

Knoxville College's legacy will forever be tied to his devotion.

A TRIBUTE TO NAJEE J.
HENDERSON

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Najee J. Henderson for his achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout.

In earning the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts, Najee J. Henderson completed a service project that he planned, organized, and provided leadership for. His project involved educating the community on testicular and prostate cancers. In addition, Najee has demonstrated Scout Spirit, leadership, and advanced skills and knowledge in various subjects by earning a number of Merit Badges.

Najee has demonstrated that he is a positive role model, and has provided an example for younger Boy Scouts to follow.

The skills that Najee has acquired through his experience are valuable skills that will serve him well for many years.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements Najee J. Henderson.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE
HONORABLE WARREN SLOCUM

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life's work of the Honorable Warren Slocum, San Mateo County's Chief Elections Officer and County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor, who is retiring after more than two decades of extraordinary service to the County.

There's an old expression that "the people who vote count, as well as the people who count the votes." Warren Slocum counted the votes. He counted them for 23 years, always keenly aware of the importance of both the voters and the counters to the functioning of our government. Warren Slocum has been, quite simply, the man behind the machinery of our great democracy.

Long before becoming that man, Warren Slocum was a soldier and a student. He enlisted in the Army and served in Vietnam, returning to attend San Diego State University on the G.I. Bill, and graduating with Honors in History in 1972. He later pursued graduate studies at San Diego State and Stanford University and worked in the private sector before embarking on his storied public service career.

Rising from Elections Supervisor to Assistant County Clerk and Recorder, Warren Slocum was elected County Clerk-Recorder in 1986, and Chief Elections Officer and County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor in 1993. Warren Slocum's office gave him the longest official title in the County and some of the greatest responsibilities. He managed up to 2,500 staff and an annual budget of \$24 million, over-

seeing the conduct of all elections and voter registration, the valuation of property, and the recording of official documents, including birth, death, and marriage certificates.

Warren Slocum pledged and delivered the highest quality service, guaranteeing integrity and access in the voting process, promoting civic literacy and participation, and providing accurate assessments and first-rate record keeping. Under his leadership, overall office expenditures were reduced by 20%, making millions of dollars available for other programs. Warren Slocum's colleagues have recognized his tireless efforts by selecting him to head countless professional associations. The San Mateo County Economic Development Association has hailed his work as "an example of responsiveness, efficiency and action by an elected official and government office which should be the model for all public agencies."

Throughout his service, Warren Slocum never stopped seeking better solutions. A self-proclaimed "public sector entrepreneur," Warren Slocum brought the spirit of Silicon Valley to his many endeavors, making the San Mateo County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor's office the most committed to innovation in the nation. In 1992, and with no supplemental appropriations, he converted the old lever voting machines to a cutting-edge optical scan system, and followed up in subsequent years with an extraordinary display of innovation and modernization. He co-founded the Smart Voter Project, which provides sample ballots and voter information online, and he was the first in California to implement electronic recording. He created the "Wedding Cam" system, allowing friends and relatives to view civil ceremonies on the Web. His blog was the very first on the subject of election reform and verified voting, and his expertise on these matters led him to become a leading voice on high-tech voting in the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, MSNBC, and NPR.

Warren Slocum's well-deserved retirement will give him more time with his wife Maria Diaz and their two sons, and for his many hobbies, which include hiking, kayaking, golfing, reading, and playing the piano. Knowing Warren Slocum, however, he won't stop moving. He once swam the "Escape from Alcatraz" race, finishing 286 out of nearly 1,000 swimmers. No doubt, even in retirement, there are more impressive efforts in his future.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the extraordinary work of Warren Slocum and wish him a retirement filled to the brim with good health and many new adventures. Warren says he was raised to believe that one person can make a difference, and he has been working all his life to do just that. The creativity and accountability he has brought to the County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor's office, and the deep integrity and abiding respect for our system of government, have made Warren Slocum a model County official, and a man we could count on to count right. I count myself blessed to know this dedicated public servant who has done so much to make our democracy flourish, and has strengthened our community and our country in countless ways.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHARLES W.
"CHARLIE" MEYERS, SR.

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of Charles W. Meyers, a native San Franciscan, who passed away recently. He is survived by his beloved wife, Alene, and his daughters Charlene and Geraldine and his son, Charles "Chip" Meyers.

