

the true cost of increased gambling to Indian communities and neighborhoods surrounding the reservations with casinos.

Because of my concern for the long-term negative impacts of wasted federal dollars and increased gambling operations, I am introducing the following three bills to help tribes with economic development by providing various tax and investment incentives.

The first of these bills is the Indian Reservation Jobs and Investment Act of 1999. This bill provides tax credits to otherwise taxable business enterprises if they locate certain kinds of income-producing property on Indian reservations. Eligible types of property include new personal property, new construction property, and infrastructure investment property.

The second bill is the Indian Tribal Government Unemployment Compensation Act Tax Relief Amendments of 1999. This bill clarifies existing law so that tribal governments are treated identically to State and local units of government for unemployment tax purposes.

The third piece of legislation is the Tribal Government Tax-Exempt Bond Authority Amendments Act of 1999. This bill provides additional tax-exempt bond authority to tribal governments to fund infrastructure and capital formation. Currently, reservations are restricted to issue tax-exempt bonds only for "essential government functions" and certain, narrowly defined, tribally-owned manufacturing. By providing additional tax-exempt bond authority, new sources of capital can be attracted to reservations and may provide additional economic development. Incidentally, the bond authority would not be extended for the construction of gaming-related operations.

PRIVATE MALCOLM BARNES
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HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 1999

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Pvt. Malcolm Barnes Sherrod of Irving, TX, regarding his recent graduation of the Young Marine Training Course in Tarrant County sponsored by the Young Marine Corps League. His successful completion has promoted him from recruit to private.

I join with his proud family and the constituents of the 30th Congressional District of Texas in commending his achievements.

His completion of the course and subsequent promotion are testimonials to his leadership abilities, focus, and dedication to service. I trust that these abilities will continue to serve him well for what appears to be a successful career.

Mr. Speaker, Private Sherrod certainly has the motivation and the lineage to be a great marine and serve his country. His mother, Ms. Jeane Sherrod was a woman marine, serving as a corporal. In addition, his father, Lewis Barnes is an Active Reserve lieutenant colonel officer in the Armed Forces. Private Sherrod will continue the legacy of a family serving and protecting their country.

Private Sherrod was inducted into the Marine Corps in January 1999. With the completion of his training, Private Sherrod has been selected for survival school where he will hone

his skills and abilities. He will also enter into leadership school from July 14 to August 14.

Mr. Speaker, all these activities that I mentioned are demanding and challenging for any young man or woman. It is an understatement to say that such training is not for everyone. Indeed, it takes a determined and motivated individual to master these challenges and demands.

Mr. Speaker, I am confident that Private Sherrod will take on the challenges at both survival and leadership school with tremendous focus and effort.

Mr. Speaker, Private Sherrod plans to serve in another capacity after the Marine Corps as a lawyer. His training and time in the Marine Corps will definitely prepared him for such an endeavor. His goal to be a lawyer is an example of his desire to succeed in life.

Mr. Speaker, again, I join the constituents of the 30th Congressional District of Texas in congratulating the wonderful achievements of Pvt. Malcolm Barnes Serrod.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES W.
DAVENPORT

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 1999

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Charles W. Davenport, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of South Carolina, for his service to his lodge and community.

A lifelong resident of Batesburg, South Carolina, Grand Master Davenport is the husband of the late Viola C. Anderson Davenport of Saluta, and they have three children and two grandchildren. He is a 1962 graduate of Twin City High School in Batesburg, and the DeVry Institute of Technology. He has also completed various courses in supervision and personnel management, and he is a graduate of insurance information services and the United States Air Force Security and Law Enforcement School.

Grand Master Davenport is a 31-year employee of Owens-Corning Fiberglass where he is a Chemical Process Specialist. He is also a Regional Manager with Primerica Financial Services licensed in debt consolidation, signature loans, auto, homeowners, life insurance, and he is a securities broker-dealer.

Grand Master Davenport was elected at the 127th Grand Lodge Session in December of 1995. He is a former Master of the Twin City Lodge #316, Commander in Chief of the C.C. Johnson Consistory #136, Potentate and Imperial Deputy of the Oasis of Cairo Temple #125. He has also previously served as Chief Deputy for Golf of the Imperial Recreation Department, Grand High Priest Prince Hall Grand Chapter Holy Royal Arch Masons of South Carolina, and General Grand High Priest of the General Conference Holy Royal Arch Masons USA and Bahamas, Inc. Grand Master Davenport is also an Honorary past Grand Master of Georgia and North Carolina. He is the Imperial Outer Guard of the A.E.A.O.N.M.S.Inc., and a member of Twin City Chapter #243 Order of Eastern Star and Ethiopia Chapter Royal Arch Masons. Grand Master Davenport is also a Sovereign Grand Inspector General Active Emeritus and a Kentucky Colonel.

Grand Master Davenport is also very active in his church community, St. Mark Baptist Church of Leesville, where he is currently serving in his 9th year as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Lexington School District Three. Grand Master Davenport is a life member of the N.A.A.C.P., a Member of the Twin City Alumni Association and the Good Sam Recreational Vehicle Club.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to an individual who epitomizes the virtue of being a public servant in his community. He has made his mark on the Masonic Order, his church, and the local school district—all of which are better off because of his dedicated service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JULIA CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 1999

Ms. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent for two votes on Monday, May 24, 1999, and one quorum call on Tuesday, May 25, 1999, and as a result, missed rollcalls 145, 146, and 151. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall 145, "yes" on rollcall 146, and "present" on rollcall 151.

HONORING DR. ROBERT BICKFORD

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 1999

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary man, my good friend Dr. Robert Bickford, who is retiring after 27 years as president of Prince George's Community College.

Dr. Bickford began his service to the State of Maryland as a physical education teacher at Maryland Park High School. He then spent 13 years as a physical education teacher at Suitland High School, where he also coached basketball, baseball, lacrosse, football and golf.

In 1962, Dr. Bickford began his tenure with Prince George's Community College as a part-time physical education instructor and has never left. In 1964, Dr. Bickford assumed full-time employment status as the college's director of student activities and director. And, in 1967, he was appointed dean of the evening division, community instruction and summer sessions as the college moved to its new campus in Largo, Maryland.

On November 22, 1972, Dr. Bickford was appointed to the position he currently holds, president of Prince George's Community College.

In his tenure as president of Prince George's Community College, Dr. Bickford has been honored time and time again by the community for his commitment to education. In 1981, he received the Citizen of the Year Award from the Board of Trade of Prince George's County. In 1983, the George Washington University School of Education honored Dr. Bickford with the Outstanding Achievement Award. In 1991, the Prince George's Community College new physical education addition