

IN HONOR OF MARTHA LOIS
MCGINNIS CAMERON NORTON

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Martha Lois McGinnis Cameron Norton, or just simply Martha. It is with great sadness that I must share the news of her death last week at the young age of eighty-eight. Martha was one of those Americans who embodies the meaning of the word citizenship; who always worked to strengthen our democracy. Martha was born in 1922 in the little town of Washington, Iowa. She grew up on a farm and spent her childhood raising corn, tending hogs, and seeing to all the other chores of an Iowa farm girl. But being from a place called Washington, she had politics in her blood. As a child she saw both President Hoover and Governor Roosevelt speak during the 1932 presidential campaign. Four years later she worked her first of many campaigns when she helped re-elect President Roosevelt.

In 1945, following her graduation with a degree in chemistry from Monmouth College, Illinois, Martha became a research scientist for Shell Chemical Company in San Francisco. After several years, she returned to Iowa to take a position as the principal of Ainsworth High School. Following another stint as a research scientist, Martha settled on a career in teaching, which brought her to Monterey in 1962. And while Martha built a stellar career of teaching with the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District, she is remembered by the wider world for her relentless political activism.

That activism began in earnest in 1946 when Martha joined a local campaign to save San Francisco's landmark cable car system. In 1956, she worked to re-elect President Eisenhower. In 1959, she helped run her father's successful write-in campaign to become Mayor of her hometown. Soon after her move to Monterey, Martha began working on numerous local election races, including one of my father's California State Senate re-election campaigns. In the late 60s, she worked on the coastal protection campaign that culminated in the voters' 1972 adoption of the landmark Coastal Act. In 1976, Martha worked as a precinct walker in Leon Panetta's first successful run for Congress. She also worked on Jimmy Carter's presidential campaign, coordinating more than 100 volunteers from their teens into their 70s.

Martha became a bedrock fixture of elected politics in Monterey County. Campaign after campaign, she made the calls, distributed the signs, gathered the volunteers, registered voters, got out the vote, and all the other indispensable grassroots tasks that make participatory democracy work. I know all this because she helped me in every one of my own campaigns going back to my service as a County Supervisor in the 1970s. I often said that she was my political mother.

Martha was also a tireless volunteer for many community causes. She devoted countless hours to many different boards, commissions, and other community organizations, including the MPUSD school board, the Highway 68 committee, the Toxic Waste committee for Fort Ord, several League of Women Voters committees, and local Democratic committees and clubs.

Martha is survived by her husband, Joe Norton; sons, Jeff Norton and his wife Dana; Christopher Norton and his wife Julie; daughter, Cheryl Herzog and her husband, David; and daughter-in-law Linda Cameron; as well as ten grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and her brother, Bill McGinnis. She was predeceased by her son, Bill Cameron, in 2007.

Madam Speaker, Martha Norton touched countless people through her service and good works. Our Nation is poorer for her passing but enriched by the example she leaves behind.

HONORING WILLIAM "BILL" KAJIKAWA

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor William "Bill" Kajikawa, a legendary former football, basketball and baseball coach at Arizona State University, who passed away Monday, February 15.

Kajikawa began coaching at Arizona State in 1937 and retired after close to 40 years of dedicated service. Kajikawa served as head basketball coach from 1948 to 1957 and was head coach of ASU's club baseball team from 1947 to 1957. Additionally, Kajikawa worked as the freshman football coach under nine ASU head football coaches.

Kajikawa took his only break from ASU during World War II, where he served with distinction in the Army's 442nd Regimental Combat Team. The 442nd was manned entirely by Japanese Americans and was the Army's most decorated combat unit.

Kajikawa has been recognized on numerous occasions for his tremendous accomplishments. In 1995, Arizona State University honored Kajikawa in a ceremony that named the Sun Devil football practice field The Bill Kajikawa Practice Facility. He was inducted into the Arizona Basketball Hall of Fame in 1968 and the ASU Hall of Distinction in 1982. Moreover, the American Legion selected him in 1976 for the Americanism Award to applaud his service to young people.

A true Sun Devil, Kajikawa possessed an enthusiastic personality that inspired student athletes to excel. He will long be remembered and honored for his strong leadership and passion for athletics. I am privileged to have known Coach Kajikawa and his wonderful family, and to have had the opportunity to represent such an incredible mentor. Please join me, Madam Speaker, in remembering his distinguished legacy.

