

He died in 1803 at the age of 82, a Founding Father, "Firebrand of the Revolution," and most important, a Christian man.

TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT MAJOR MILDRED FULWOOD

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2000

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sergeant Major Mildred Fulwood who is retiring from the United States Army after 30 years of active duty. She has served this great country with dignity, integrity, and honor.

Sergeant Major Fulwood is a native of South Carolina and attended the public schools of Williamsburg County, South Carolina. She graduated from Atkins High School, Winston-Salem, North Carolina in 1968. She entered the Women's Army Corps in September 1970. Sergeant Major Fulwood attended Basic Training and Advance Individual Training at Fort McClellan, Alabama. She also earned an Associate of Science degree from Vincennes University, Indianapolis, Indiana and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Coker Liberal Arts College, Hartsville, South Carolina. She is a graduate of the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, The Women's Drill Sergeant Academy, and has completed numerous technical and functional courses.

Sergeant Fulwood has held numerous positions of leadership during her career, including: Squad Leader; Barracks Sergeant; Instructor; Course Director; First Sergeant; and Sergeant Major. She has also served as The Detachment Commander, U.S. Army Personnel Command, Personnel Security Screening Program; Enlisted Signal Branch Sergeant Major, U.S. Army Personnel Command, and Executive Officer, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, U.S. Army Materiel Command. Currently Major Fulwood is serving as Sergeant Major, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, U.S. Army Materiel Command.

Sergeant Major Fulwood has served in various overseas and stateside assignments. They include multiple tours in Korea and U.S. Element Land Southeast, Turkey. She also served in my district at Fort Jackson in Sumter, South Carolina.

Sergeant Major Fulwood's awards and decorations include: the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters; the Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters; the Army Achievement Medal; The Good Conduct Medal; The National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Service Star; the Overseas Service Ribbon with numeral 2; the Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon with Numeral 4; and the Drill Sergeant Badge. Sergeant Major Fulwood is also an honorary member of the United States Army Signal Corps Regiment.

Sergeant Major Fulwood is a source of inspiration for young aspiring soldiers and represents not only African-Americans, but Americans of all ethnic groups. I am especially proud of her accomplishments as a female career soldier from my district in Salters, South Carolina. Her accomplishments speak to her diligence, integrity, and loyalty to her country.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Sergeant Major Mildred Fulwood for her dedicated service to the United States Army.

HONORING DR. DONALD J. KRPAN

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2000

Mr. GARY MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to honor Donald J. Krpan, D.O., F.A.C.O.F.P. and congratulate him on his induction as the President of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA).

Dr. Krpan, a board certified family practice physician, will lead the nation's 44,000 osteopathic physicians (D.O.s) and the AOA from July 2000 to July 2001. The AOA is an association organized to advance the philosophy and practice of osteopathic medicine by promoting excellence in education, research and the delivery of quality and cost-effective health care in a distinct, unified profession. Aside from protecting the right and privilege to practice osteopathic medicine, Dr. Krpan will work with the AOA to enhance professional unity, ensure quality education and training programs and preserve basic osteopathic principles.

A practicing family and emergency room physician for 20 years, Dr. Krpan currently serves as the Provost of Western University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific in Pomona, California. I am proud to say that my district is the home of both the College and Donald Krpan. In addition, he serves as a member of the board of directors of Mad River Community Hospital in Arcata, California, and is a member of the Joint Conference Committee of Arrowhead Regional Medical Center in San Bernardino, California.

Dr. Krpan has been involved with the osteopathic profession in many capacities before becoming AOA president. He serves as chairman of the ethics committee of the Osteopathic Medical Board of California, and has been a member of the Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of California's board of directors. Dr. Krpan has also served as a member of the AOA's Board of Trustees since 1988, as well as a member of its House of Delegates since 1980.

A graduate of the University of Health Sciences/College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kansas City, Missouri, Dr. Krpan completed a rotating internship at Phoenix General Hospital in Phoenix, Arizona. Dr. Krpan has two sons and a nephew who are also osteopathic physicians.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that this House please join me in recognizing, honoring and commanding the induction of Donald Krpan, D.O. as President of the American Osteopathic Association.

OSHA AWARD FOR SPRINGFIELD REMANUFACTURING

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2000

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, today I congratulate the vision, and commitment of the officers, administrative staff and employees of the Springfield Remanufacturing Corporation in Springfield, Missouri as they attain the highest status available in OSHA's Voluntary Protection Program.

