

"He was one of a kind. People don't know the things he did," said Joyce Kale Pesta, deputy director of Mahoning County Board of Elections and a longtime Hanni associate.

When he found out people who lived in the old Pick Ohio Hotel had no place to eat in downtown Youngstown, he fed them out of his office on Boardman Street. "Sometimes he would cook and sometimes I would cook," Pesta said.

"He always said 'Don't kick anybody when they're down, because you never know when you'll be down.' Even his worst enemies he'd stick up for when they were down. That's how [former county sheriff and U.S. Representative James] Traficant and he became friends after being enemies for many years," she said. He served in the Army during World War II and was with the Allied Forces who landed on Normandy beach on D-Day on June 6, 1944. He said it was horrific, but he never talked about it much, Pesta said.

The Rev. Lonnie Simon, pastor emeritus of New Bethel Baptist Church on Hillman Street, said Hanni was "Mr. Democrat in Youngstown as far as I was concerned."

"He was very well-liked in the black community, and I got along with him well," said the Rev. Mr. Simon, who, when he came to Youngstown in 1946, registered as a Republican.

Hanni was a mentor for Attorney Alan R. Kretzer in his early days and a client in a high-profile case when Hanni ran his car into the post office building in downtown Youngstown in 1985. Hanni was charged with driving under the influence; however, it was dismissed because of lack of evidence, but a charge of reckless operation was allowed to stand.

Kretzer said Hanni took that case and all cases seriously, but always had a sense of humor.

When they were considering how the case might go, Kretzer said Hanni told him that if he had to spend a few days in jail, at least he wouldn't have to listen to his telephone ring all day long.

Other local lawyers and government officials remembered Hanni as a widely respected giant in local legal and political circles.

Kathi McNabb Welsh, chief deputy Mahoning County clerk of courts, remembered well her days as an assistant county prosecutor in the 1990 murder trial of Christopher W. Magourias, who was defended by Hanni and Attorney J. Gerald Ingram and acquitted in the stabbing death of Kenmore Drake.

"It was quite a legal education for me to watch his mastery of the rules of evidence and his control of the courtroom," she said of Hanni.

"He will best be remembered as a great lawyer, a very zealous litigator, a person who really went out of his way to advocate his client's position and did a wonderful job of that," said Attorney Vincent Wloch, a magistrate in Mahoning County Probate Court.

"There was nobody better here locally with regard to cross-examination. He thought quick on his feet," said Wloch, who shared an office with Hanni from 1979 to 1985.

Wloch said he learned a great deal from his experience as co-counsel with Hanni in the defense of Steven T. Masters, whose 1980 murder trial lasted 10 weeks. Masters was convicted of killing his wife, Jodi, in what was then the longest criminal trial in Mahoning County history.

"He was just a Democratic giant in our field of politics," said Lisa Antonini, Mahoning County treasurer and Democratic Party chairwoman. Hanni's humor and ability to "get a message out on Democratic Party politics" will be missed, she said.

"What a historian. We'll miss him for that. He always taught me that you have to understand your history to move forward into the future. He never shied away from calling me when he thought I needed a history lesson," she recalled.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE ARTHUR GAMBLE, JR.

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 1, 2008

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, the State of Alabama recently lost a man who made a profound impact on our State and Nation, and I rise today to honor the memory of Judge Arthur "Bud" Gamble, Jr.

History will remember Judge Gamble as the district attorney who prosecuted Ku Klux Klansman Collier Leroy Wilkins for the 1965 murder of Viola Liuzzo, a civil rights worker from Detroit who was gunned down in her car following the Selma-to-Montgomery voting rights march. Judge Gamble's memorable closing argument to the all-white jury led to a hung jury and the eventual federal conviction of the Klansman. Judge Gamble's contributions to the Civil Rights movement, his 23 years of service as circuit judge for Lowndes, Crenshaw, and Butler counties, and his dedicated service in World War II demonstrated he was a true American patriot.

Born on February 9, 1920, in Greenville, Alabama, Judge Gamble joined the Navy during World War II and flew patrol planes in the South Pacific. After the war, he returned to the University of Alabama and earned a Juris Doctor. He began practicing in his hometown and met Roberta Anne Peacock, whom he married in 1949. His love of law led him to serve in the Alabama Senate during the 1950s. He ran unopposed as the chief prosecutor in the circuit and served two terms.

Miraculously, Judge Gamble survived an assassination attempt in 1975 when his car was bombed. He retired almost two decades later in 1992, with much respect from the citizens of the three counties he had served for almost a quarter of a century.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated judge, community leader, and friend to many, as well as a wonderful husband and father. Judge Gamble will be dearly missed by his family—his wife, Roberta Gamble and their daughter, Reverend Eugenia Gamble—as well as the many countless friends he leaves behind.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them all during this difficult time.

