

REMEMBERING LENETTE
FREEMAN

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mourn the loss of a dear friend to the community of Muncie, Indiana.

Lenette Freeman, known to all as a giving and determined woman, passed away following a five year battle with cancer. Though the pain of her passing is deeply felt, we will continue to be inspired by the life she led.

Lenette Freeman was born on October 29, 1958, in Evanston, Illinois to Leonard and Dolores Hartowicz. A graduate of Taft High School in Chicago, Lenette went on to receive her bachelor's degree and a teaching certificate from Northern Illinois University.

In 1987, Lenette moved to Muncie, where she would become an active leader and vital asset in this eastern Indiana Community. She was a member of the Lutheran Church of the Cross, the Rotary Club, the Muncie Endurathon, and co-founder of the youth Academy for Community Leadership. For 4 years, Lenette served as the executive director of the Muncie Children's Museum, a children's educational learning facility in the community.

When the City of Muncie authorized the creation of a Mayor's Youth Council in 2002, Lenette volunteered countless hours as a mentor to the young students on the founding Council and remained active in the years to follow. Her impact on the members of the Mayor's Youth Council, as well as the effect the Council had in the community, will be felt far into the future.

In 2004, Lenette was named director of the Cardinal Greenway. The Cardinal Greenway is a series of recreational trails spanning 27 miles throughout my district. Lenette was keenly aware of the benefits of these trails and advocated for its continued development. Her passion and dedication to the preservation and extension of the trails will forever be remembered by a grateful community.

Just one month after becoming Director of the Cardinal Greenway, Lenette was diagnosed with cancer. Rather than succumbing to feelings of self-pity and defeat, Lenette said her diagnosis was a "blessing in disguise" that resulted in a greater appreciation of people and deeper relationships with them. Despite her illness, Lenette was a determined fighter and continued her work with the Greenway, holding meetings in her home and working via teleconference when necessary.

Lenette's determination was evident not only in her work, but in her personal life. She was the proud mother of three boys, and she encouraged each of them to pursue their own individual talents and goals. Fondly referred to as her "cowboys," her boys were undoubtedly a major source of strength and inspiration in Lenette's fight against cancer.

Lenette will be sorely missed by her sons, her mother and three siblings, those fortunate enough to know her, as well as the entire Muncie Community.

We have lost an important figure in the Muncie community, but I know that Lenette's legacy will not soon be forgotten. Let us keep Lenette's three boys, family, and cherished friends in our prayers during this difficult time.

"NATIONAL JOB CORPS DAY"

SPEECH OF

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO
SABLANOF COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA
ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 22, 2009

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Con. Res. 163, which designates September 23, 2009, as "National Job Corps Day." Across the nation, thousands of youth are participating in programs that bring positive change to their communities, to their peers, and to themselves. Job Corps volunteers earn money to support themselves and their families, work towards high school diplomas, improve their own literacy, learn valuable new job skills, and secure employment or military commissions.

But volunteers like the young people in Job Corps can affect members of their community in ways that can last a lifetime. When I was growing up in the Northern Mariana Islands, I strengthened my English skills by talking with and learning from Peace Corps volunteers. One of those Corps members gave me my first book of English Literature. These dedicated young volunteers, like the young people in Job Corps, make an enormous difference in the lives of so many. Even in places like the Northern Marianas, eight thousand miles away from Washington, their help is needed, and where they have been, their presence is still remembered and deeply appreciated.

I congratulate the Job Corps program on its 45th anniversary, and wish it many more to come. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

TOWN OF INDIAN SHORES, FLORIDA
CELEBRATES ITS 60TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, the Town of Indian Shores, Florida, which I not only have the privilege to represent but also call my home, this week celebrates the 60th anniversary of the signing of its town charter.

Although I was not able to be there today as the House is in session, my friends and neighbors gathered at The Pub Restaurant to celebrate their 60 years of progress, development and success.

Indian Shores, first known as Indian Rocks Beach South Shore, is a small but beautiful island on the Gulf Coast of Florida. Its sandy white beaches and crystal clear water made it a favorite summer retreat dating back to the late 1800s. It was on September 16, 1949 that 42 registered voters and freeholders met at the Beach Park Restaurant, where The Pub is now located, to incorporate the Town of Indian Rocks Beach South Shore.

