

HONORING RAFAEL LORENZO
GALLEGOS

HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, I would like to take a moment today to pay tribute to a dedicated public servant in the State of Colorado. Former State Representative Rafael Lorenzo Gallegos passed away on Monday, May 24, 2010. Colorado and the San Luis Valley have lost a tremendously respected leader.

Representative Gallegos led a remarkable life. He served in the United States Air Force Reserve in the 1950s while he completed his high school education. He then went on to Colorado State University in Pueblo and then to the National Weather Service. He was elected Mayor of Antonito, Colorado in 2002 and went on to represent the San Luis Valley in the Colorado legislature from 2005 to 2008.

While serving in the legislature, Representative Gallegos focused on issues important to southern Colorado. He was passionate about water and agriculture, and about taking care of our veterans. He also worked to bring economic development to the San Luis Valley. Always a friendly face, the former weather man was known throughout the Capitol for delivering the weather forecast every Friday on the House floor before members had to travel home to their districts for the weekend.

First and foremost, Rafael Gallegos was a servant to his constituents, an example to those of us who strive to serve the public. He once said, "I am there for the people. . . . Whatever I do and however I vote will be in this district's best interest." Representative Gallegos never forgot where he came from and he lived to serve others so that they could have a brighter future.

My condolences go out to his family during this difficult time. He will be missed but his legacy will live on through all of the lives that he touched in Southern Colorado.

HONORING WILBUR J. COHEN

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I speak today to honor a remarkable American, Wilbur J. Cohen, on the 97th anniversary of his birth.

From the programs of the New Deal to the Great Society, Wilbur Cohen was a key player in nearly every significant effort that involved social legislation. Nicknamed "The Man Who Built Medicare," Mr. Cohen was responsible for improving the quality of life of millions of elderly Americans. As an acquaintance of Mr. Cohen once said, "he feels every person in the country who is home alone sick is his personal responsibility."

Mr. Cohen was born on June 10, 1913 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. After graduating from the University of Wisconsin—Madison in 1934, Mr. Cohen relocated to Washington, D.C. to pursue his dreams of public service. In short order, he became a key drafter of the Social Security Act. He then became the Director of

the Bureau of Research and Statistics, which managed program development and legislative coordination with Congress for the Social Security Board—renamed the Social Security Administration in 1946. Shortly after his election, President John F. Kennedy appointed Mr. Cohen as Assistant Secretary for Legislation of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. During President Kennedy's administration, Mr. Cohen was responsible for obtaining congressional approval of over sixty-five bills. In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed Mr. Cohen Under Secretary and, in 1968, Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare. During the Johnson Administration, Mr. Cohen ensured the passage of the historic Medicare bill and the landmark education bill that granted federal aid to elementary and secondary schools. Not limiting his attention to welfare, Social Security, and Medicare, however, Mr. Cohen also dedicated his efforts to addressing the concerns of school dropouts, Indian health, consumer protection, and the budgetary needs of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, to name a few other issues of concern.

Portrayed by Time magazine as a man of "boundless energy, infectious enthusiasm, and a drive for action," Mr. Cohen's exemplary spirit and selfless dedication to public service have allowed countless people to live healthier and more fulfilling lives. This drive for a better America earned the support of lawmakers on both sides of the aisle for the expansion of social programs to those most in need. A true visionary and a lifelong believer in social justice, Mr. Cohen was an inspiration to all Americans for his tireless advocacy on behalf of the less fortunate. On May 17, 1987, Mr. Cohen passed away, and the United States lost a great pioneer of social legislation.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life and accomplishments of Mr. Wilbur J. Cohen.

RECOGNIZING 2010 LORDS AND
LADIES OF FAIRFAX

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize a dedicated group of men and women in Northern Virginia. For the past twenty-six years, each member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has selected two people from their district who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to our community. Since the program's inception in 1984, nearly 500 individuals have been recognized as a Lord or Lady Fairfax by their representative on the Board of Supervisors.

Individuals recognized as Lords and Ladies of Fairfax have made significant contributions in their communities. This year, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors recognized outstanding individuals who have made tremendous impacts through their support of our public schools, parks, youth sports leagues, arts community, public safety providers, and human service programs. It is nearly impossible to fully describe the diversity of accomplishments by the honorees. Their efforts contribute greatly to the quality of life for the residents of Fairfax County and should be commended.