MAURINE GRAY

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 1, 2008

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, today I am proud to honor the lifetime of service given by Maurine Gray, longtime director of the Beaumont, Texas, Library. She spent almost 40 years serving the city and helped turn their public library system into one of the best in the State.

Enid Maurine Gray was born in Galveston, Texas, in 1943. An only child, she moved to Beaumont before her third birthday so her father could work as a family physician at a local refinery. After her high school graduation, she continued her education and received her BA from Northeast Louisiana State College and her Master's Degree in library science from North Texas State University.

She returned to Beaumont in 1966 to head the city's then fledgling library system. At the time, there were two libraries. Under her vision, the City of Beaumont established an additional four libraries, including a new main Library. Maurine was employed by the City of Beaumont from 1966 until her retirement in November of 2006. Never one to rest, she was hired back after retirement as a part-time consultant on projects including the expansion of Terrell Historical Library.

Numerous professional accolades were awarded to Maurine throughout her life. She was elected the secretary/treasurer of the American Library Association in 1972 during their annual convention. North Texas State named her a Distinguished Alumnus in 1980. In 1992, the Texas Municipal League named her the Library Director of the Year. She also received the Athena Award in 2005, which is presented to a woman for her professional achievements.

Maurine was the Library Director but she also wore many other hats. She worked with United Way, the Humane Society, the Beaumont Rotary Club where she once served as President, the Beaumont Civic Opera, and the Beaumont Heritage Society, to name a few. She was affiliated with the Texas Municipal Librarians Association, Junior Roundtable of Texas Library Association, and was a member of the Texas State Library Advisory Council.

Enid Maurine Gray passed away on June 21, 2008.

On behalf of the Second Congressional District of Texas, I applaud Maurine Gray on her lifetime of dedication and service to the community. She has made Southeast Texas a better place to live.

HONORING DREW BLACK'S SERVICE TO TENNESSEE'S SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 1, 2008

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Drew Black for his service to Tennessee's Sixth Congressional District while working in my Washington, DC, office.

Drew's good nature, sense of humor and dance moves have made him a wonderful addition to the office. During his time here, his thorough research and hard work have helped me to better serve my constituents in Middle Tennessee.

Tuesday will be Drew's last day in the office before he returns to his home state of Indiana to begin an exciting job there. While Drew has enjoyed his time in the Nation's capital, his first love is the state of Indiana and, in particular, Hoosiers basketball.

My staff and I will miss Drew. He is a big guy with a big heart, which we have admired

as he has volunteered time each week to work one-on-one with a DC youth through Horton's Kids. And we have seen his big heart whenever he talks about his first boss on the Hill, the late Rep. Julia Carson, and we have admired his unwavering loyalty to her.

Drew, thank you for your help and dedication. I wish you all the best in the future.

TRIBUTE TO KATHERINE AND ELIZABETH GANT

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 1, 2008

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Katherine and Elizabeth Gant, residents of Kansas' Third Congressional District, who are retiring after 46 years as music educators in Leawood, Kansas.

In anticipation of a celebration honoring the Gant sisters that will take place on August 10, the Sun newspapers of Johnson County recently published an article detailing their accomplishments and plans for the future, which I am including with this CONGRESSIONAL RECORD statement. Having spent a lifetime composing children's music and teaching music to children, they will now focus on composing and promoting their own compositions.

Madam Speaker, I know that all House members join with us in paying tribute to Katherine and Elizabeth Gant, who are beloved by several generations of Johnson Countians for their dedicated and selfless work to bring music into the lives of our children.

GANT SISTERS STOP TEACHING TO FOCUS ON RECORDING

(By Kelli Bamforth)

After 46 years as music educators to countless children across the metro area, Elizabeth and Katherine Gant are hanging up their hats after the sale of their Leawood music school, 3658 W. 95th St.

But do not expect the sisters to retire. In many ways, their work is just beginning.

Elizabeth and Katherine will now focus on composing and promoting their original children's music beyond Kansas City.

"Schools and churches use our music but we knew we had to start aggressively marketing our music to get it out of Kansas City," Elizabeth said. "We want to get it all over America, but knew we couldn't teach and market simultaneously."

The sisters sold their school two months ago to Cindy See, a pianist with two daughters who are former students of the Gants.

"With the See family, (the school) will continue to be a family affair," Elizabeth said. "They just finished their summer session and will start back up in the fall."

A celebration honoring the Gant sisters will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10, at Hallbrook Country Club, 11150 Overbrook Road.

Leawood Mayor Peggy Dunn will present a proclamation declaring "Gant Sisters Day" in the city and a children's choir will perform with school alumni.

