

Honor, we thank you for a life well lived! Godspeed you, and give us each the courage to live our lives for the benefit of others!

From Jane C. Freeman:

I have known Judge and Eleanor Heaney for seventy years since I was 19 and we met at the University of Minnesota. My husband, Orville, and Gerry became fast friends in law school in the early 1940s.

Orv introduced all of us to Hubert Humphrey at one of Muriel and Hubert Humphrey's Saturday evening gatherings where the greatest political discussions I have ever heard took place in the kitchen. Justice for all; truly participating democracy; opportunities and responsibilities of citizens; the common good vs. individual greed—these were the discussion topics.

We came together again after four years of World War II. During the war Gerry was a leader in the Army Rangers in Europe and went up Normandy Beach. Orv was wounded in the Pacific on Marine Corps patrol. We then started to fight home side battles to bring the skeletons of the Democratic and Farmer Labor parties together to form the DFL party. We all felt we could change things to make a better and more peaceful world.

From then until his death, Heaney was a great advisor, planner and mentor to all in the DFL party and labor movement. He kept us on the straight path to justice for all. Others will tell you about his leadership on the Federal Bench, but I want to share a couple of personal memories:

Heaney believed in miracles and divine intervention. Late in the campaign in 1954 when Orv was involved in a tight race for Governor, the phone in our bedroom went off at 6:15 a.m. Orv had just gotten home from a three-day campaign trip at 3:00 a.m. so I took the call. I answered with some disgust in my voice. "Yes, Gerald, what do you want at 6 in the morning?" Gerry said, "how did you know it was me?" "No one else calls at this time in the morning," I responded. "Jane," Gerry continued, "we are going to lose this election. We need a miracle." "What is that?" I replied. "Well this is the first week of October and we need you to get pregnant and give birth before election day November 3." And then he giggled in that low tone of his. Well, we did not have that miracle, but Orv did, with great help from Heaney, win that election by only 20,000 votes.

The summer Heaney was being considered for appointment to the Court of Appeals he and Orv and friends were up at International Falls preparing to board the pontoon plane for a fishing trip. The pilot's office phone rang with an urgent call from the White House for Secretary Freeman. LBJ's assistant said "Freeman about your friend Heaney for the Court—the President wants to know if he's ready to go and his wife says he's off fishing!! Freeman to Heaney—"You wanta be a Federal Judge?" Heaney—"Yeah, sure. I'll look as good in those black robes as any other farm boy from Goodhue (Minnesota)."

Heaney was the most self effacing politician I have ever known! Forceful but modest always. He was also a wonderful father and grandfather to his own children as well as many others. He was a second father and grandfather to the Freeman family. Heaney was a devoted husband—often saying, "the smartest thing I ever did was find Eleanor Schmitt, my lovely, solid, smart and devoted wife."

And bless Eleanor; she survived 65 years with that high strung Irishman. She attended hundreds of political meetings and labor union affairs: monitored his ulcer diet; operated his dialysis machine, and was by his side through thick and thin to the end.

For the Freeman family and many of you here—we will miss his voice and twinkling eyes—but we'll be quoting his bits of wisdom 'til the day we die!

From Judge Myron H. Bright:

Oliver Wendell Holmes, that great United States Supreme Court Justice of yesteryear, wrote "the life of the law has not been logic, it has been experience."

Although much has been written about Jerry's background, let me review some matters briefly because his life experience obviously and clearly played a role in his wonderful judicial philosophy.

Jerry grew up in southern Minnesota in Goodhue County. His father was a butcher and parttime farmer. Jerry was one of seven children in the family. His was a frugal, hardworking family that had difficult times, particularly in the Great Depression, but made it through.

Following high school graduation and college, Jerry, determined that he would become a lawyer, struggled financially, yet he compiled a very good academic record, graduating from the University of Minnesota School of Law in 1941. His legal career was stalled for a few years because World War II came around, and Jerry volunteered for military service.