The following individuals were recognized as Lord and Lady Fairfax honorees for 2010. Each of these individuals was selected as a result of his or her outstanding volunteer service, heroism, or other special achievements. These individuals have earned our praise and appreciation.

At Large: Lady Luella F. Brown and Lord Verdia L. Haywood

Braddock District: Lady Shirley DiBartolo and Lord Sam DiBartolo

Dranesville District: Lady Tanveer A. Mirza and Lord Cantor Michael A. Schochet

Hunter Mill District: Lady Carol Ann Bradley and Lord Patrick Kane

Lee District: Lady Suzette Kern and Lord Harry H. Zimmerman

Mason District: Lady Cindy Waters and Lord Mike Magill

Mt. Vernon District: Lady Glenda Booth and Lord Linwood Gorham

Providence District: Lady Sarah M. Lahr and Lord Ken A. Quincy

Springfield District: Lady Lynne M. Garvey-Hodge and Lord Tom Peterson

Sully District: Lady Deborah J. Robison and Lord Steven T. Ratliff

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our gratitude to these men and women who volunteer their time and energy on behalf of our community. The selfless commitment of these individuals provides enumerable benefits to Northern Virginia and serves to strengthen and enrich our communities.

HONORING RILEY WALTER

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Riley Walter upon thirty years of business in the legal field. Mr. Riley will be honored at a reception on Tuesday, June 1, 2010.

Mr. Riley Walter attended California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo (Cal Poly) and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1973 and a Master of Arts degree in 1974, both in Agriculture. While working towards his Masters degree, he worked as an assistant professor of agriculture business management at Cal Poly, Pomona. Upon completing the masters program, Mr. Walter attended Western State University in southern California and received a Juris Doctorate in 1980. During this time, he was also working toward becoming a tenured associate professor at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. Later, Mr. Walter became certified as a Business Bankruptcy Specialist by the American Board of Bankruptcy Certification.

In 1980, Mr. Walter passed the bar and in May began practicing in a commercial law firm where he was working on reorganization, insolvency and bankruptcy law in Central California, from Bakersfield to Sacramento. His primary area of practice has become insolvency law, specifically Chapter 11 and specializing in large scale agricultural and agribusiness cases including creameries, processors, wineries, feed mills, farms, ranches and dairies. Mr. Walter also works on consensual restructuring, workouts, liquidations, receiverships, assignment for benefit of creditors

and other insolvency and restructuring matters. For these types of issues, Mr. Walter has worked with cities, hospitals, developers, energy companies, manufacturing, service and retail businesses. During his thirty years of practice, he has represented debtors and trustees in over three thousand cases under Chapter 11, 12, 7 and 9.

Mr. Walter is actively involved with many legal organizations. He has served as president and director of the Central California Bankruptcy Association and the San Joaquin Valley Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. He has served as the chair of Business Law Section and the Agricultural Law Section of the Fresno County Bar Association. Mr. Walter also served as the director and co-chair of the California State Bar Agribusiness Committee. He has served as director of the California Bankruptcy Forum and the Central California Receivers Forum. He is, or has been, a member of the American Bar Association, American Bankruptcy Institute, American Inns of Court and Society of Agricultural Lenders. He is a former chair of the Agricultural Law Review Advisory Committee at San Joaquin College of Law. He is a fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, Class XIII and is a Delegate to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference. Mr. Walter was selected as a Northern California Super Lawyer for 2004 through 2009.

Outside of his practice, Mr. Walter taught agriculture law as an adjunct professor at San Joaquin College of Law in Fresno from 1989 through 1993. He was also an adjunct professor of management (entrepreneurial studies) at California State University, Fresno. He has authored, co-authored or contributed to many articles. Because of his extensive experience and involvement, Mr. Walter has lectured on bankruptcy topics to business and legal groups numerous times.

Mr. Walter has a long history of involvement in civic and cultural organizations. He currently serves as the vice chair on the board of the Lyles Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation of California State University, Fresno. He is general counsel to the Central Valley Business Incubator and the Bulldog Fund. Mr. Walter recently retired from the board of the Central Valley Business Incubator, after thirteen years of service with the organization. He was formerly on the boards of the Fresno Business Council, the Fresno Metropolitan Museum, Fresno City and County Historical Society and the Lee Institute for Japanese Art.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Riley Walter upon thirty years of legal service to the Central Valley. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Walter many years of continued success.