At that meeting, the residents of the newly established town elected their first town leaders: Edward Fitch Taylor as Mayor, Bernice Pitt as Town Clerk, Emory Boyd as Town Marshall, and as Aldermen: Mrs. E. Boyd, Harry Gooding, Russel West, H. Tinman, James

Roesler, Hubert Tipton, Estelle Harper, Pearl Cook, and Arthur Goble.

The town held a special referendum in July 1973 and voted to rename itself the Town of Indian Shores, as it is known today.

From the early leadership that established this beautiful beach haven, new leadership has led Indian Shores into this new century and into a thriving community. Mayor Jim Lawrence, Vice Mayor Joan Herndon, Councilor Steve Sutch, Councilor Bill Smith, and Councilor Carole Ireland are the town's elected leaders. They oversee a staff headed by Town Administrator Chief E. D. Williams, Town Clerk Marcia Grantham, Deputy Clerk Elaine Jackson, Building Official Larry Nayman, Administrative Assistant Joyce Ciccarello, Director of Finance Mary Karayianes, Public Service Supervisor Jim Jeeter, and Assistant to the Town Manager Bonnie Dhonau.

They govern a town of 1,800 permanent residents and 2,600 homes that swells to a town of 6,000 during the peak winter months. Although only 2.6 miles long, this town remains one of Florida's most beautiful beach communities. From its early history when legend has it that an elderly Indian Chief was brought to its shores to be healed by its special water, to its time as an Indian campsite, Indian Shores has grown and prospered yet retained its small town charm.

Madam Speaker, the Town's motto says it all—"Indian Shores—A Great Place to Live." I am proud to call Indian Shores my home and I join in celebrating its rich history and its bright and sunny future along Florida's most beautiful beaches.

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE
FOR HOMICIDE VICTIMS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, September 25th is the National Day of Remembrance for Homicide Victims. On this day, it is important for all of us to reflect on the terrible toll that violence takes on our communities, and for us to reflect on ways to reduce this violence. One type of homicide that is particularly disturbing is when the perpetrator is a partner of the victim. According to the Centers for Disease Control, on average, three women a day are murdered by their current or former husbands. That is three women a day who are killed by the very same man who took an oath to honor and protect them.

This number should be disturbing to all of us. We are not doing enough to keep women safe in their own homes, the very place where we should all find safety and comfort. Too many American women are finding danger, violence, and even death in their own homes.

One-third—yes, that's right—one-third, of all murdered females are killed by somebody they were in a relationship with. That is a staggering statistic. These women are not being killed by a stranger in a dark alley, they are being killed by people they trust, often in their own homes.

To bring attention to this issue, Congresswoman Edwards and I have introduced H. Res. 757, to support the goals and ideals of the National Day of Remembrance for Homicide Victims. It is my hope that this resolution

can help raise awareness about this epidemic of violence, and encourage all of us to realize just how prevalent this is in our communities. The time has come for us all to work together to end this violence.

HONORING THE VOLUNTEER WORK
OF EMMA VALENTEEN

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a Phoenixville, Pennsylvania woman who has dedicated her life to making a difference in her community and lending a helping hand to neighbors in need.

Emma Valenteen moved to Phoenixville as a teenager in 1948 and has called the Borough home ever since. Her tremendous work ethic allowed her to juggle the demands of raising five children while working for 44 years at Container Corp. of America. Somehow, Emma still found plenty of energy to work even harder in her community. After losing her youngest daughter, Marianne, to leukemia, Emma joined the Valley Forge Chapter of the support group Compassionate Friends. By 1991, she started a Phoenixville chapter and has spent 18 years as chairwoman of the group.

For more than a quarter century, Emma has been the Recording Secretary of the Social Concerns Committee of the Phoenixville Interfaith Council. Her commitment to the community and dedicated volunteerism earned Emma numerous awards through the years. However, it has been the organizations and the entire community who have been the true winners thanks to Emma's extraordinary efforts.

Friends, family and community members will express their gratitude for Emma's service and recognize all of her accomplishments during a dinner on September 30, 2009 at Robert Ryan's Columbia Station.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring Emma Valenteen for her selfless service and tireless work to make Phoenixville a great place to live, work and raise a family.

