DISMAS BECKER, A MAN OF FAITH

**HON. GWEN MOORE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 28, 2010*

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to a dear friend, a mentor, a legislator, a community organizer, a

loving husband and father to his family. Dismas Becker was a man of faith and that unshakable faith remains with us even with his passing.

Dismas Becker was a former activist priest who was in the forefront of the civil rights movement during the tumultuous 1960's. Along with the well-known activist Father James Groppi, Dismas participated in welfare rights demonstrations, open housing marches, and publicly defended Father Groppi's efforts to organize demonstrations in support of these causes. In October 1969, Dismas was beaten by police while occupying the chambers of the State Assembly in Madison, to protest welfare funding cutbacks. Dismas Becker's sermons were filled with anti-war sentiment and the fight for civil rights that brought complaints from some parishioners. The dissent did not sway Dismas from this calling.

In fact, speaking in 1969 Dismas said, "If you do find yourself in a conflict between you and society and you do not dissent, you are not a Christian." He later left the priesthood, but did not leave his activism behind. Dismas Becker went on to serve in other roles, including as a state representative in the Legislature and was eventually chosen as the Majority Leader in the Assembly by his fellow Democrats in 1984.

Dismas Becker married an amazing woman, Fay Anderson, who was active in the local Democratic Party, and was an alderperson in her own right. He adopted her children and they adopted a son of their own. He never stopped working on behalf of those who needed it most. With his own personal ministry never wavered, he reached out to the downtrodden, and to people who were going in the wrong direction, to help them turn a corner.

Madam Speaker, for these many reasons I rise in tribute to Dismas Becker. He reached out to me, then a young woman with 3 children and encouraged me throughout his lifetime. In 1988, he decided to run for the State Senate. Dismas Becker suggested, pushed, and encouraged me with love to run for his Assembly seat. I am here today due in no small part to the incredible commitment of this loving and giving human being. I will miss my beloved friend, Dismas Becker, and he will be missed by the entire community.

IN HONOR OF GEORGE ALCOTT'S MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE TO COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA, LOCAL 1301, AND THE WORKING FAMILIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS AND NEW ENGLAND

**HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 28, 2010*

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of George Alcott, a constituent from Braintree, Massachusetts, in recognition of his decades of commitment to the men and women of Communications Workers of America, Local 1301, and for ensuring access to quality communications service for the people of the Ninth Congressional District, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and New England.