

Mary Curtis Davey, a distinguished Californian and the conscience of our community, who died October 2, 2010. Throughout her life, Mary was a consummate community activist and advocate whose tremendous accomplishments remind us of the difference one person can make.

A native of Columbus, Ohio, Mary attended Smith College and graduated with degrees in English and government. She met and married Jack Davey, a Korean War veteran, and moved to Baltimore, where she first became involved in fighting housing discrimination. After moving to Los Altos Hills in 1961, Mary brought her compassion and intensity of purpose to the Peninsula, making her mark almost immediately. She became Mayor of Los Altos Hills in 1966, where her fair housing advocacy caused her to be recalled from the City Council. Unfazed, Mary continued to fight vigorously for equity and opportunity through countless community channels.

Among her many invaluable roles, Mary served as the Director of Midpeninsula Citizens for Fair Housing, CEO of Santa Clara County Advocates for Women, Interim Executive Director of the Palo Alto Red Cross, Board Member of Hidden Villa, and Co-Founder of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, which was one of her proudest accomplishments. But even the stunning 56,000 acres couldn't contain Mary's boundless enthusiasm and dedication . . . she was truly a local force of nature, a civic superwoman of remarkable poise and power.

When Mary was honored with the Josephine and Frank Duveneck Humanitarian Award in 2001, I was privileged to pay tribute to her in Congress. I said then that "Mary Curtis Davey was "an exceptional voice and advocate for improving the quality of life in our community" and an extraordinary woman who "dedicated her life to making the San Mateo Peninsula a more humane, beautiful and healthy place." She continued her commitment to community right up until the day she died.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our deepest condolences to Mary Davey's husband, Jack; her children, Kit, John, and Curtis; and her grandchildren, John, Devon, Christopher, and Callan. The Reverend Carl Frederick Buechner writes that vocation is "where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." Few people better embody this intersection than Mary. For 80 years she applied her own inimitable talents to the concerns of her community, raising our spirits and feeding our souls. Her extraordinary environmental and humanitarian contributions have enriched the Bay Area in countless ways, and will live on in the open spaces, fair housing, and social services she championed. I consider myself blessed to have been her friend and her Representative and I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life of this singularly exceptional woman who strengthened her community and her country with unparalleled contributions.

HONORING BRANDON GEORGE HECHT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Brandon George Hecht. Brandon is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 332, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Brandon has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Brandon has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Brandon has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Brandon designed and constructed an outdoor classroom for a local day care, providing an excellent opportunity for the students to learn about nature and the world around them.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Brandon George Hecht for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN HONOR OF CURTIS J. HILL

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Curtis J. Hill, a model public servant who is retiring from the position of San Benito County Sheriff/Coroner after a thirty-four year career in law enforcement. Over the course of my tenure in the House of Representatives, I have had the great pleasure of working with Curtis. I have come to value his professionalism and admire his steady counsel on public safety matters. I am proud to honor and thank him for his service.

Curtis was born in Ankara, Turkey. He lived in Germany, Southern California and in Texas before he settled in San Benito County. Curtis holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminology from California State University Fresno. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy, a professional course of study for U.S. and international law enforcement leaders that serves to improve the administration of justice in police departments and agencies at home and abroad, which raises law enforcement standards, knowledge, and cooperation worldwide.

Curtis began his career with the San Benito County Sheriff's Office in 1976, working in the Patrol, Training, Civil, Corrections, Coroner and Investigations Divisions. He became a court expert, testifying on problems surrounding illegal drug production. Curtis also became the first Fingerprint Examiner for the Sheriff's Department and gave expert testimony in various high profile court cases. In 1988 he was appointed Undersheriff, by Sheriff Harvey S. Nylan and held the position for ten years. In January 1999, he was elected as

Sheriff/Coroner and was reelected to his third term in 2006.