Charlie, who enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1942, served 20 years in the State Assembly where he admirably represented San Francisco. First elected at age 24, he was one of the youngest men to be seated in the State Legislature. He chaired several key committees and distinguished himself in his work on protecting water quality, especially in the Bay Area. He was a staunch opponent of filling in tidelands and he won key protections for the right of cities and counties to exercise control over the location of highways and freeways. He was a great consumer advocate, authoring laws to toughen penalties for product trademark counterfeiting while cracking down on unscrupulous car mechanics and tow truck operators.

He was a member of a wide variety of service organizations, including the Knights of Columbus, Native Sons of the Golden West, Guadalupe Parlor, the San Francisco Friars Club, the Disabled American Veterans, the San Francisco Bay Area Emerald Society and he was a charter member of the United Irish Cultural Center. In 2006, he was honored as the San Franciscan of the year by the San Francisco Forum, and the following year the University of San Francisco recognized him for his many years of public service. He will be sorely missed as will his infectious smile and the ease at which he would break into laughter. Of course, his annual crab feed was legendary as were the phone calls he would make on behalf of the causes he supported.

Madam Speaker, I ask that this body join me in a moment of silence for a tireless public servant who has left us with fond memories of a life well lived.

CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ALL SAINTS
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate All Saints Roman Catholic Church on its momentous 150th Anniversary. The history of All Saint, located in Bridesburg, in Northeast Philadelphia, is the chronicle of a dedicated group of faithful parishioners determined to establish a spiritual home. The founding families were immigrants seeking to build a congregation where language was not a barrier. In 1860, a shortage of priests and a scarcity of money to buy land to build a church challenged the founders' efforts. These adversities were overcome with the help of His Grace, Father James F. Wood, Archbishop of Philadelphia, who requested

that the existing Holy Trinity Church establish a parish for German-speaking people in their community.

On August 15, 1860 the original cornerstone was laid at Holy Trinity church. Immediately, Bridesburg's dedicated founding families and settlers raised the needed funds culminating in the building and dedication of the first church building located at the corner of Edgemont and Buckius Streets on February 3, 1861. It was not long before the parish established a school and celebrated its' first baptisms, weddings, and spiritual and social events.

Through the years, All Saints embraced immigrants who worked on area farms and as the neighborhood became industrialized, welcomed employees of the Rohm and Haas plant. The history of the church is rich in efforts to foster dedication to religious heritage and community. The parish plans a Mass of Celebration and Thanks on November 7, 2010.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating this milestone anniversary of All Saints Parish and wishing the congregation many more years as a source of spiritual and community strength.

RECOGNIZING SERGEANT JAMES
LANE TALLEY—SCOTTSDALE
HEALTHCARE'S "SALUTE TO
MILITARY" HONOREE

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a member of the Armed Forces from my home state of Arizona. Each month, Scottsdale Healthcare recognizes service members who perform diligent service to our country. Scottsdale Healthcare has posthumously recognized Sergeant James Lane Talley for the month of November.

I commend Scottsdale Healthcare for paying tribute to this outstanding service member for his commitment, dedication, and sacrifice for our country.

Sergeant (SGT) Talley entered the U.S. Army during the beginning years of the Vietnam conflict and joined the ranks of Special Forces soldiers assisting the Republic of Vietnam, RVN, as an advisor. In June of 1964, Sergeant Talley and two other Americans along with 103 Montagnard soldiers left their base camp for a dismounted patrol. In a fire-fight two days into the patrol, SGT Talley fought valiantly but was ultimately captured by North Vietnamese soldiers. Although the Military conducted an extensive search, SGT Talley has never been found either dead or alive. He is officially listed as killed in action, body unrecoverable. For the heroism displayed during this battle, SGT Talley was awarded our nation's third highest award for valor, the Silver Star. SGT Talley's other awards include the Purple Heart, the National Defense Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam (RVN) Campaign Medal, the RVN Wound Medal, and the POW Medal. Additionally, SGT Talley earned the Special Forces Tab, the Basic Parachutist Badge, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

SGT Talley is the father of Scottsdale Healthcare's Roland Breidel, from the Osborn Construction Department.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing this outstanding Soldier for serving our country and making the ultimate sacrifice.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, on November 15, 2010 I missed rollcall votes numbered 566, 567, and 568.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes No. 566, to clarify, improve, and correct the laws relating to copyrights, No. 567, recognizing the 50th anniversary of Ruby Bridges desegregating a previously all-White public elementary school, and No. 568, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the successful and substantial contributions of the amendments to the patent and trademark laws that were initially enacted in 1980 by Public Law 96-517 (commonly referred to as the "Bayh-Dole Act") on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of its enactment.

