

ON THE PASSING OF IRVING
WILLNER

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents, Irv Willner, a life-long resident and community leader in the city of Monterey Park. Mr. Willner was a model of patriotism and his contributions to his community have inspired many, including myself.

As a native of New York City and a celebrated veteran of the U.S. Navy, Mr. Willner earned his bachelors degree in Aeronautical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York City. He served in the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power as a mechanical engineer for 35 years of his life.

Mr. Willner was a longtime Democratic Party leader, a pioneer member of the Monterey Park Environmental Commission, and a member of the city personnel board. With his leadership skills and enduring devotion, Mr. Willner has been credited with the successful elections of many local officials. His commitment to his community, justice, and progressive causes is commendable. I extend my admiration, and the gratitude of the City of Monterey Park and my district, to his family and friends.

Mr. Willner truly made a difference in his community and his contributions will be recognized and appreciated for years to come. I send my condolences to his family, including wife, Mrs. Ruth Willner, children Paul Willner and Julia Parker, and granddaughter Erin. I am comforted only by knowing that his legacy will live on through his family and in the community he helped to improve for the future.

RECOGNIZING ADRIAN MUNOZ, GABRIEL MUNOZ, AND PAULA BUSTOS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the courageous actions of Adrian Munoz, Gabriel Munoz, and Paula Bustos, who, in the early morning hours of Friday, May 26th, aided in the rescue of their neighbors Mary Moore and Charles Butler from a fire in their home.

At 12:30 a.m. on Friday morning, an overheated extension cord sparked a one-alarm fire in the home of Mary Moore and her husband Charles Butler. From across the street, the Munoz brothers and their cousin Paula noticed the fire. Acting quickly, Adrian rushed to the hose and started spraying the house. He moved into the house, stretching the hose as far as possible attempting to keep the fire from moving towards Mary Moore's room. Following Adrian into the house, Paula Bustos moved to help Ms. Moore as Adrian and Gabriel pulled Mr. Butler from the fire and out of the house. The fire department arrived soon after and helped bring Ms. Moore out of the house.

The heroic actions of Adrian and Gabriel Munoz, and Paula Bustos serve as an example to and inspiration to others. I stand here

today to recognize their actions and I am proud to be their representative in Washington and to call them fellow Texans.

CHANTILLY HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL ECONOMICS CHALLENGE TEAM

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Chantilly High School National Economics Challenge Team for their tremendous success in this year's competition. The Chantilly High team, comprised of students Adriana Medina, Natalie Mutchler, Alex Pepper and Sam Perkins, and their teacher/adviser, Joseph Clement, should be extremely proud of being named runner-up in the David Ricardo Division of the National Economics Challenge. The students from Chantilly High School have the distinction of being one of the top four teams in a national competition involving more than 1000 teams.

The National Council on Economic Education and the Goldman Sachs Foundation established the Challenge in 2000 to provide a competitive format to test the knowledge of the best economics students in the country. The NCEE's mission is to improve economics education in grades K-12 through teacher training and development of instructional materials.

I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the Chantilly High School Economics Challenge Team for their outstanding accomplishment.

HONORING HART DEVEROUX CAPARULO ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep gratitude that I rise today to join the United Way of Greater New Haven and the many communities which it serves in extending my sincere thanks and appreciation to my friend, Hart Deveroux Caparulo, as she celebrates her retirement after thirty-nine years of dedicated service. Though she will leave her position as Chief Professional Officer, I have no doubt that Hart will continue to stay actively involved and will always be available should our community be in need.

Beginning her career with the United Way in her hometown of Charlotte, North Carolina, Hart has dedicated a lifetime to making a difference in the lives of our Nation's most vulnerable citizens. Feeling that "New Haven needed her most," Hart began as a Campaign Director where she started a number of new programs including a Leadership giving program and group solicitation in employee campaigns. It was this innovative and creative vision that led the Board of Directors to offer her the position of Chief Professional Officer—a position which she has held for the last decade.