The company located in Missouri's Seventh Congressional District employs 370 people in the remanufacturing of diesel engines for trucking, agriculture and heavy equipment industries. With this award from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the company joins a select group of only 15 other firms in the state, four in Springfield, with the designation of Star Sites. Nationally there are only 550 sites which have attained this level of commitment to worker safety.

The certification was granted after an intensive self study of safety policies, procedures and practices by employees at all levels followed by a rigorous comprehensive review visit by OSHA inspectors who found the workplaces to be fully in compliance with all regulations.

According to OSHA this designation means that the health and safety practices and procedures developed by the company are models within their industry, and that the company is achieving the highest levels of health and safety compliance.

I would also point out that this outstanding achievement is the result of a cooperative effort between public and private entities rather than a unilateral regulatory effort on the part of a lone federal agency. To quote OSHA "This concept recognizes that compliance enforcement alone can never fully achieve the objectives of the Occupational Safety and Health Act. Good safety management programs that go beyond OSHA standards can protect workers more effectively than simple compliance."

Springfield Remanufacturing Corporation, apart from this award, is a success story on its own. In 1983 employees of the Remanufacturing Division of International Harvester purchased the operation from the parent company and established it as an employee owned company. The firm has since established a number of its own subsidiaries and has been named as one of the "The 100 Best Companies to Work for in America".

I express my appreciation, and that of all my colleagues, to President Jack Stack, Plant Manager Marty Callison and Safety Director Kathy Miller for their leadership in bringing this national recognition to Springfield, Missouri and the Seventh Congressional District.

IN RECOGNITION OF NEW HAVEN POSTMASTER SHELDON RHINEHEART FOR OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. ROSA L. DELAURU

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2000

Ms. DELAURU. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I pay tribute to an outstanding

public servant and my good friend, Postmaster Sheldon Rhinehart. Sheldon's recent retirement ends a career with the United States Postal Service that has spanned nearly half a century, leaving a legacy of integrity and inspiration.

In his forty-seven years with the postal service, Sheldon has been witness to a variety of changes, social as well as operational. From his start as a clerk, he moved up the ranks. As New Haven's first African-American postmaster, he is not only an example of these tremendous changes but has continually challenged the postal service to change itself. Sheldon's work has been recognized locally and nationally—a tribute to the invaluable contributions he has made.

Sheldon is a strong advocate for minority groups, both professionally and personally. During his tenure, he has made room at the postal service for many with disabilities. He played a key role in the establishment of the Vision Trail from downtown New Haven to the waterfront and was a driving force in involving the Postal Service with the 1995 Special Olympic World Games held in New Haven. Sheldon has also had a primary role in developing training and social programs for the Postal Service on a nationwide basis. With his outstanding record of commitment, he has demonstrated a unique commitment to public service—leaving an indelible mark on the United States Postal Service and our community.

Sheldon has shown unparalleled leadership, not only in his professional positions, but in the community as well. He is currently serving on the United Way of New Haven's Board of Directors and has served on a variety of boards within his community including the Newhallville Action Committee, the Newhallville Day Care Center and St. Luke's Episcopal Church. We are certainly fortunate to have such a committed individual working on behalf of our community.

I am proud to stand today and join his wife, Carolyn, two children, Deborah and Sheldon Jr., friends, and colleagues to honor Sheldon for his good work and dedicated career. I wish him many years of continued health and happiness in his retirement.

INTRODUCTION OF THE LOCALLY REGULATED TOWING ACT

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2000

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to be introducing the "Locally Regulated Towing Act." This legislation will restore the ability of local governments to regulate tow truck operations.

Congress took this authority away from state and local hands when it passed the Federal Aviation Administration Authorization Act of 1994, (P.L. 103-305). This law was intended to replace multiple and sometimes conflicting state and local regulations on interstate carriers like Federal Express and UPS, with a single uniform, national regulation. Expanding services like Federal Express and UPS urged passage of the law to help lower costs and improve their delivery time. While the law achieved its objectives, it also opened

a loophole that permitted tow trucks to qualify as an interstate carrier and thereby exempted them from state and local regulations.

Unlike Federal Express, UPS, and other major interstate carriers which are regulated by the federal government, tow truck operators are not. Congress has never granted any federal agencies the power to regulate tow trucks. As a result, their operations are free of any direct oversight or public accountability.