HONORING DUANE IRVING

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Duane Irving who passed away July 19, 2010, at the age of 75 on Halleck Creek Ranch, his family ranch, on which he established Halleck Creek Riding Club for Handicapped Children. An iconic figure in West Marin, Duane was a hero to hundreds of children and community members who admired his unique blend of cowboy skills, sense of fun and adventure, and big heart.

Born in December 8, 1934, in San Rafael, CA, Duane grew up on his family's ranch in Nicasio. He excelled in athletics, and after San Rafael High School, he turned down an offer to join the San Francisco Giants minor league team to enlist in the Marine Corps where he excelled in both football and baseball. Despite an innate distrust of authority and a tendency for pranks, he was proud to be Marine and remained loyal to the Marines and their ethics his entire life.

After his discharge, Duane returned to Nicasio where he married Nellie Woodard in 1959. The couple had three children, Peter, Jeannette, and Buck, before divorcing in 1985. Duane also coached Little League in Nicasio for twelve years, maintaining the baseball diamond by attaching a length of chain link fence to his belt and dragging it over the diamond.

Duane trained horses and managed several ranches in West Marin as well as working for Marin Municipal Water District for 12 years. Legendary West Marin Rancher Boyd Stewart enlisted his help in establishing the Morgan Horse Ranch in Point Reyes National Seashore, where Duane set up a breeding program and trained young Morgans to become ranger mounts throughout the national park system.

At the Morgan Horse Ranch, volunteer Joyce Goldfield was bucked off a horse

named Dill Pickle and spent five months in a full body cast. While Duane was sympathizing with her inability to get out and enjoy the wilderness, he spoke of some of the children who came to the park confined to wheelchairs and were unable to join in tours or mount horses due to insurance issues. The two decided to use their gentle horses to take disabled children riding into the wilderness of Duane's Nicasio ranch. Thus, in July, 1977, Halleck Creek Riding Club for the Disabled began.

Since that time, thousands of youngsters and adults with any and all disabilities have been served, and many have had their conditions improve dramatically. Duane and Joyce expanded activities to include camping, rafting, snow trips, horse shows, parades, sailing, kayaking, and beach trips in which Duane pushed children in wheelchairs right into the surf. Since all this was free of charge, Duane became a prodigious fundraiser as well. Today over 300 disabled riders per week enjoy the benefits Halleck Creek offers—improved self-esteem, greater freedom and mobility, adventurous activities, and the therapeutic effects of horseback riding.

Duane received many honors for his work including President Bush's Thousand Points of Light award, J.C. Penny Golden Rule Award, and Marin County's Volunteer of the Year. He was also active in helping Joyce collect and distribute clothing and bedding for the homeless and in an annual benefit for Heifer International.

Joyce became Duane's beloved companion, and for nearly 24 years they lived at Fairwinds Farm on Inverness Ridge with her children Cindy, John, and Danny. In Joyce's words, "Duane, the beloved native son of Nicasio and West Marin, shall be ever missed. This handsome, gentle, loving, immensely talented, free-spirited man was part of all our lives and resides in all our hearts."

Madam Speaker, I echo Joyce Goldfield's words. Duane Irving was a special man who knew how to direct his spirit and generosity when he saw he could make a difference for so many. His legacy is an inspiration to us all.

SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS, PRESERVING THEIR FAMILIES: A SALUTE TO MILITARY FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank Congressman SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR. (GA), Co-Chair of the Congressional Military Family Caucus and Congressman CHARLES B. RANGEL (NY) Chairman Emeritus of the House Ways and Means Committee for joining me in convening a very special Salute to Military Families and Children at the 40th Annual Legislative Conference of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, held in Washington, DC on September 17, 2010. The 22nd Veterans Braintrust National Forum entitled: "Supporting Our Troops, Preserving Their Families," focused on the challenges and, equally important, the strategies for sustaining and strengthening returning troops, their spouses, family