Jones left off, he continues to improve and
grow the church. Pastor Williams added a
reminder about increasing membership
during the service, via text and email to keep in
contact with the church family. In addition to this, Pas-
tor Williams has implemented more community
programs and outreach. The church has an
active role in helping to strengthen and im-
prove the surrounding community.
In this 128th year of New Mount Pleasant
Missionary Baptist Church, progress is still
being made for the betterment of the church.
Please join me in congratulating them on
their 128th anniversary.

RECOGNIZING HOWARD UNIVERSITY
MIDDLE SCHOOL’S COMMITMENT
TO STEM EDUCATION

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the students and faculty of Howard Uni-
versity Middle School for their commitment to science, technology, engineering, and mathe-
matics enrichment, and for participating in my
annual Science and Technology Braintrust.

The teachers at Howard University Middle
School are committed to ensuring that our
country’s youth is exposed to a STEM cur-
riculum, which is paramount to the future of
our country. A prevalent theme amongst suc-
scessful STEM professionals is the curiosity
and drive instilled by their teachers at a young
age. We must continue to invest in schools
that highlight a STEM education, so that all
students will have an opportunity to one day
be an astrophysicist, doctor, engineer, or a
geologist.

Mr. Speaker, Howard University Middle
School is a true advocate of STEM education and
deserves recognition for its work. With
great pride I can say that because of this
school’s commitment to STEM education, our
country’s youth is gaining the skills needed
to compete in a rapidly globalizing world.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID FULTON

HON. LUKE MESSER
OF INDIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to
pay tribute to the life, legacy and accomplish-
ments of David Fulton of Centerville, Indiana.
At the age of 73, David passed away sur-
rounding by his loving ones.
A longtime educator and volunteer in Wayne
County, David was the fourth chancellor of In-
diana University East and recipient of the IU
President’s Medal for Excellence in honor of
his 36-year-long career to the univer-
sity. Beginning his teaching career at Earlham
College in 1971, David was promoted to an
assistant professor in history and political
science and held several administrative posi-
tions before becoming Indiana University East’s chancellor in 1995. Fulton is credited
with fostering local partnerships in the commu-
nity as well as managing significant campus
growth, most notably the construction of Bloomington’s
Dillon Center and the Danielson Learning Cen-
ter in New Castle. He held this role until his
retirement in 2007.
In addition to teaching, David will also be re-
membered for his devoted volunteer efforts on
behalf of the Cari Foundation. David joined the
nonprofit foundation’s board in 1999, served as president from 2001 to 2003,
and then worked as treasurer for 13 years be-
fore his passing. The organization tirelessly
promotes Richmond’s musical heritage, and
Fulton’s involvement at Starr-Gennett mirrored
his passion for showcasing Richmond’s musical
talent nationwide. Specifically, David had a
vital role in the development of the Gennett
Walk of Fame, honoring artists who recorded
at Gennett’s local studio. Additionally, he was
heavily involved in generating a working part-
nership between Starr-Gennett and the Ar-
chives of Traditional Music at IU Bloomington,
digitizing over 600 songs recorded at the stu-
dio.

Fulton also served his community in many
other capacities, including his membership on
the Wayne Bank and Trust, the Planning
Board of Richmond, the Richmond-Wayne
County Chamber of Commerce, the IU Founda-
tion Development Committee, the Board of Historic Landmarks of Indiana and
the Greater Richmond Progress Committee.
Further, Fulton served on the Community
Services Council, Social Services Planning
Board, and was a member of the Reid
Hospital and Health Care Services Board from
I thank David for his steadfast commitment
to the community, and I know both the resi-
dents of Wayne County and the student body of
IU East will always be grateful for his self-
less contributions.
Today, it is my privilege to honor the life of
David Fulton, who is survived by his loving
wife Marilyn. My thoughts and prayers go out
to David’s family, and may God comfort those
dead left behind with His peace and strength.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE
OF ADVOCATING FOR THOSE
WITH ALZHEIMER’S AND DEMENTIA

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I include in
the RECORD the following letter by Michael
Ellenbogen:
I am so thankful to be still here. Many of
my friends who were living with dementia
died and others are no longer capable
of speaking. I am one of the lucky ones. My
Alzheimer’s is the progression of slowly. While
that is good news it is also bad news. I will
be forced to endure the worst part of this dis-
ease even longer than most. Knowing
what I know now that will be like being tortured
until I die. While I try to stay positive these
days and live life to the fullest, I am in pain
every day from the frustration of not being
dable to be the person I was once. I continue
to decline in to a childlike state.
Dementia, including Alzheimer’s, is the
most expensive disease we face. It is costing
us more than heart disease and cancer. It is
the third cause of death in the United States;
more than 50,000 die each year from Alzheimer’s each year! We all get caught up
in the big numbers, so I will break them down so they are more relatable.
41,000 is the average monthly death rate;
9,615 is the average weekly death rate;
1,369 is the average daily death rate;
57 is the average hourly death rate.
This is equivalent to almost three 747s
crashing every day. Y. there is much ne-
glect and discrimination regarding funding
for Alzheimer’s and related dementia re-
search.
Preventative measures for breast cancer,
heart disease and HIV have all made tremen-
dous progress since the federal government
made significant investments into research.
Comparable investments must be made for
dementia so we can accomplish the same
successes, while saving millions of lives and
trillions of dollars.
If we don’t act now this disease has the po-
tenial to bankrupt this country. This is the
most expensive disease in America. In 2016
$236 billion will be spent on Alzheimer’s in
terms of care and medication, with Medicare
and Medicare spending $100 billion. And un-
less you take action, the Alzheimer’s alone will increase 365 percent to $589 billion by
2050.
Our investment today will lead to huge savings for the government and public, not
to mention the lives saved. People with de-
mentia are faced with discrimination at
many levels and they lose their civil rights.
That must change; we are still people and de-
serve to be treated as such. A person with a
cancer will never be treated the way we are.
We need you to start making more of an
effort to educate the public and restore our
rights.
A few years ago I would have said I had no
hope that has changed to 100 percent. I do
believe we are closer to a cure today based
on what has been learned from all the failures.
I am so grateful that the budget has been
increased to $901 million, but that is still
far short of the two billion dollars that
was said was needed years ago.
In my opinion we need a cure for dementia
just like Vice President Joe Biden is to can-
cer and it sure worked for HIV. We are de-
initely at the tipping point. You have the
power to make this happen. Please, I implore
the House of Representatives, the Senate and
the respective appropriations committees:
Make the hard choices; increase funding
for Alzheimer’s disease by at least one billion
dollars. Do everything necessary to ensure
that Alzheimer’s disease gets the exposure,
commitment and funding necessary to change
the course of the disease.
If you have not yet been touched by this
devastating and debilitating disease it’s just
a matter of time.
Regards,

MICHAEL ELLENBOGEN,
(Advocate for all of
those living with de-
mentia, who can no
longer speak, write,
or have passed).

TRIBUTE TO JANET AND ROBERT
KESSELLER

HON. DAVID YOUNG
OF IOWA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise
today to recognize and congratulate Janet and
Robert Kessler on the very special occasion of
their 60th wedding anniversary.