Under her leadership, the United Way of Greater New Haven has fundamentally changed the way it interacts with its communities and partners. Community engagement, strategic focus and an ever-growing passion to improve the quality of life for others is at the core of its mission. Perhaps the most impressive result of the organization's revitalized mission has been the collaborative work of Community COMPASS—a strategically focused campaign to improve the economic health of our region and reducing educational disparity. One of the many results of COMPASS has been the development and launching of the Success By 6 program which combines the efforts of a network of community partners to ensure children newborn to 6 years old are healthy, nurtured and ready to succeed when they enter school. It is programs like these, that thanks to Hart's leadership and vision, are now the core work of the United Way of Greater New Haven.

In addition to her professional contributions, Hart has also been actively involved throughout the community. I would be remiss if I did not extend a personal note of thanks and appreciation for all the help that she has given to both myself and my office over the years. We have always known that we could count on her expertise and compassion. I wish her the very best as she moves on to future endeavors.

We, as a community, owe Hart Caparulo a great debt of gratitude for all the good work that she has done on our behalf—every community should be so fortunate. For her invaluable contributions and the indelible mark she has left on the United Way of Greater New Haven, I am proud to stand today to recognize Hart Deveroux Caparulo and to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to her as she celebrates her retirement.

IN HONOR OF MICHAEL MEHEEN

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of my high school classmate, M. Michael Meheen. Mike passed away late in the evening of April 11th at the age of 67. Mike was born in Iran and moved to Carmel, my hometown, in 1953. He graduated from Carmel High School a couple years before me in 1957. Mike then went on to graduate from Oregon State University and completed his doctorate at Hastings Law School.

Mike came back to our district and went on to have a successful law career for over 40 years. He primarily served on the Monterey Peninsula and worked in family law. It is no wonder that he focused on helping families, as Mike loved his family above all else.

His other loves included fast expensive cars, large dogs, the 49ers, travel and his fruit tree orchard. In addition to these hobbies, Mike was actively involved in his community. He was a long time member of the Pacheco Club, spent many years coaching Carmel Youth Soccer, and taught Business Law at Monterey Peninsula College.

The Carmel and Monterey communities will most definitely miss the presence of this wonderful man, as will the family he held so dearly. Mike believed in living every moment to the

fullest. His energy will be remembered and missed.

HONORING THE LIFE OF HERMAN
E. WARSH

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Herman E. Warsh, and to honor his life of dedicated service to his community and to his country.

Born on March 28, 1924 in Calgary, Canada to Samuel Warshovsky and Rebecca Wietstinietki, originally of Poland, he emigrated with his parents, his sister and his brother to the United States in 1925. The family made a home in Los Angeles, California and Herman attended public school until the 10th grade. In 1941, he married Lorraine Rack and in 1942, enlisted in the Navy and served in the South Pacific through 1945.

Upon his return, he passed the GED and in only two years he received his BA while working full time. He went on to earn his Masters degree in history at UCLA while working as a teaching assistant and continued his education by working on three doctorates, eventually earning his PhD in Education from Wayne State University in 1969. Herman Warsh taught from 1952–1965, serving in many different capacities. He also taught at the college level at USC, the University of Hawaii at Hilo and at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Mr. Warsh also taught literacy to the U.S. troops in Germany, to First Nations' peoples in Alaska and to incarcerated men in the California penal system. Following the awarding of his doctorate, he was recruited to be the Director of Educational Programs for the Mott Program in the Flint Public School System. In 1974, he became head of the Department of Elementary Education at the University of New Mexico. In 1977, he moved to Santa Barbara to work with and, in 1980, to wed Maryann Mott. Together they devoted the bulk of their philanthropic efforts to their two family foundations, C.S. Fund and Warsh Mott Legacy.

In addition to financial resources, Herman Warsh gave selflessly of his time, serving on the Board of the Fund for Santa Barbara and of Pacifica Graduate Institute. Nationally, he served as Chair of the Environmental Policy Institute, which under his leadership, merged with Oceanic Society and Friends of the Earth USA, to become a key progressive, national environmental institution.

