

HONORING JACOB GEORGE
HUDSON

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, Jacob George Hudson, or Shag as he was known by almost everyone, is one of the most liked and respected men in Greenback, Tennessee, a town in my District. I recently received the sad news that Shag passed away at the age of 93.

He lived a long life full of family, friends, and the respect of everyone who knew him.

He was a very close friend to both me and my late father and one of the strongest supporters we ever had.

Although Shag accomplished much personal success, his devotion to God, family, and Country always came first.

He was a member of Greenback First Presbyterian Church for 62 years and served his congregation in every way possible as an Elder and Deacon. Before his death, Shag asked that people donate to the Greenback First Presbyterian Church Building Fund upon his passing instead of sending flowers. Even in death, he continued to give.

Shag also devoted his life to his community. He served on the Loudon County Commission from 1954–1982. In that capacity, he married more than 3,000 couples. I cannot think of a better way to strengthen the base of a community than with an investment in family, and Shag has been there from the beginning for so many families in Greenback. Shag did not just officiate the ceremonies, but he also served as a living example of commitment through his 69-year marriage to his wife Willie Dixon Hudson.

Many in Greenback also know Shag from his 65 years as a cattle broker and his 60-year membership in the Greenback Masonic lodge.

He is especially proud of the time he spent as a member of the Farm Service Agency State Committee from 1987–1992. In this position, he was able to help farmers all across the State of Tennessee.

Madam Speaker, I would like to call the remarkable life of Shag Hudson to the attention of my Colleagues and other readers of the RECORD and extend my sympathies to his wife Willie, son and daughter-in-law Ronald and Judy Hudson, daughter and son-in-law Brenda and Johnny Powell, five grandchildren, five great grandchildren, and brother Howard. He is greatly missed and fondly remembered by everyone lucky enough to have known him.

IN HONOR OF THE DUTCH KILLS
CIVIC ASSOCIATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay special tribute to the Dutch Kills Civic Association, a not-for-profit organization that has made significant contributions to the economic and civic life of the community in western Queens that it serves. This month, the Dutch Kills Civic Association is celebrating its 30th Anniversary Fundraiser and Celebration at Riccardo's by the Bridge in Astoria, Queens.

The historic community of Dutch Kills traces its origins back to the original settlers of Queens in the seventeenth century, who were first granted a license to settle the area in 1642. In recognition of that heritage, the Dutch Kills Civic Association adopted a windmill as part of its logo when it was first founded in 1979.

Under the able stewardship of its President, Gerald J. Walsh, and its Executive Director, George Stamatiades, the Dutch Kills Civic Association embraced as its mission the promotion and stimulation of a more active participation in the improving and maintaining of proper services of the community. The Association focuses on maintaining the quality of life and assuring the adequate delivery of municipal government services in the areas such as health, safety, housing, ecology, highways and traffic, sanitation, lighting, education, fire, police protection, youth and senior citizens welfare, planning and zoning development, consumer protection, utilities, fair taxation, and water supply. Its members seek to represent, unite, and mobilize the Dutch Kills community in order to maintain the community as a desirable place in which to live and work.

The Dutch Kills Civic Association made an invaluable contribution to city planning efforts when it commissioned a land use survey and report in March and April of 2005. The Survey included a Visual Field Inspection of land use in the Dutch Kills community, with the results were placed on 37 grid maps that were color coded, graphed and totaled. The survey inspected all structures on streets, avenues and roads in the Dutch Kills community and has provided an invaluable guide to community leaders, residents, and civic planners.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to offer my heartiest congratulations to the Dutch Kills Civic Association as it marks three decades of representing its community in western Queens. I salute the work of the Dutch Kills Civic Association and I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing the outstanding work of the Association and its members for their many contributions to the civic life of our nation's greatest city.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANT
CONTRIBUTIONS OF RON HAYES
TOWARDS ENHANCING WORK-
PLACE SAFETY AND AWARENESS

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I am honored to bring to the attention of the House the work of a remarkable American and constituent of mine, Mr. Ron Hayes, of Fairhope, Alabama.

As blessed as we are to be living in America, we would do well to remember that our society continues to be enhanced through the noble efforts of those who tirelessly and passionately pursue a better quality of life for us all. These often unsung heroes seek only the reward of knowing they have transformed our laws and our land for the better.