H.R. 3548, THE UNEMPLOYMENT
COMPENSATION EXTENSION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY SUTTON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 22, 2009

Ms. SUTTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 3548, the Unemployment Compensation Extension Act. And, I want to commend my colleague Representative McDERMOTT for his leadership on this issue.

The financial and economic collapse last year put this country in the worst economic recession since the 1930s.

And while we have seen signs that the economy is stabilizing, millions of Americans and their families continue to struggle.

Struggle to pay their monthly rent or mortgage.

Struggle to pay for their prescriptions.

Struggle to pay for food and other of life's basic necessities. . . .

H.R. 3548 will assist workers who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own and who continue to look for work in states with high unemployment.

Ohio is one of those states . . . the current jobless rate in Ohio is 10.8 percent.

It is estimated that 11,642 Ohioans will run out of unemployment compensation by the end of the month and 64,545 will exhaust their benefits by the end of the year. H.R. 3548 will extend benefits for these workers whose safety net is running out.

There are 5 million Americans who have been searching for work for longer than 6 months.

And unfortunately, when it comes to getting back to work, prospects are dim. There are 6 unemployed workers for every available job in the U.S.

These figures and the severity of the economic recession make it critical for Congress to extend unemployment benefits.

We must help our workers, families, neighbors and communities weather these tough economic times.

We must continue to provide the financial assistance needed to help cushion the impact of the recession.

I urge a "yes" vote on H.R. 3548.

RECOGNIZING ACCOMPLISHMENTS
OF MR. PEDRO DEVORA

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Mr. Pedro Devora, whose barbershop business recently celebrated 50 years of operations in downtown Floresville, Texas.

Pedro Devora was born on May 22, 1926 and raised in Tordio, Texas where he attended school until the third grade. Mr. Devora worked in the area until he joined the U.S. Navy on October 1, 1944 to serve his country. While in the Navy, he served during the invasion of Okinawa that began on April 1, 1945. During that mission, his ship was hit in battle. Mr. Devora would survive a night in the water until he was rescued the following morning. During his time in the Navy, his hard work ethic gained him several promotions from his superiors. In fact, in less than a week he went from working in the laundry section to becoming an assistant supervisor, and later supervisor. In 1946, Mr. Devora returned to the United States and received an honorable discharge.

Following his time in the Navy, he returned home to Tordio and within a year he decided to attend Barber School. While in attendance, Mr. Devora married his sweetheart, Maria Flores on November 3, 1947. In 1948, Mr. Devora received his Barber's License and began work in Floresville, Texas.

Since returning from the Navy, he has been active in several political races, such as those of Lyndon Baines Johnson, Harry Truman, Gus Garcia, Carlos Cadena, Judge Mike Machado, Congressman Chick Kazen, Albert Pena, Judge Esquivel, Pete Tijerina, and almost every Democratic President since 1946.

On August 12th, 1959, he opened a barber-shop with his longtime friend Raymond Lucio. Mr. Devora and Mr. Lucio spent over 49 years as coworkers until Mr. Lucio's passing. The business remains in operation to this day and remains a pillar of the Floresville community.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to have had the time to recognize the many accomplishments and service of Mr. Pedro Devora, and I thank you for this time.

2009 SECRETARY OF DEFENSE EMPLOYER SUPPORT FREEDOM AWARD

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my local police department, the Santa Ana Police Department, on receiving the 2009 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award.

Each year, the United States gives this distinguished award to large businesses, small businesses, and public service employers who provide outstanding support to employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve.

Last week, Chief Paul Walters of the Santa Ana Police Department had the pleasure of being congratulated by President Obama and Secretary Gates at the White House after a reception and ceremony hosted by Dr. Jill Biden.

The Orange County community is incredibly proud of the Santa Ana Police Department. They have worked hard to create a positive work environment for our National Guard and Reserve members, and we are so grateful that they protect us each and every day.

I want to personally thank the Chief and the police department for their efforts and congratulate them once again for receiving the 2009 Freedom Award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Ms. BALDWIN. Madam Speaker, I regret that I missed four votes under suspension of the Rules on September 9, 2009.

Had I been present, I would have voted in support of the following four bills: H. Res. 447, H.R. 2097, H.R. 2498, and H. Res. 722.

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Since 1964, Job Corps has trained young adults for meaningful careers, improving their