After the war, Jerry made a very smart and excellent choice by marrying Eleanor. They came to Duluth to make a home and for Jerry to practice law. Here he served as a distinguished lawyer, a good citizen, a strong contributor to the welfare of his community and an important figure in Minnesota politics. He always tried to support those candidates who would represent the people ably, honestly, and fearlessly. Of course, some of those he supported are well-known names in Minnesota's political history, including, among others, Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey, Vice President Walter Mondale (before he became Vice President), former governor Orville Freeman, who, also with me, was a classmate at the University of Minnesota School of Law, and Congressman John Blatnik, who paved the way for Jim Oberstar who is here and will be a Congressman forever and ever.

As I have said, Jerry's career was a significant one filled with experiences he brought to the bench when President Johnson appointed him to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit in 1966. Looking over his record, one could say Jerry was one of the best of what has been called "the Greatest Generation."

Well, let me tell you a bit about serving on the federal bench with Jerry. What kind of an experience was it to have Jerry as a colleague in deciding cases that came before our panel? I will tell you this. He always came well prepared. He listened intently and carefully to the arguments of counsel. Many times he digested and read all of the record, some very voluminous, in the cases. He welcomed the exchange of viewpoints about the case, particularly with his law clerks.

Following oral argument and during the conference, when the judges would make a preliminary decision about the results, Jerry always considered the views of his colleagues. When he spoke, he articulated briefly, logically, and, I must say, most persuasively his viewpoint and his thoughts about the resolution of the case. The opinions he authored were always clear, concise and well written. In other words, Jerry was just an excellent federal judge.

Let me relate a brief story of my relationship with Jerry when I came to the court. We had dinner on a September evening in 1968 just before my first session with the United States Court of Appeals. We talked about the work of the court, and Jerry said,

Myron, I do not believe that this country can exist in domestic peace as a segregated society as we now are. All men and women, regardless of race, color, or creed must and should be entitled to the equal protection of the laws.

To that goal, Jerry devoted his judicial life.

Let me add a final comment. Gerald Heaney's legacy lives on in the people whose lives he has touched with his own work and with his own life. The wisdom of his legal opinions remain in federal reporters. Gerald W. Heaney was a man of modesty. Whatever credit was due him for his accomplishments as a judge, he would want to share that credit with the colleagues who served with him during his 40 years on the federal bench. Many of them are here today.

Finally, as one of Jerry Heaney's closest colleagues and one of his best friends, I say, "Jerry, you have always been my judicial hero. In the words of an old soldier, just as you were, Jerry, I salute you."

From George Sundstrom:

In 1947, the Am. Fed. Of Labor (AF of L) put out a call for an attorney to represent labor in Duluth and N.E. Minnesota. Gerald Heaney had just married the love of his life, Eleanor, and together they moved to Duluth. AND represent labor he did—far beyond, I expect, the expectations of those needing legal assistance in those days.

Representing the Duluth Federation of Teachers, Heaney negotiated the first contract in Minnesota in which women teachers received the same pay as their male counterparts: \*He established the Duluth Teachers retirement fund, again the first such teachers retirement fund in Minnesota.

Representing the Int'l Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 31, Heaney set up the first self-funded health and welfare insurance plan in the state—a model for most other Building Trades plans in the state to follow. \*He set up the Electrical Workers' Credit Union, later to become the Duluth Building & Const. Trades Credit Union. \*He set up the Local 31 Defined Benefit pension plan.

In 2007, the Int'l Brotherhood of Electrical Workers made Judge Heaney a life member of the IBEW, I was told the only such membership in the country.

On the Judges' retirement, the AFL-CIO community in Duluth recognizing his lifelong service to Labor, issued him a life membership, (the only such membership ever offered) and remodeled a room in the Labor Center and named it Gerald W. Heaney's Chambers.

