

mother in search of work. Denied access at the state line, they made the arduous journey back to Missouri, yet upon their return they received word that Richard's uncle had found work for them in Escondido, California. After making the trip once again, the Burton family settled down in Escondido.

Upon the United States' entry into World War II, the Burtons answered the call to service and all four brothers enlisted in the military. After completing basic training and 16 weeks of "A" School to become an Electrician's Mate, Mr. Burton served with Task Forces 92 and 94 in the North Pacific supporting offensive operations against the Japanese. He then passed through the Panama Canal and supported operations in the Caribbean. Upon his separation from the military, Mr. Burton had been awarded the Combat Action Ribbon, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal (with a bronze star), the American Campaign Medal and the World War II Victory Medal.

After returning from the war, Richard married Ms. Eloise Flanders of Escondido, and the two enjoyed 53 years of marriage. They raised two children, two grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

Mr. Burton is the epitome of what we now refer to as the "Greatest Generation." He served his country well in her time of need, and he has exemplified the hard work and determination that makes America great.

HONORING SUZANNE M.
OVERDORF

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Suzanne "Sue" Overdorf for her years of service as a devoted teacher, wife, mother and influential community member. Sue deserves the utmost admiration for her service as a dedicated mentor and role model to the youth of the community. As Sue's friend, I am honored to recognize her many achievements.

Suzanne Mae Fox was born on April 11, 1943 in South Buffalo, New York. She began her education at St. Thomas Aquinas elementary school, later graduating from Mount Mercy Academy in 1960. Sue went on to study at Buffalo State College for two years before beginning her teaching career at St. Bonaventure Elementary School. Sue continued on the path toward teaching excellence when she pursued her degree in education at St. Rose College in Albany, graduating summa cum laude in 1979.

Sue married her high school sweetheart Ted "Ozzie" Overdorf 46 years ago. While living in Lansing, Michigan they began their family which continued to grow when they relocated to Albany. In 1979 Sue, Ted and their six children moved back to their hometown of Hamburg, New York where Sue taught and coordinated CCD at St. Peter and Paul Parish and Nativity Parish in Orchard Park. The Overdorf family grew with the addition of 2 more children and in 1993, now the mother of eight, Sue continued her teaching career at Mount Mercy Academy and Bishop Timon St. Jude High School. Sue demonstrated great love and dedication to her roots by teaching the

young men and women in the neighborhood where she was raised. One year later, Sue became a religion instructor and senior class moderator at Bishop Timon St. Jude High School. Sue was a beloved and respected teacher who served as a role model and spiritual guide for her students. She retired on December 1, 2009, after 16 years of devotion.

Sue continually went above and beyond the norm during her teaching career. She found time while raising a family of eight children to found the Peace Club and the Thanksgiving for Others and Christmas for Others programs at Bishop Timon St. Jude High School. There, she was also awarded the Franciscan award twice and was received into the Franciscan Order Holy Name Province as an affiliate.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to recognize Sue Overdorf for her service as a devoted teacher, counselor, friend, wife and mother, excelling in all areas. Sue was a guide as a religious educator to her students, and also showed her values through her charitable and extracurricular activities. Her involvement in community life benefitted everyone around her. It is my honor to congratulate Sue Overdorf, a woman I am pleased to call my friend, for a career filled with such accomplishments.

HONORING THE AIR FORCE
THUNDERBIRDS

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the long and dedicated service of the United States Air Force Thunderbirds Aerial Demonstration Team and to commend its latest of many visits to Duluth, Minnesota, in my Congressional District.

The theme for the 2010 Duluth Air Show is "Generations"—the generations of aircraft and American men and women who have flown them for more than a century. No other unit reflects this theme more than the Thunderbirds, who have captivating audiences with their precise, intricate aerial performances for half of a century. The Air Force Thunderbirds truly span generations, with thousands of pilots and many different aircraft, from the F-84 Thunderstreak to the current F-16 Fighting Falcon. Since 1953, the pilots and support crew of the Thunderbirds have displayed unparalleled professionalism, dedication, patriotism and ability. Their commitment to the communities they visit is unmatched. Whether on the ground or in the air, the Thunderbirds bring great credit to themselves, the Air Force and the United States.

On behalf of the millions of people who have witnessed the Thunderbirds' extraordinary flight demonstrations, I wish to offer my hearty thank you to the men and women in the unit and acknowledge their service to our great nation.

IN MEMORY OF JUDGE TERRY D.
LEWIS OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to honor the memory of one of Fort Worth's most respected and active community leaders, Judge Terry D. Lewis. Judge Lewis worked his entire life supporting his family, serving God and the Fort Worth community for which he cared so deeply.