I rise today to honor one such individual who has spent nearly two decades advocating for the safety of all Americans in the workplace and to provide timely moral support to

the accident victims and their families. His efforts have made a difference.

Ron Hayes began his journey to improve workplace safety in 1993 when he lost his beloved 19-year-old son, Patrick, to a grain silo accident in Florida. Facing tremendous emotional pain, Ron and his wife, Dot, sought details of their son's death as well as survivor's benefits from local, state and federal agencies, only to be met with delays and few answers. After two years of navigating the bureaucracy, they resolved to learn everything they could about workplace safety standards and sought ways to both improve job safety rules and enforcement.

Ron Hayes' dedication resulted in the revision of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's, OSHA, grain handling standards. But this was only the beginning. Ron and his wife founded the Families In Grief Hold Together Project, a non-profit group devoted to assisting families and workers cope with the consequences of workplace accidents and deaths.

Some 10,000 people lose their lives while working each year. Ron Hayes worked with OSHA to create a policy which the agency often uses in communicating with family members after a workplace accident.

Since its founding, the FIGHT Project has reached out to nearly 800 families, providing valuable help in the grieving process, negotiating the red tape and finally, in healing.

Ron Hayes could have stopped there, but his dedication to improving worker safety has motivated him to speak to almost 50,000 workers and taken him to some of the largest companies in the world. He has testified before Congress on numerous occasions and has served as a special advisor to the Senate Labor Committee.

Ron Hayes has been awarded many awards for humanitarian efforts.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of this entire House, I commend Ron Hayes' selfless dedication to worker safety while providing comfort and valuable counsel to families.

In our society it is possible for one person, or in this case a husband and wife, to make a difference that will positively impact the lives of millions. Ron Hayes has shown us that a lone voice for good can not only be heard, but can change society for the better.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I was unable to be present in the Capitol for votes on Monday, November 29, 2010.

However, had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

"Yea" on H.R. 5877 to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 655 Centre Street in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, as the "Lance Corporal Alexander Scott Arredondo, United States Marine Corps Post Office Building."

"Yea" on H. Res. 771, supporting the goals and ideals of a National Mesothelioma Awareness Day.

HONORING CHARLOTTE NEWFELD

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an important member of the Chicago community, Charlotte Newfeld, who celebrated her 80th birthday on November 26.

Charlotte has long been an outstanding activist in the community since she moved to Chicago in the 1950s. Since then, she has been a marathon runner of community activism, tackling a myriad of important issues.

One such issue is her dedication to equal rights for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community. Among other accomplishments, she helped establish the Chicago Mayor's Committee on Gay and Lesbian Issues and lobbied for the passage of the city's gay-inclusive human rights ordinance. In 1996, she was inducted into the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame as a Friend of the Community.

Additionally, Charlotte has been a vocal green advocate and environmentalist. Serving as the project director of the Bill Jarvis Migratory Bird Sanctuary, she organizes volunteers to keep the area clean and safe. Due to her steadfast dedication to the eight acres of the sanctuary, she has earned the nickname some have given her, "the Jarvis Earth mother."

Twenty years ago, I saw firsthand the tenacity and dedication with which Charlotte pursued every issue she found important, from LGBT and environmental issues to an organization we founded together: CUBS, or Citizens United for Baseball in Sunshine. The community would be better off if we had more people like her.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Charlotte Newfeld for her years of service and to thank her for 80 great and dedicated years.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HONORABLE GEORGE ONORATO, DISTINGUISHED NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Senator George Onorato, a distinguished public servant who will be retiring from the New York State Legislature at the end of the current session. Throughout his career, George Onorato has devoted himself to his country and to public service.

In recognition of his lifetime of service to others, Senator Onorato was honored last month by the Tamiment Democratic Club in Astoria, New York. George Onorato has served as the Chair of its Board of Directors since 1972, and this year is marking his sixth decade as an active Club member. As its Male District Leader, he has helped ensure the Tamiment Club's premier status as one of the largest and most active Democratic political clubs in all of Queens County. He is a lifelong resident of the western Queens commu-

nity that he has served as an elected official with distinction for more than a quarter century.