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES AND VETERANS

SPEECH OF

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in strong support for H. Res. 1385 to recognize and honor the courage and sacrifice of the members of the Armed Forces and veterans. Though we appreciate their sacrifice

every month, it is important this resolution is passed this month as May is expressly designated National Military Appreciation Month.

We can never say "thank you" enough for the sacrifices paid by the Nation's military. The liberties we enjoy today were earned through the bravery and sacrifice of ordinary Americans with extraordinary selflessness. America must never turn her back on her service members and veterans.

We know all too well that freedom is not free. They courageously stepped forward to protect and defend the Constitution and the people of the United States. This resolution is just a small tribute to the great character of all our military service members and veterans.

I urge all my colleagues to join with me in supporting H. Res. 1385 and thanking current and former servicemembers for guaranteeing our freedom.

GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD CONGRATULATIONS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 08, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a group of outstanding young girls for achieving the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouting. This year's honorees from Virginia's 11th Congressional District are Michelle Bedker, Randi Beil, Michelle Biwer, Lindsey Brock, Lauren Falkenstein, Kathryn Forestello, Nicole Gray, Brynna Heflin, Carolyn Iwicki, Cassady Keller, Jessica McEvoy, Allison Moats and Ashley Pettway.

The Gold Award is a prestigious award that is earned by a select group of Girl Scouts who have demonstrated a higher commitment not only to community service, but to advocating for lasting change. Each girl carefully evaluated her community's needs and determined the nature and scope of her project and then submitted project proposals to the Gold Award Panel. Additionally, while working on the project, each girl dedicated a minimum of 65 hours. This year's projects ranged from teaching young people to read or play an instrument to protecting the environment and helping the homeless.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating these girls on their achievements and for their contributions to their community. I wish them well in all of their future endeavors.

HONORING FAIRFIELD, WASHINGTON

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to applaud the town of Fairfield, Washington for its ongoing commitment to one of our Nation's most symbolic treasures—the American Flag. On June 12, 2010, Fairfield, Washington will host its one-hundredth Flag Day parade. Long known as the "Town that Celebrates the Flag," Fairfield

embodies the patriotic, hard working principles that have made this Nation great for over two-hundred thirty-four years.

Originally established in 1777 and celebrated each year on June 14, Flag Day commemorates the unification of this great union under the United States Flag. As part of its Centennial celebration, Fairfield will dedicate a newly installed flag pole to the men and women who have selflessly served in our Nation's armed services. At a time when our Nation's military is involved in multiple conflicts and humanitarian aid missions, this solemn dedication is entirely fitting of Congress' recognition.

I would also like to mention that Fairfield residents' strong beliefs in family, community, and civic responsibility reflect the characteristics the Founders envisioned for the citizens of this great Republic. I am honored to represent these proud Americans and congratulate them and the town of Fairfield on its one-hundredth Flag Day parade.

HONORING MILTON CLOWERS

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay respect to Fayetteville, Georgia's Milton Clowers, who passed away last week. A good friend to many, he leaves behind his wife Randi and loving children: son Eric and his wife Amy and a daughter, Cameron. His extended family included several brothers and sisters who preceded him in death and four brothers and two sisters who survive. Probably most special to him were his five grandchildren—Gracelyn, Reginald, Khalil, Tyler and Gabrielle.

Milton was a good friend to me, having known him both personally and professionally. He was born in Tennessee and attended Tennessee State University. Milton pursued a career in the electrical industry, which brought him to Atlanta where he was accepted into the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 613/National Electrical Contractors Apprenticeship program.

Milton worked hard and diligently to excel in the electrical industry. From the early days at Grove Park Electric to Dixie Electric Company—where he helped bring on Yukon Electric as a joint venture partner for projects for Delta Air Lines—Milton enjoyed a successful career. The highlight of his career was making UpTime Electric the successful electrical contracting firm it is today.

Milton also served on several industry boards including the Atlanta Electrical Contractors Association where he was a President, Governor and Chairman.

Career and community work are important, but a man is only as good as the family and friends who support him. Fortunately, Milton was blessed with an abundance of both. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, brother and friend. He was a strong, multitalented and compassionate man who gave so much to so many. I am proud to speak about him today and honor his life and contribution.