Terry D. Lewis was the 4th child of 10, graduating from Dunbar High School in 1969, where he was an Honor Student, receiving the National Merit Achievement Award at graduation. While he was there, he was a member of the Charles L. Scott Jazz Band, on the debate team, four-year letterman in football, and Vice President of the Student Council. He was recruited to go to the University of Chicago by a former Dunbar student, Dr. Calvin Lee Dixon. He attended the University of Chicago for four years and graduated in 1973 with a bachelor's degree in Political Science. While at the University of Chicago, he was a member of the school wrestling team, and developed a passion for the martial arts. From there, he became a commissioned officer in the U.S. Marine Corps, where he was twice promoted before leaving active duty in 1976. While serving as a Marine Corps Officer, he participated in the evacuations of both Saigon and Cambodia.

After leaving the Marine Corps, Terry went to work in the business world. He worked for Johnson & Johnson, Xerox, and Jewel Food Stores prior to finding his calling of working with juvenile delinquents and emotionally disturbed teenagers in Chicago.

In 1987, while holding a full-time position and raising a family, he attended Chicago-Kent School of Law and served on the Law Review Committee, receiving his Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1991, and being honored with the Golden Gavel Award from his graduating law class for his publications and volunteerism while in law school. He was then employed by the Office of Cook County Public Defender, where he specialized in law concerning the abuse and neglect of children.

Upon moving home to Fort Worth in 1995, he acquired his license to practice law in the State of Texas, and worked with his brother, the Honorable Glenn Lewis and the Tarrant County District Attorney's Office. At the time of his death, he was serving as a Municipal Court Judge with the City of Fort Worth, where he was perhaps most proud of his efforts to match homeless people who appeared before him with social service programs. As recently as June 4, 2010, he is said to have written in an email to his colleagues:

Some people share the socio-political philosophy that government should not or cannot afford to help those on the lower economic rungs of our social ladder . . . Then there are those of us who believe that government cannot afford to neglect them. We all share this City whether our income is considerable or nil. Fort Worth Star-Telegram (June 16, 2010).

Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to remember Judge Terry Lewis for his legacy and service to the city of Fort Worth and specifically the community in which

he was raised. Judge Lewis' indomitable spirit will always live here among those whom he has touched. We have been honored to have had the grace of his presence in our lives. As we stand today to celebrate the extraordinary life of this extraordinary man, I am proud to have represented such an outstanding citizen from the 26th District of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives.

HONORING JORGE J. LAMBRINOS
FOR MORE THAN 38 YEARS OF
SERVICE ON BEHALF OF OLDER
AMERICANS AND ON THE OCCA-
SION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM
THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA ROYBAL INSTITUTE
ON AGING

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jorge J. Lambrinos, founding director of the University of Southern California (USC) Roybal Institute on Aging, who is retiring this month after more than 38 years of working in and out of government on behalf of older Americans.

Jorge was born in Panama City, Panama and arrived to this country at the age of 11 speaking no English. He fondly recalls his first job, at age 12, shining shoes in the barber-shop where his father worked. From then on, Jorge's strong work ethic and love for our country motivated him on a non-stop mission in pursuit of the American Dream—not only for himself but for our nation's elderly as well.

Jorge first got involved in advocating for seniors as Director of Latin Americans for Social and Economic Development. There, he was instrumental in getting the City of Detroit to establish a senior center in the Latino community of southwest Detroit. Jorge's leadership in his adopted hometown led to a prestigious fellowship opportunity in our nation's capital. As one of 10 national Health, Education, and Welfare Fellows, Jorge worked under Arthur S. Flemming, the U.S. Commissioner on Aging at the Administration on Aging.

After his one-year fellowship ended, Jorge became director of the U.S. Administration on Aging's Executive Secretariat and Special Assistant to the Commissioner on Aging. During that time, as an advisor to Commissioner Flemming, Jorge played a key role in the establishment of four national minority aging organizations. He also worked to ensure that minority communities had a voice in the emerging field of gerontology.

Building on this area of expertise, in 1977, Jorge joined my father, Congressman Edward R. Roybal, as Director of the Subcommittee on Housing and Consumer Interests of the House Select Committee on Aging. During that time, Jorge guided the development of the Congregate Housing Services legislation signed into law by President Jimmy Carter, which authorizes all Sec. 202 senior housing to provide temporary supportive services to ailing residents. When my father became chair of the full Committee on Aging, Jorge served as the full committee's staff director—becoming one of the first Latino staffers to hold such a position.

Several years later, Jorge then moved on to become my father's Chief of Staff. Together, they worked to address many critical priorities for older Americans, including the availability of congregate meals and stepping up research initiatives into the aging process as well as Alzheimer's disease and diabetes. Jorge is particularly proud of his work with my father to strengthen the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Jorge was integral in the formation of the Roybal Institute on Applied Gerontology. In my father's last few years in office, seniors from East Los Angeles petitioned California State University Los Angeles to establish an endowed chair in Congressman Roybal's name. Jorge's strategic recommendations resulted in the establishment of the Edward R. Roybal Foundation and the creation of the Institute.