A compassionate, dedicated public servant, Senator Onorato is deservedly respected by colleagues on both sides of the aisle in both chambers of the New York State Legislature. Since first being elected to represent the people of his beloved Queens in the New York State Senate in 1983, he has successfully sponsored legislation to preserve and improve the quality of life for consumers, tenants, the environment, members and fellow veterans of the U.S. armed forces, and the elderly, including hundreds of thousands of Medicare patients. He has served in the Senate leadership since 1992, currently holding the position of Assistant Majority Leader and the Senate Majority's Liaison to the Executive Branch. Drawing on the keen understanding of the needs of working men and women that he developed while serving for a decade and a half as Secretary/Treasurer of Bricklayer's Local #41, George Onorato is Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Labor. He has also been a champion of the environment and in particular on issues involving air quality and on waterfront development. He has also been a passionate and effective advocate for providing more affordable housing for the elderly and for moderate and low income New Yorkers. He is a past President of the Conference of Italian American Legislators.

In addition to his long and distinguished tenure as a New York State Senator, George Onorato served heroically in our nation's armed forces. He earned a Presidential Citation for his service in the United States Army, 118th Medical Battalion from 1950 to 1952. Steadfast in his devotion to his fellow veterans and those currently serving in the armed forces, he sponsored legislation providing student aid to Vietnam veterans, and in 1997 introduced a measure to increase the level of such funding. He sponsored and supported legislation to help develop a database for research on dioxin-related birth defects of children born to Vietnam veterans. And in 2003, Senator Onorato helped found the bipartisan New York State Armed Forces Legislative Caucus.

In addition to his dedicated public service, George Onorato is deeply devoted to his family and his faith. He is married to the former Athena Georgakakos. They have three adult children, Joanne, George and Janice, and six grandchildren. His wife regularly accompanies him to legislative sessions in Albany, where the two of them are a universally admired and inseparable couple.

Madam Speaker, in recognition of his courageous wartime service to our country in the United States Army, to the people of the State of New York, and to his beloved family, I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me to pay tribute to the enormous contributions to civic life made by the Honorable George Onorato.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN "JACK" HENRY FRIEND, JR.

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Jack Friend, a respected Mobile

businessman, historian and author who recently passed away at the age of 81.

A consummate scholar, a lover of military traditions and the foremost authority on the Civil War history of Mobile Bay, Jack Friend was passionate about Mobile and its past.

A native of Mobile, Jack Friend was a graduate of McGill Institute, the Virginia Military Institute, and the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College.

Jack proudly served in the U.S. Army as a 1st Lieutenant and tank company commander in Korea. His deep reverence for military service and his country were an important part of Jack's life.

After his military service, he founded a market research company in Mobile which he headed for some 25 years.

Jack made his mark as a local military historian. In 2004, he wrote the definitive work on the Civil War history of Mobile Bay—"West Wind, Flood Tide: The Battle of Mobile Bay."

Jack was also a lover of the outdoors, sports fishing and local wildlife and was a member of many civic and historic organizations in Baldwin and Mobile counties.

I wish to extend my condolences to Jack's family for their loss: his wife, Venetia Friend; his sons, John Friend and Danner Friend; and his sister, Emily Bayle; and five grandchildren. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. DONALD WILLIAMS, SR.

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. EHLERS. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to join with students, parents, friends and staff of Mr. Donald Williams, Sr., to pay tribute to him as he steps back from his intense community involvement including his work with the Gerald R. Ford Job Corps Center. I have had the privilege of working on many civic and community activities with Don throughout the years, and am delighted to honor him today.

Don Williams, Sr. received his Bachelor's degree in special education at Eastern Michigan University and went on to receive a Master's degree in educational administration from West Virginia University. Assuming responsibility for the administration of special colleges at Rutgers University was the beginning of Don's career, which has spanned over 30 years of experience in the administration of special programs with special emphasis and political sensitivity.

Throughout his career, Don has received widespread recognition for his considerable talent in assisting minority students. In 1980, his devotion to improving opportunities for minority youth led him to Grand Rapids, when he was approached by a group of educators and professionals working to create a residential training center for youth. This position led Don to be named Director of the Minority Business Education Center at the prestigious F.E. Seidman School of Business at Grand Valley State University. In 1989, he was named GVSU Dean of Minority Affairs/Multicultural Center. During his service at GVSU, Don coordinated and developed programs to assist minority students on campus, and created a