Curtis is the current president of the California State Sheriffs' Association and is the past President of the California State Coroner's Association. He is a past member of the Corrections Standards Authority. At the federal level, Curtis sits on the Health and Human Services Organ Donation Leadership Coordinating Counsel, and is a tireless advocate for saving lives through organ donation. He has been appointed to the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission and is a strong supporter of prevention and intervention activities for youth.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the House of Representatives, I would like to extend our nation's deepest gratitude to Sheriff Curtis Hill's thirty-four years of service in law enforcement. He was a great Sheriff/Coroner and he will continue to be a strong community leader, loving husband to wife Ellen and proud father of son Kevin.

TRIBUTE TO CARLA WARRICK

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the retirement of Carla Warrick, library technician at the Ericson Public Library in Boone, Iowa after 37 years of service. I would like to express my appreciation for her devotion to literature and spreading the joy of reading to members of her community.

Although she was first hired at the library as a secretary, her job gradually changed to administrative assistant and then to library technician. Her duties expanded over the years, and she saw many changes both in the technology that the library utilized and in the building itself. While she enjoyed being surrounded by the books that she loved, it was meeting and interacting with the people—both her coworkers and the patrons—that Carla loved the most. Her experience and knowledge will certainly be missed.

I commend Carla Warrick for her commitment to literature, her career, and members of her community. It is an honor to represent her in Congress, and I wish her only joy and happiness in her retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF HIS SERVICE TO OUR NATION ON THE PASSING OF MAJOR GEORGE A. PAVLICIN, USMC (RET.)

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Major George A. Pavlicin, United States Marine Corps, Retired, a World War II veteran and Central Florida resident, who passed away on November 23, 2010. Major Pavlicin spent his life serving his country and his family, and I am proud to take a moment to honor his lifetime of dedication and service.

George Pavlicin was born and raised on Long Island, New York, the son of Navy veteran and Nassau County Police Officer Michael Pavlicin and his wife Margaret. In 1942,

just after finishing high school, he signed up as an Aviation Cadet in the United States Naval Reserve and was commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant in the Marine Corps. He flew the F4U Corsair fighter from aircraft carriers in the Pacific Theater of Operations during World War II—while his older brother Mike was serving in the Navy, and his younger brother Jim was serving in the Army.

In the summer of 1945, at the close of the war, he married Mary Elizabeth White, who survives him. During their sixty-five years of marriage they had six children—two of whom pre-deceased him—eleven grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren. Two of their sons followed his example by serving their country in uniform, in the Air Force and the Marine Corps.

Major Pavlicin served on active duty for more than twenty years, including service during the Korean Conflict. During his long and honorable service, which was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps, he was stationed in China, Japan, Korea, the Philippines and on Okinawa. He retired from active service in 1963 and worked for the Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corporation on Long Island for twenty-three years, retiring again in 1986. He and Mary later moved to Central Florida, and were active members of their community, worshipping at St. John the Evangelist Church in Viera. He will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor Major George A. Pavlicin, a man whose life and service reflect great credit upon himself, his family, and the United States Marine Corps. He will be remembered as a loving husband and father, an honorable Marine, and as an important part of our community. My wife Katie and I offer our prayers for his wife, Mary, children, George Alan, Patrick, Karen, and Beth, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as we remember and honor the life of George Pavlicin.

A TRIBUTE TO THE PASTOR
MICHAEL L. BELL

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Pastor Michael L. Bell for his faithful service to his community and the Commonwealth of Kentucky. On December 27, 2010, he will celebrate 40 years of service at Glendale Christian Church.

Known as the 'go-to-guy,' Pastor Bell is quick to lend a helping hand and an ear to listen. He is a caring, thoughtful and considerate individual who is always interested in assisting others.

Beyond his service to Glendale Christian Church, Pastor Bell is also very active in the community. He is currently serving as Commissioner of the Hardin County Water District #2, Chaplain of the Hardin County Chamber of Commerce, is a member of the Board of Regents for Louisville Bible College and is on the Board of Directors for Helping Hand.

Pastor Bell is also the announcer for Hardin County High School football games and for both the boys and girls basketball teams.