After my father's retirement in 1993, Jorge joined him at Cal State Los Angeles and became the first full time director of the Roybal Institute. He was responsible for the management of several health promotion and disease prevention projects, including a collaborative research project with the CDC to determine the levels of older adult vaccinations in the Latino community of East Los Angeles. He also collaborated with USC's Alzheimer's Disease Research Center to translate findings from its clinical trials research to community application. In addition, Jorge was the Principal Investigator of a project funded by the Association of Teachers of Preventive Medicine to develop interventions to reduce the incidence of falls and injuries among older adults. Jorge moved with the center from Cal State LA to its new home at the University of Southern California in 2006.

Jorge Lambrinos has received numerous awards and appointments, including being named as one of the "Top 100 Most Influential Hispanics in the U.S." by Hispanic Business Magazine. He has served as a member of the National Advisory Council of the National Institute on Aging, the California Commission on Aging and the Executive Council of AARP California, where he continues to serve as health policy advisor.

In addition to his work in public service, Jorge's dedication to our country is also evident through his distinguished military service. A graduate of the U.S. Army War College and a decorated Bronze Star Gulf War veteran, Jorge retired as a Lt. Colonel after 27 years of military service.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to please join me in recognizing Jorge's long record of service to our country. His significant contributions have made life healthier and more just for older Americans from all walks of life and I wish him many more years of fulfillment and success in retirement.

SALUTING ELDER GOLDWIRE
MCLENDON, PHILADELPHIA'S
PREMIER GOSPEL SINGER

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. FATTAH. Madam Speaker, an incredibly talented Gospel singer from Philadelphia has been sharing his gift with a national audience through "Sunday Best," the BET network's closely watched gospel singing competition.

The results were announced this Sunday, and our own Elder Goldwire McLendon was selected as runner-up to a young lady from Florida, LeAndria Johnson. Elder McLendon's many, many fans in Philadelphia and across the nation may be mildly disappointed, but they are immensely proud of the man, his powerful voice and his faith.

Annette John-Hall, a talented writer for the Philadelphia Inquirer, captured the drama and the impact of this remarkable man and his quest, in her column in today's newspaper. I share her column and extend my congratulations to this Philadelphia Gospel superstar.

[From the Philadelphia Inquirer, June 22, 2010]

AT 79, ELDER MCLENDON SHARES THE GIFT OF
HIS VOICE

(By Annette John-Hall)

All you have to do is watch the audience react to Elder Goldwire McLendon every time he sings to understand the profound impact he has.

People get choked up. Some weep outright. Heck, just watching him perform on YouTube puts a lump in your throat.

See, McLendon sings gospel. And he has for, oh, 70 years, ever since he was 9 and singing in Sunday school in Jacksonville, Fla., his hometown.

He has sung in prisons, in concert halls, and at his own place of worship, Mount Olive Baptist Church in Philadelphia, where he has ministered for 40 years.

But it wasn't until McLendon decided to audition for Sunday Best, BET's gospel singing competition, that the whole nation understood just how remarkable his gift was.

At 79, McLendon was easily the oldest contestant by at least 30 years. And yes, he'd sometimes forget the lyrics.

But his life experience came through whenever he hit the stage. After a typically moving performance early in the competition, judge Tina Campbell of Mary Mary, the gospel sister duo, told McLendon: "You got a standing ovation from God. He's all over you."

Outsinging a field of 20, McLendon made it all the way to Sunday's finals before losing to 27-year-old powerhouse LeAndria Johnson.

But it didn't matter. What matters is that now, in the winter of his life, McLendon's season is finally here.

GIFT FROM GOD

Call it what you want. Wisdom. Talent. Showmanship.

McLendon chooses to credit his gift and the effect it has to a higher power.

"The Lord set me up and used me," he said before performing in concert with other Sunday Best contestants at New Covenant Church of Philadelphia Saturday.

He almost didn't allow himself to be used. "Do you know how old I am?" he'd ask his children when they'd urge him to audition.

Never comfortable in a crowd, McLendon could easily have taken one look at the hundreds of hopefuls at the Convention Center audition on that cold March morning and said, "I don't want to be bothered with all of those people," says his daughter-in-law, Karen McLendon, 56. But she says he stuck it out because of "the prodding from the Lord."

Possessing a silky smooth tenor reminiscent of Sam Cooke, with a smidgen of James Cleveland's thunder thrown in, McLendon sang as a soloist in the Savettes Choral Ensemble and the Brockington Choral Ensemble in the '60s and '70s. He was ordained as a minister in 1978 and pastored St. James Holy Church in Tennille, Ga., for 16 years before reuniting with his family—five children, 15 grands and 14 great-grands—in Philly.