

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE  
SWEENEY CIVIC CLUB

**HON. RON PAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 17, 2012*

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, on April 29, 2012, the Sweeney Civic Club, the oldest female civic service organization in Brazoria County, Texas, will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its founding by six Texas women whose goal was to form an organization "to do good works and charitable deeds." I am pleased to congratulate the members of the club on their century of service to the community of Sweeney, Texas.

The Sweeney Civic Club led the effort to create the Sweeney public school system and the Sweeney Public library. Supporting education remains a passion of the Sweeney Civic Club to this day. The club's work to ensure the children of Sweeney obtain a first-class education alone makes them worthy of commendation. However, the Sweeney Civic Club's contributions are hardly limited to education. The Sweeney Civic Club has played a vital role in making sure the people of Sweeney have access to quality health care by working to build and support the Sweeney Community Hospital. They also played a key role in building the Sweeney Cemetery. These are just some of the many ways the members of the club have worked to fulfill their objective "to promote civic and social improvement through organized efforts and to promote the interests and improvement of the City of Sweeney."

The highlight of the 100th anniversary celebration will be the unveiling and dedication of "Lady Civic," a life-sized statue of a woman in 19th century fashion. "Lady Civics" symbolizes the Sweeney Civic Club's founders, and is the club's latest gift to the city of Sweeney. This statue is a fitting tribute to all the women who have worked with the Sweeney Civics Club, freely dedicating their time and talents to improving the lives of their fellow residents of Sweeney.

The Sweeney Civic Club's 1900 years of service to their community stands as a shining example of how citizens acting together can better their communities. The Sweeney Civic Club's many accomplishments should serve as model and inspiration to us all. It is therefore my pleasure to offer my congratulations to the Sweeney Civic Club on their centennial and extend my best wishes for many more years of service to the people of Sweeney.

HONORING CARNELL EDWARD SMITH, 54TH ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE OF OMAN TEMPLE NO. 72 OASIS OF FLINT-DESERT OF MICHIGAN

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 17, 2012*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Carnell Edward Smith on the occasion of the Oman Temple No. 72 Annual Potentate Ball on May 5, 2012 where Shriners in my hometown of Flint, Michigan will celebrate the esteemed Illustrious Potentate Smith.

The Shriners of Oman Temple No. 72 of the Ancient Egyptian Arabian Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine have a long and distinguished 54-year history of charitable work and community outreach that has been a Shrine Organization tradition since 1893. Educational scholarships, illiteracy programs, medical research, anti-drug programs, crime prevention and the fight against the Sickle Cell disease and diabetes are just a few of the contributions Shriners across America have made throughout their long history.

Illustrious Potentate Carnell Edward Smith, who received his Master of Business Administration in 2007, is currently enrolled in a program of applied management and decision science leading to a Doctorate of Philosophy. He has been a dedicated Mason for more than 10 years and it is fitting that this talented community servant is being honored as Oman Temple No. 72 58th Illustrious Potentate.

Carnell Edward Smith serves my constituents on a daily basis as a skilled Internet, data and hardware technology specialist with the City of Flint. Over the years he has been involved in numerous charitable activities benefiting the American Diabetes Association, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Meals on Wheels and providing Thanksgiving dinner for needy families in his community. Working with a local community group, Illustrious Potentate Smith helped adopt a classroom at Carpenter Elementary School to provide financial support for students. Carnell Edward Smith is a remarkable and accomplished leader and an exemplary model for Shriners and all of us who value community service and civic dedication.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Illustrious Potentate Carnell Edward Smith, a distinguished leader from my hometown of Flint, Michigan who is being honored at the Oman Temple No. 72 Annual Potentate Ball.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TRENT FRANKS**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 17, 2012*

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for rollcall vote No. 152, I would have voted "yes."

BOROUGH OF DUNMORE,  
PENNSYLVANIA

**HON. LOU BARLETTA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 17, 2012*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Borough of Dunmore, Pennsylvania, which celebrated its 150th anniversary of being incorporated as an independent borough on April 10, 2012. Dunmore is a vital part of Northeastern Pennsylvania, and it has a proud history.

Although Dunmore was incorporated as a borough in 1862, its roots date back as far as 1783, when founder William Allsworth first settled in the area. Allsworth opened a tavern that served the subsequent settlers and travelers. Like many other communities in the region, Dunmore underwent a great change

once anthracite coal became a major source of energy used to power our nation. During the Industrial Revolution, immigrants from Europe settled in Dunmore in hope of starting a new life. In the process, they built a strong community that would last for future generations.

Over the years, Dunmore's men and women have defended this nation in times of conflict. In fact, Dunmore resident, Carol Ann Drazba, was the first female casualty of the Vietnam War when her helicopter crashed in 1966. Dunmore's youth need only to look to NASA astronaut, Paul Richards, who graduated from Dunmore High School in 1982, for inspiration to see what is possible when they are determined to succeed. Rising to the occasion is what Dunmore's residents do every day through their hard work and dedication to improve their community.

Although the trolley cars and steam engines may be gone, many Dunmore establishments have stood the test of time. Financial institutions like Fidelity Deposit and Discount Bank and the First National Bank of Dunmore have served customers from their locations on Dunmore Corners for more than 100 years. Also, Dunmore High School, though newly renovated, has remained in the same stately building since 1937. In addition, Holy Cross High School resides in the former Bishop O'Hara High School and Dunmore Central Catholic buildings, which were built in 1964. The high school continues to educate students from throughout Lackawanna County under the Diocese of Scranton.

Mr. Speaker, today, Dunmore remains an important community in Northeastern Pennsylvania due to both its history and future. I commend Dunmore's residents for their 150 years of being a vital part of our region, and I wish them continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF HOUSE PARLIAMENTARIAN JOHN SULLIVAN

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 17, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of John Sullivan upon the completion of his exemplarily service as Parliamentarian of the House of Representatives. For 25 years Parliamentarian Sullivan's unsurpassed knowledge and dedication to the integrity of his office has proven to be an indispensable asset to the work of this institution.

It is clear that Parliamentarian Sullivan cares deeply for this country. Before becoming Parliamentarian, Mr. Sullivan had served in the Office of the Parliamentarian for seventeen years. He also acted as counsel to the Armed Services Committee, as well as Judge Advocate in the U.S. Air Force for seven years.

Parliamentarian Sullivan has earned the admiration of many through his demonstrated ability to provide essential and unbiased advice which few others could provide. In a town often divided along partisan lines, Parliamentarian Sullivan has faithfully served as the rare voice of independence which has garnered respect from both sides of the aisle. His commitment to his post and colleagues has ensured that the office which he is leaving is sufficiently capable of maintaining his high standard of performance.