A testament to Pastor Bell's dedication to the community can be seen in his regular visits to those in hospitals and nursing homes, and also through his outreach to widows, who often need help with physician visits, financial decisions and home maintenance.

Pastor Bell and his wife Sharon have been married for 44 years and are the proud parents of two sons, Jon Michael and Christopher David, and proud grandparents of Samantha and Caehla. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Pastor Michael L. Bell for his steadfast commitment, service and dedication.

CALLING FOR DIGNITY, COMFORT,
AND SUPPORT FOR HOLOCAUST
SURVIVORS

SPEECH OF

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise in proud support of H. Con. Res. 323, a resolution supporting the goal of ensuring that all Holocaust survivors in the United States are able to live with dignity, comfort, and security in their remaining years. Following the tragic and unforgivable circumstances of their youth, these survivors came to the United States seeking a better life. They found a new home here in America, and it is our duty to provide for their well-being as best we can.

Over 127,000 Holocaust survivors live in the United States, about three-fourths of whom are in their 80s and 90s, and a majority of whom live alone. Sadly, more than half of these survivors fall beneath the 200-percent threshold for the federal poverty line, meaning they earn less than \$21,660 a year. In fact, Holocaust survivors are five times more likely to be living below the poverty line than other older Americans. My constituents in South Florida are not immune from this reality, and they need our support.

Holocaust survivors have special needs that would greatly benefit from access to social service programs that would enable them to age in place in their current residences, with access to transportation and other services to ensure their health and well-being. This legislation encourages the Department of Health and Human Services and the Administration on Aging to expeditiously develop and implement programs that ensure Holocaust survivors have access to the care they need and deserve.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to stand with so many of my colleagues on this important resolution, and I applaud the efforts of the many nonprofit organizations and agencies which work tirelessly to honor and assist Holocaust survivors throughout the United States. Freedom and liberty, justice and human rights—these are the values represented by the survivors of the Holocaust. We have a moral obligation to acknowledge their plight and uphold their dignity to ensure their well-being in their remaining years.

I urge my colleagues to support the passage of this worthy legislation.

CLAIMS RESOLUTION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my sincere happiness that the House of Representatives passed by a vote of 256–152, the Claims Resolution Act. I regret that I was unable to vote on this landmark legislation and would like the record to reflect that had I been able to vote, I would have voted yes.

The Claims Resolution Act includes provisions that many black farmers and American Indians have literally been waiting decades for. H.R. 4783 contains funding to implement the settlements of the Pigford class action lawsuit involving past discrimination against black farmers by the Agriculture Department and the Cobell class action lawsuit involving funds for American Indians mismanaged by the Interior Department.

I voted for this legislation twice earlier this year as the House has passed funding for the Pigford and Cobell settlement—first in passing the American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act and then in adopting an amendment to the FY 2010 Supplemental—but both bills were blocked by Republicans in the Senate.

That is why I am so pleased that Senate was finally able to pass this important legislation and now, with passage in the House, it will go to the President's desk for signature, finally closing this dark episode in American history.

TRIBUTE TO VERLE BURGASON

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the retirement of Verle Burgason, co-owner and board chairman of the Ames Tribune in Ames, Iowa. His dedication and commitment to the citizens of the community is appreciated and unequalled.

Verle has spent the last 57 years devoted to journalism, reporting the stories that impacted the community, the state, and the Nation. Known for his honesty and straightforwardness, Verle was a champion of accurate and unbiased writing. During his career, he earned the Iowa Newspaper Association's Master Editor and Publisher award, and deservedly so.

Verle's devotion to the community didn't only find expression through journalism. He was active in United Way, served as president of the Ames Chamber of Commerce, and served on the board of directors at a local bank. He was also extensively involved in church leadership, demonstrating his deep belief in morals, ethics, and a higher power. Verle correctly asserted that community service is a duty that everyone is obligated to fill—an assertion that I wholeheartedly agree with and support.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress will join me in commending Verle Burgason for his decades of service at