"It all fell into place," Katherine said. "I thought (declaring Gant Sisters Day) was so sweet. Politicians and big important people get things named after them all the time, but for two sister educators. . . they keep telling us there are other things planned, but it's a surprise."

The sisters began what they call a "life-long love affair with music" when their mother inspired them as children.

"She taught us to sing with harmony," Elizabeth said. "She was a working mother but we never felt neglected."

Elizabeth and Katherine attended the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, where they majored in opera and education. When Katherine graduated a year ahead of Elizabeth, Archie Jones, dean of the Conservatory of Music at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, asked Katherine to create a new and different children's music education program.

Elizabeth and Katherine began writing their own children's music and lyrics when they could not find anything suitable for children age 3 to 6 in their program.

"We started writing music to fit the needs of our classes," Elizabeth said. "We saw the need and we always loved children. We like to think we have our finger on the pulse of today's children, the dreams they dream. Our mom always told us the most important people in the world are children."

"We decided to write music for the child in all of us."

The program eventually moved to the Avila University campus for 10 years before being relocated to Leawood's Ranch Mart shopping center.

The sisters have recorded CDs and cassette tapes of their music, and eventually began writing children's books, adaptations of classic fairy tales such as "Pinocchio" and "Little Red Riding Hood."

"We write our own original music for each character," Elizabeth said.

One recording that already has reached audiences across the country is "America, I Love You!" Katherine and Elizabeth re-recorded the children's national anthem after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"That Sunday after 9/11, Katherine and I were at home watching television and Itzhak Perlman, a very talented violinist, was performing in New York near the site," Elizabeth said. "After he was done, he didn't know the camera was still on him, and he just started weeping. And it touched us. . . we knew we had to do something for the children."

Eleven years prior to Sept. 11, the sisters wrote and released the patriotic song, but re-recorded the tune with more than 400 children on the Pembroke Hill School campus. All proceeds from the recording go to two charities in New York for children whose parents lost their lives.

The video and CD have been distributed to all five branches of the military and every public television station in America.

But the music school remained their passion, the sisters said.

Business mostly came from word of mouth, Elizabeth said, and the sisters routinely taught children and grandchildren of former students.

"We've had a beautiful response to our music from children and parents alike," Elizabeth said. "When you put music and children together, beautiful things can happen. We've always had the feeling in our hearts that children and music should come together to bring about peace in the world."

Elizabeth and Katherine, both widowers, live together. Katherine said the past 46 years have been "a dream world of a perfect job."

"It's our passion," Katherine said.

"This wasn't just a whim or a passing fancy," Elizabeth said. "Music is like food, an ongoing necessity the world will always need. We're not trying to launch a rocket from a canoe but from the flagship of everything we've built for 46 years."

RECOGNIZING THE CEDAR STREET CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT OF DENTON, TEXAS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 1, 2008

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Cedar Street Capital Improvement Project in Denton, Texas. August 20, 2007 marked the beginning of this needed project.

The project was funded by Community Development Block Grants, or CDBGs, which were allocated to the City of Denton by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. These important Federal funds have been well utilized to benefit the people of the 26th District of Texas.

For more than 20 years, the City of Denton has set aside CDBG funds to repair and replace public facilities and services in older neighborhoods. The projects are designed to enhance both pedestrian and vehicle access to neighborhoods and downtown and to support basic services such as water and sewer.

The Cedar Street project replaced all water and sewer lines, many of which were over 50 years old. The project also widened sidewalks, making them ADA accessible for the first time in history. Roadside trees, benches, bike racks, and pedestrian amenities were also added. The estimated cost for the project is \$1.2 million, of which \$800,000 came from Community Development Block Grants. This project will help enhance mobility and aesthetics as well as upgrade utility lines on the west side of the Downtown Square.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to rise today and recognize the outstanding improvements being made on Cedar Street, and I thank the Department of Housing and Urban Development for allocating the funds to make it possible. It is my privilege to represent the members of the Community Development Advisory Committee and everyone involved in these worthwhile projects in the 26th District of Texas.

CALLING ON CHINA TO END HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES PRIOR TO THE OLYMPICS

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 30, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise to express my concerns with H. Res. 1370.

I certainly am supportive of many of the provisions of the bill. I am a friend of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, and I continue to voice my displeasure of the treatment of the Tibetan people by the government of the People's Republic of China. The human rights consequences that persist in Tibet have the potential to devastate Tibet and completely abolish any chance of peaceful reconciliation.

I also support efforts to hold repressive governments in Sudan and Burma accountable for their reprehensible treatment of their citizens. It is outrageous that these governments continue to prosper and enjoy support from other