I am honored to recognize the life and work of Herman E. Warsh and I believe, as many do, that Santa Barbara is a better place for having him a part of this community.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MILITARY
ACADEMY APPOINTEES

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Grant Fischer of Douglas

County High School and Matthew Van Horn of Chatfield High School on their appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point. I would also like to take this time to congratulate Christine Jaszlics of Lakewood High School and Jeffrey Hathcote of Grandview High School on their appointment to the United States Merchant Marine Academy, as well as Madison Stumpp and Richard Shreffler, both of Eaglecrest High School, on achieving appointments to the United States Naval Academy. Finally, I would also like to extend my hearty congratulations to Matthew Bezzant of Columbine High School, Kyle Black of Thunder Ridge High School, Meghan Booze of Columbine High School, Daniel Hann of Dakota Ridge High School, Brock Logan of Arapahoe High school, Millie Mays of Douglas County High School, Trenton West of Grandview High School and Kelsey Yip of Dakota Ridge High School on their appointments to the United States Air Force Academy.

These young men and women have exhibited tremendous commitment and dedication in making it through the rigorous nomination process and I wish them all the best in their future endeavors as they embark on their careers with the United States Military. They have excelled both in and out of the classroom, and I have no doubt they will represent Colorado with distinction at these prestigious academies.

HONORING KEN HAAS OF HAYS,
KANSAS

HON. JERRY MORAN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ken Haas of Hays, Kansas for his years of service to this community through his diverse career in education.

Mr. Haas began teaching in 1964 at Kennedy Middle School as an industrial arts and physical education instructor. He also influenced countless students by serving as the school's guidance counselor. In 1999, after 35 years of work in the Hays school district, Ken was approached by Father Mike Scully and asked to assume the role as principal of Thomas More Prep-Marian High School, a private Christian high school in the Catholic tradition.

Ken was nearing the point of possible retirement in his current position and awaiting him was the well-deserved free time that one earns after working so long in a challenging vocation. After a weekend of prayer and consideration, Ken decided that it was the Lord's desire for him to accept the position.

That was 7 years ago. After improving the school's leadership structure, balancing the school's budget, and sustaining enrollment, Mr. Haas has chosen to retire from his current position. Even in retirement Ken plans to be involved where he's needed around the school.

Mr. Haas is a committed professional who is well-regarded among his peers and students. He is known for attending athletic events, even the ones that don't generate the largest crowds. He still surprises many former pupils with his unique ability to greet them by name

after not seeing them for many years. Just another sign of how much he cares.

Mr. Haas has served Hays students and their parents well for over 40 years, and that is why Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor him today.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF
LIGHTHOUSE POINT

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the wonderful city of Lighthouse Point, Florida. I am proud to have represented the residents of this city for the 26 years I have served in Congress.

Incorporated on June 13, 1956, Lighthouse Point derived its name from its location under the beam of the famed Hillsboro Lighthouse. Armed with a petition signed by over 100 residents favoring incorporation, community leaders traveled to Tallahassee to seek approval. Story has it that 77 names on the petition were Republicans and they were required to re-register before incorporation approval would be given by the State's Democrat leaders. All 77 agreed to re-register as Independents and the incorporation of Lighthouse Point was approved.

In 1956, approximately 150 people resided in the newly incorporated area. Most of these residents had grown up in other parts of the country during the 1920s and 1930s and many had served in WWII. What had originally been farm land was now a network of canals and residential lots providing residents with waterfront living and easy access to the Intracoastal Waterway and the ocean beyond. It was an idyllic place to make a new life for yourself and your family. In 1956, Dwight D. Eisenhower was elected President and Leroy Collins was elected Governor of Florida, both for second terms; a first class postage stamp was three cents and Elvis Presley's "Don't Be Cruel" was the number-one record.

Today, Lighthouse Point is a thriving community of approximately 10,767 residents. It has moved from services provided by volunteers to a full service city with its own police, fire, and public works departments. Although it has grown dramatically, as has all of South Florida, it has retained its feeling of a small town community. Eighteen miles of canals, parks and numerous recreational activities and special annual events such as Keeper Days and Lighthouse "A" Glow all contribute to the hometown feel of Lighthouse Point. It continues to maintain its heritage and its standard of striving to be the best place to live and raise a family.

Mr. Speaker, Lighthouse Point is a jewel in the landscape of South Florida. I am honored to represent the city and her residents in the U.S. House of Representatives. I am also pleased to take this opportunity to recognize and congratulate Lighthouse Point on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.