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Rep. Miller Keynote Speaker at Martin Luther King Event

Macomb County— Rep. Candice Miller (MI-10) was honored to serve as the keynote speaker at the annual Macomb Ministerial Alliance breakfast honoring Dr. Martin Luther King.

The event honoring the civil rights giant was held on the eve of the historic inauguration of our country's first African American president, an event Miller also attended .

The Congresswoman said the swearing in was a monumental occasion in light of Dr. Martin Luther

King's historical speech a little less than 50 years ago, and a little less than a mile away.



The Congresswoman was also on hand to watch the swearing in of the first African American presi-

dent of the United States, an event she called "historical."

"Back then, a hopeful country watched as Dr. King stood on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial and spoke of a dream; a dream where men would not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character," said Miller. "He would have been proud to see his dream materialize just yards away, over four decades later."

Congresswoman Thanks Jay Leno for His Support of Detroit Workers

WASHINGTON—Rep. Candice Miller went to the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives and made a statement thanking Jay Leno for his support of Detroit area workers. Leno recently announced that he will give a free perform-

ance at the Palace of Auburn Hills for all unemployed workers who have been struggling in this difficult economy.

"Jay is a car guy who understands the hard work done by our nation's autoworkers and the in-

credible products they produce," said Miller. "Thank you, Jay. We in metro Detroit welcome you with open arms."



Our Nation's Capitol

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Rep. Miller Visits Guantanamo

WASHINGTON – U.S. Rep. Candice Miller (MI-10), a member of the House Homeland Security Committee, traveled to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba recently to get a firsthand look at the facility and the detainees incarcerated there.

“What I learned is that contrary to numerous media reports, these detained terrorists are being treated

in a very humane environment,” Miller said. “I certainly concur with the Pentagon report that all caveats of the Geneva Convention are being met,” said Miller, referring to a recently-released DoD report requested by President Obama.

The Congresswoman praised the men and women in the U.S. military charged with running the

prison and guarding the detainees.

“Americans can be proud of our men and women in uniform serving at Guantanamo Bay,” said Miller. “The restraint and professionalism they exhibit in extremely challenging conditions is nothing short of amazing.”

While touring the facility, Miller learned that the prison at Guantanamo Bay

was modeled after two jails in the United States, one being the state prison in Lenawee County in her home state of Michigan.

Miller voiced concern at the prospect of the detainees being transferred to the United States. She learned that a handful of them are such dangerous and committed terrorists that housing them here would pose a serious national security threat.

“I am extremely concerned that the President issued an executive order closing the facility without having a place to put these dangerous terrorists,” said Miller. “I look forward to hearing his address tonight and am hopeful that his Guantanamo task force will have a solid and secure plan for housing these detainees prior to the prison’s closing in 2010.”



Above: Miller at terrorist detainee facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

Left: Standing in a detainee cell

Miller Helps Shape US Water Policy

Michigan Constituent Brings Pollution Issue to Rep's Attention

WASHINGTON—Rep. Candice Miller achieved a major legislative victory in Washington recently when the House passed major water quality reform that included an amendment authored by the Michigan Congresswoman. The Miller Amendment to the Water Quality Act of 2009 would direct the Environmental Protection Agency to convene a task force to develop recommendations on the proper disposal of unused pharmaceuticals.

step in addressing states' concerns and correcting an ineffective and possibly hazardous method of pharmaceutical disposal.

Miller came up with the idea for her amendment after a constituent named Gail St. Laurent brought the issue to her attention. The Congresswoman learned that, after assisting her mother through a long, unsuccessful battle with cancer, Mrs. St. Laurent had to sign papers stating that she watched federal

Currently, there is no uniform standard for health clinics, hospitals, and other medical facilities for disposing unused medicine in a responsible manner. Facilities are required by law to get rid of the medica-

tions, and have been doing so by flushing them down toilets, thus introducing levels of pollutants into waterways. The issue has garnered national attention in recent years because there is no way to completely filter out the pharmaceuticals from the water supply, and

states have looked to the federal government for a solution. The Miller Amendment would be an important first



Miller visits a water plant in Michigan

officials take her mother's remaining medicine and flush them down the toilet.

"I want to thank my friend Gail St. Laurent, not only for the loving care she gave to her mother, but also for bringing

this serious issue to my attention. Losing a loved one is a terrible situation, but Gail endeavored to make something good happen from that instance in her life," said Miller.

"As it is now, medical facilities are required to dispose of unused medications, and the methods they must use unfortunately pollute our waterways. We can do better than that, but we have to work together to find a solution."

Rep. Miller Applauds Coast Guard Decision to Send Icebreaker to Southern Great Lakes

WASHINGTON – Rep. Candice Miller (MI-10) today applauded the Coast Guard's recent decision to temporarily detail an additional icebreaking tug to the Great Lakes until the end of April. Miller has been a strong advocate of more icebreakers on the Great Lakes, and she welcomed this development as a positive indicator for Michigan's economy.

"I am so pleased that the Coast

Guard has heeded the call for greater icebreaking capabilities in the Great Lakes," said Miller. "Our economy, people's jobs, and the flow of commerce depend upon cargo getting through those icy waters."

The Coast Guard's Cutter Thunder Bay should arrive in the Great Lakes on or about March 27th and will stay until late April.



U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Hollyhock



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Lapeer County Sheriff's Dept. Receives Grant

LAPEER COUNTY, MI – Congresswoman Candice Miller (MI-10) was on hand in March to recognize a \$100,000 grant that was awarded to the Lapeer County Sheriff's Department.

The grant was included in the 2009 bill that funds the federal government that was passed by the US House of Representatives on February 25, 2009 and signed into



Lapeer County Commissioner Lenny Schneider, Rep. Miller, and Lapeer County Sheriff Ron Kalanquin

law by President Obama this week.

The Lapeer County Sheriff's Department will use the money to upgrade computers in 14 of its 19 patrol cars and purchase 6 in-car patrol video cameras. New mobile data terminals will allow written communication between sheriff's deputies in the field and 9-1-1 dispatchers and help the department in its efforts to protect the safety of the citizens of Lapeer County.