In his 9th symphony, Beethoven put these words to music "Whoever has enjoyed the great blessing of being a friend to a friend, whoever has won a dear wife, let him mingle his joy with ours." He won a dear wife for over 65 years. He was our friend and we his. His life was a great blessing.

## IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CALIFORNIA RODEO SALINAS

### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 15, 2010

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the California Rodeo Salinas on the occasion of its centennial anniversary. For 100 years, the California Rodeo Salinas has both preserved the legacy of California's early Spanish *ranchero* culture and supported countless charitable and community endeavors in the Salinas Valley.

The Salinas Rodeo is the largest rodeo in the state of California with more than 50,000 visitors each year. Locals take great pride in the event and insist on its Spanish pronunciation as the "row-day-oh."

In 1911, civic boosters organized the first rodeo as a Wild West Show and attracted a trainload of visitors from San Francisco. Crowds steadily grew in the following years and it became one of the largest rodeo competitions in the world. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Rodeo organizers canceled the event for the duration of the war. It wasn't until 1947 that the organizers were able to restart the show.

The Salinas Rodeo is held every July and includes a range of rodeo competitions, including professional bull riding, bareback riding, bull fighting, barrel racing, saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling and team roping. Nearly 1,000 contestants compete every year from all over the United States and Mexico for prize money totaling \$300,000.

The event also includes other events including the Kiddie Kapers Western themed kids costume parade, the Colmo del Rodeo lighted night parade, the downtown horse parade and the Miss California Rodeo Salinas pageant. In 2008, the Rodeo was honored with their induction into the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame.

The Rodeo has also been an active partner in the community. Through the Rodeo, local schools and charities are given the opportunity to earn money every year by selling goods during the event. The Rodeo also gives out scholarships annually to several high school seniors. Over the years, these community contributions have totaled over \$250,000. And the Salinas Valley community has embraced the Rodeo, making the event its own and providing more than 1,200 volunteers each year.

Madam Speaker, in closing, I want to hold up the California Rodeo Salinas as a cultural event that brings joy and prosperity to its community every year. May its continued success inspire many more generations to celebrate our nation's cultural heritage and participate in its future.

#### HONORING MR. NORMAN WEISS

#### HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 15, 2010*

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Mr. Norman Weiss, a constituent of my congressional district who has dedicated his life to serving his community, his nation, and the spirit of volunteerism. Mr. Weiss admirably served his country for 22 years in the United States Navy until his retirement in 1967. He has contributed both at home as a boxing coach at the Willow Grove Naval Air Station and abroad as a volunteer for more than a decade at a South Korean orphanage.

The loss of his brother, Mel, during the Korean War inspired Mr. Weiss to travel to Korea to see the country and meet the people his brother had fought to defend. While visiting, Norm began a friendship with a Korean orphanage that would bring him back to South Korea each year during his leave from the Navy. His time in South Korea was spent not relaxing on a much deserved vacation, but de-

voting his energy and knowledge to the orphanage.

A few years after Mr. Weiss retired as a Chief Petty Officer he moved to Korea to continue his work with orphans. Under his supervision, a new pool was constructed at the orphanage. With the help of nearby American service members other improvements were made to the orphanage such as the renovation of the kitchen and dining area. Mr. Weiss's assistance was so valued by the orphanage that he was made honorary Vice-Superintendent. In 1980 Norm was officially recognized for the work that had made an undoubtedly positive impact on the lives of many children; he was given a Civil Merit Medal by the Mayor of Pusan on behalf of the President of South Korea.

After 12 years in South Korea, Mr. Weiss returned to Pennsylvania. He continued his dedication to strengthening the friendship between Americans and Koreans by teaching English as a second language to Koreans in his community. He also began to volunteer his time to the Willow Grove Naval Air Station as a boxing coach at the base's gym. In the years he has spent providing guidance and expertise to the base, Mr. Weiss has also given considerable financial support to the base's Morale, Welfare, and Recreation department. Despite recent health concerns Mr. Weiss continues to spend time in the base's gym, teaching young boxers the techniques and perseverance needed to achieve their goals.