In response to growing complaints about tow truck operations, Congress did amend the law in December 1995 (P.L. 104-88) to permit state and local governments to regulate prices on non-consensual towing. This change in federal law restored state and local governments' ability to regulate towing performed without the permission of the vehicle's owner, as in the instance where owners of vacant, private lots arrange for a tow truck operator to remove cars parked there without their permission. I am familiar with a number of alleged "sham operations" where lot owners failed to properly post signs that prohibited parking. Local business and restaurant patrons and tourists unable to find street parking were enticed to use these vacant lots only to discover later their cars were towed away and the cost to recover them is \$100 or more.

Unfortunately, even this modest change in federal law has had limited success. Consumer complaints about tow truck operators still abound. In the last two years, Arlington County, a jurisdiction I represent, received more than 160 complaints ranging from rates charged, some as high as \$120, to vehicle damage, to theft and rude behavior. People who have had their vehicles towed have told my office about having to go to impoundment lots late at night in dangerous neighborhoods to recover their cars. When they get there, they are told that only cash is accepted.

Moreover, State and local ability to reassert control over tow truck operations have been thrown into even greater confusion following two conflicting Federal appeals court rulings. Ace Auto Body & Towing v. City of New York upheld the ability of states and local governments to regulate safety issues and prices of non-consensual towing, while R. Mayer of Atlanta, Inc. v. City of Atlanta denied local governments' similar authority.

The only real and effective solution to this problem is to restore full state and local authority over all aspects of tow truck operations. The legislation I am introducing today will accomplish this objective. It is a common sense, pro consumer piece of legislation.

I urge my colleagues to support it.

REMARKS IN HONOR OF THE LATE JUDGE JON BARTON

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2000

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, today I honor and remember the life of Texas state District Judge Jon Barton, who passed away Saturday at his home in Keller, Texas. He was 43 years old. Judge Barton, the younger brother of our friend and colleague, Congressman JOE BARTON, was a good, kind, and loving man. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Jennifer; his sons, Jake and Jace; and to all of his family at this difficult time in their lives.

Judge Barton was born on October 12, 1956, in Pecos, Texas, to Larry and Nell Barton. However, he spent most of his childhood in Waco, Texas, and eventually received his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Juris Doctor degree from Baylor University. In 1987, Judge Barton received his Master's degree in Finance from Colorado State University. That same year, he married his lovely wife Jennifer.

After practicing law in Corpus Christi and Fort Worth, Texas, Judge Barton was elected to preside over the 67th District Court in 1996. Judge Barton was a talented and hard working individual. There is no question that he will be deeply missed within the Texas legal community.

Judge Barton was very active in our area. He was a member of the Downtown Fort Worth Rotary Club and past president of the Hurst-Euless-Bedford Rotary Club. Judge Barton served on the advisory board of the John Peter Smith Health Network and was a charter member of the Center for Christian Living. As a man of God, he actively served Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas. Judge Barton was always willing to give of himself to his community, his church, and his family.

Judge Barton was known for his great sense of humor and for his kindness to all. He was a committed husband and father who loved his family deeply. Judge Barton faced cancer with the same humor and courage that he lived life. His deep faith in God gave Judge Barton the strength to carry on throughout his struggle with sinus and liver cancer. His life and fight with cancer serve as an inspiration to us all.

Again, my heart goes out to Judge Barton's family and to all those who are grieving his passing. Judge Barton will truly be missed, but his spirit will live with us forever.

2102 BANKS OF PROMISE

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2000

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the commitment that more than 2000 banks in our great country have made to our Nation's Youth

Last year, the American Bankers Association pledged to enroll 1000 banks in America's Promise, the organization led by General Colin Powell that draws on the talents and resources of public, private and nonprofit organizations to improve the lives of our nation's youth. Banks of Promise agreed to increase their involvement in programs and activities that benefit children in order to provide them with the five fundamental resources they need to succeed in life. Those resources are: (1) An ongoing relationship with a caring adult; (2) a safe place with structured activities during non-school hours; (3) a healthy start in life; (4) a marketable skill through effective education; and (5) a chance to give back through community service.

The response by the industry has been overwhelming. Today, the number of Banks of Promise has more than doubled to 2102, reflecting the banking industry's commitment to its communities, America's youth and the future of our nation. These banks—and state