TERRANCE "TERRY" THORNTON

HON. MICHAEL E. McMAHON

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. McMAHON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge, congratulate, and honor the career and service of Chief Terrance "Terry" Thornton of the Fire Department of New York.

In a long and distinguished career spanning nearly three decades, Chief Thornton coura-

geously and selflessly served the people of New York City. He has truly earned the right to count himself among New York's bravest. From his humble beginnings at Engine 201 in Brooklyn in 1981, Terry quickly gained the trust and respect of his co-workers and superiors. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 1991 and to Captain in 1998.

Perhaps the best example of Chief Thornton's leadership and bravery was his selection to join the Special Operations Command of the FDNY. This elite unit is responsible for all types of emergencies in New York City. With responsibilities ranging from search and rescue to HAZMAT responses, the Special Operations Command accepts only the best of the best. To be selected for this is an honor that is earned only by those who perform their duties at the highest level of professionalism and competence. In 2004, Terry was promoted to chief of 21 Battalion in Staten Island, a crowning achievement to a truly stellar career. After serving in this capacity for 5 years, Chief Thornton is retiring from the Fire Department to begin the next chapter in his life.

Madam Speaker, on a personal note, I have known Chief Thornton since we were both 14 years old. A better and truer friend neither I nor anyone in this chamber could ever wish to have. He is without question one of the most cheerful, friendly, kind, punctual, talkative, effervescent, convivial, and fastidious people I know. He has taught so many of us at home in Staten Island, NY the true meaning of bravery and courage. Not only has he dealt with the daily life-threatening situations he and his brothers faced while wearing the uniform of the New York City Fire Department, but also as a civilian he has brought his incredibly strong will of character to overcome the daily challenges that life presents. He has overcome great losses by learning to cherish and appreciate all of his gains.

We join his family; his children Patrick, Kyla, John, and Tara; his best friend and love, Lisa and her children, his sisters and brother, and all of his friends in wishing him well.

TRIBUTE TO WATSON WILLIAMS

HON. MICHAEL A. ARCURI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ARCURI. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today in honor of Watson Williams Elementary School, which is located in my Congressional District in upstate New York.

Historically, the overwhelming majority of students enter kindergarten at Watson Williams Elementary School with a delay for cognitive development as measured by standardized screening tools. Watson Williams Elementary School also experiences a 96 percent poverty rating for its students.

In recent years, during the tenure of Principal Henry Frasca, which lasted from September 2002 through June 2008, Watson Williams Elementary School has received national recognition for student achievement, despite facing these difficult obstacles.

Due to Principal Frasca's extraordinary leadership, and the commitment and dedication of his staff, Watson Williams Elementary School

was named a No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School of Excellence in 2006 and a Magnet School of Excellence in 2008. Most recently, Watson Williams Elementary School was a recipient of the Title I School of Distinction for 2009 which was based on student achievement during the school years of 2006–2007 and 2007–2008.

Principal Frasca attributes the high level of student achievement during his tenure at Watson Williams Elementary School to the concerted efforts of parents, students, teachers, staff and administration.

Madam Speaker, I call on my colleagues to join me in recognizing Watson Williams Elementary School for defying the odds, and establishing itself as a model of hope and success for all struggling schools throughout our country.

COMMEMORATING THE FIFTH ANNUAL DIALYSIS AWARENESS WALK

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the fifth annual Dialysis Awareness Walk taking place Sunday, March 7, 2010. The Sunset Kiwanis Club of Fountain Hills and DaVita Patient Citizen's Group has organized this wonderful and exciting event.

I would particularly like to honor Edward Stizza for his efforts coordinating this annual event, and for his tremendous commitment to educating the community about Chronic Kidney Disease and End Stage renal disease. The proceeds from the walk will benefit the Dialysis Patient Citizens Group, a non-profit organization that provides education for dialysis patients and their families. Additionally, the walk provides an invaluable forum for organizations to answer questions and provide pertinent information regarding diabetes, kidney dialysis, nutrition and organ transplants.

More than 20 million Americans have chronic kidney disease, which if left untreated can lead to End Stage Renal Disease. However, with the help of individuals like Mr. Stizza, and particularly his work organizing the Dialysis Awareness Walk, we can raise the public awareness of this debilitating disease and the plight of the more than 400,000 Americans who rely on kidney dialysis today.

Madam Speaker, please join me in applauding the fifth annual Dialysis Awareness Walk. I am confident that this event will do much to increase support and funding for those whose lives are intimately affected by chronic kidney disease.