I am honored to represent Mr. Weiss in Congress and to know that Mr. Weiss has spent his life proudly representing our country abroad. I congratulate him on a lifetime of service to community, country, and international cooperation and friendship.

#### HONORING AND CONGRATULATING STAFF SERGEANT ZACKARY T. FILIP FOR WINNING THE ARMY TIMES 2010 SOLDIER OF THE YEAR AWARD

#### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 15, 2010*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today and congratulate Staff Sergeant Zackary T. Filip, of Denton, Texas, for winning the 2010 Army Times Soldier of the Year award.

The United States has the strongest and best military in the world, and it is because of the service and dedication of members of our armed services like SSGT Filip that this is true. Each year, Military Times honors five "Everyday Heroes"—service members who demonstrate pride, dedication and courage beyond what is expected. The awards are given to service members who exhibit exemplary achievement beyond the call of duty, a high level of professionalism, concern for fellow service members, and commitment to community service. SSGT Filip has embodied each of these qualities during his service in the U.S. Army.

On November 5, 2009, while stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, SSGT Filip found himself in the middle of the worst-ever mass killing on a U.S. military post. He came upon Sgt. Kim-

berly Munley, who had just shot-down the alleged gunman. SSGT Filip had no medical supplies with him, so he used his belt to create a tourniquet to stop the bleeding from a gunshot wound in Sgt. Munley's leg. SSGT Filip's actions are credited with saving Sgt. Munley's life. But SSGT Filip's assistance did not end there—he continued working with others to treat 55 other victims shot that day.

This award is not SSGT Filip's first honor, though. During a tour in Afghanistan in 2008, on Christmas Eve, SSGT Filip was on a joint patrol with Afghan army soldiers. The group came under gunfire, and Filip and a fellow medic, during the course of the battle, spent three hours running from position to position, under heavy fire, to treat four wounded Afghans. Their heroic and selfless actions that day earned SSGT Filip a Bronze Star and an Army Commendation for Valor.

SSGT Filip is currently the Platoon Sergeant for the U.S. Army's 4th Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment's medical platoon at Ft. Hood, TX. He currently lives in Copperas Cove, TX, with his wife, Briana, and three young sons, Grayson, Gabriel and Gavin.

Madam Speaker, I rise today with the highest esteem to honor and congratulate Staff Sergeant Zackary Filip for his well-deserved award, the 2010 Army Times Soldier of the Year award. May God bless SSGT Filip and all of the brave men and women fighting in harm's way to protect Americans and our liberties and freedoms, and may God bless America.

#### PERMANENT RADIO FREE ASIA AUTHORIZATION ACT

SPEECH OF

#### HON. MICHAEL E. McMAHON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Mr. McMAHON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 3104, which amends the United States International Broadcasting Act of 1994 to give the Broadcasting Board of Governors permanent control of grants to operate Radio Free Asia.

Radio Free Asia is a private, non-profit organization whose mission is to provide accurate and relevant news to those living in Asian countries where freedom of the press is restricted since 1996.

This organization is vitally important to the intellectual and political development of the peoples of Asia. Democracy cannot flourish without a free press, which is why Radio Free Asia is so important to those living under authoritarian regimes.

For this reason, totalitarian governments in Asia spend millions of dollars each year trying to jam Radio Free Asia. Despite attempts to suppress its influence, Radio Free Asia has been greatly successful in fulfilling its mission—even reaching remote regions of North Korea, arming refugees and peace builders with information from the free world.

Radio Free Asia has been the recipient of numerous awards, such as the Annual Human Rights Press Award International Activist Award and Edward R. Murrow Regional Award, both of which have been presented to Radio Free Asia multiple times.

I urge my colleagues in the House of Representatives to support this bipartisan bill.