HONORING MR. ROGER L. GALATAS

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Roger L. Galatas as the "King of the Court" of the Montgomery County Performing Arts Society for 2010.

Mr. Galatas is an icon in Montgomery County, Texas. For almost 20 years he worked alongside George Mitchell, the founder of the Woodlands, on Mr. Mitchell's innovative and internationally recognized development team.

Roger has held many leadership roles throughout his years in The Woodlands, including former CEO and president of The Woodlands Corporation and the founding director of The Woodlands Hospital.

Mr. Galatas has been instrumental in making education in Montgomery County stronger by serving as a founding director of The John Cooper School and past president of the Conroe Independent School District Board of Trustees. Galatas Elementary in the Conroe Independent School District today proudly bears his name.

He is a past board of directors for Stewart Title Company of Montgomery County and the United Way of Montgomery County, a former board member of the Memorial Hermann Hospital System, former trustee and officer of the Urban Land Institute, and he has served on the Real Estate Advisory Committee of the Trust for Public Land.

Mr. Galatas continues his regional leadership role as a current board member of the Center for Houston's Future and the current chair of the Strategic Planning Committee.

In 2004, Mr. Galatas co-wrote a book with Jim Barlow titled "The Woodlands, The Inside Story of Creating a Better Hometown". The book gives the inside-scoop of how The Woodlands has grown into what it is today—a fast growing, environmentally sustainable community with a vibrant economy that he played an immeasurable role in shaping.

Without question Mr. Galatas, with the support of his beautiful wife Ann, has served his community above and beyond and continues to make Montgomery County and the Houston region a better place in which to live, work and play.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to call him my friend and to recognize Mr. Roger L. Galatas and his countless contributions to the people of The Woodlands and Montgomery County.

I urge you to join me in recognizing Roger Galatas as the Royal "King of the Court" at the Second Annual Montgomery County Performing Arts Society Mardi Gras Ball that took place on February 13, 2010.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SCOTTSDALE'S LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Scottsdale's Little Red Schoolhouse. The schoolhouse has been a prominent pillar within the Scottsdale community since its beginnings and an important historic marker of how far the city has developed.

Since its construction in 1910, the schoolhouse has continuously evolved to match the needs of a flourishing community. Originally designed as a school for eight students, the schoolhouse now serves as a historical museum under the leadership of the Scottsdale Historical Society. Over its many years, it has

also served as a polling place, a Sunday school, a county court office and as Scottsdale's Town Hall.

The schoolhouse fostered the growth of the community and symbolizes Scottsdale's continued prosperity. I am confident that the schoolhouse will continue to thrive and serve Scottsdale for the next 100 years.

Madam Speaker, please join me in commemorating Scottsdale's Little Red Schoolhouse, and expressing gratitude to all of the volunteers and advocates of historical preservation who have made this special celebration possible.

CONGRATULATING PORTLAND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Portland Development Commission and the City of Portland, Oregon.

The Portland Development Commission, the city's urban renewal and economic development agency, has been able to exceed their established diversity goals in construction contracting for each of the last two years.

The PDC results are promising. In tough economic times and in a city with a small minority population PDC has exceeded goals for utilization of minority, women-owned and emerging small businesses by at least 15 percent annually, committing more than 35 percent of the dollars committed to state-certified firms.

Three years ago the PDC executive leadership and Board took bold steps by revising the decade-old policies governing business and workforce equity and adopting significant policy changes, which included: The adoption of the PDC Construction Wage Policy; revision of the PDC Business and Workforce Equity Policies; convening a community-based Workforce Diversity Advisory Committee, whose work resulted in PDC's new workforce diversity goals for all PDC construction projects and upcoming new contractor requirements; closer working relationships with the National Association of Minority Contractors-Oregon, the minority chambers of commerce and the Metropolitan Contracting Improvement Partnership, which focuses on building contractor capacity; a renewed partnership with organized labor that changed the state prevailing wage statutes on public-private partnerships; support for pre-apprenticeship programs such as Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc., the Evening Trades Apprenticeship Program, WorkSystems Inc., Irvington Covenant, Portland Youthbuilders and Construction Apprenticeship and Workforce Solutions; and providing technical assistance at no cost to all minority, women-owned and emerging small businesses bidding on or receiving PDC constructs.

Additionally, I'm pleased to report that the PDC has achieved these results in part due to close collaboration with organized labor. These jobs are family wage jobs that provide health insurance benefits.

The PDC is committed to making further progress. They've established a Workforce Diversity Strategy Committee that will function