

JACKIE KENDALL AND STEVE
MAX: CELEBRATING LIFETIMES
OF ACHIEVEMENT

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate two extraordinary individuals: Jackie Kendall and Steve Max. This week, they will receive the 2010 Midwest Academy Lifetime Achievement award, in recognition of their decades of work on behalf of economic and social justice.

Jackie and Steve will continue their work in the years to come, but they have already accomplished so much. It is not just their own lifetimes that deserve to be honored, it is the impact that they have had on thousands of other lifetimes. Through their work at the Midwest Academy—a non-profit training organization that teaches organizing skills—they have empowered tens of thousands of individuals who have gone on to make tangible improvements in their communities, our country and the world.

My dear friend Jackie Kendall has been the executive director of the Midwest Academy for 29 years. She is retiring this year from that position. I know she is looking forward to spending time with her fabulous husband, Jerry, and her children and grandchildren. But I cannot imagine Jackie sitting by quietly when she sees problems that need solving nor can I imagine that those who have come to rely on her for strategic guidance will let her alone.

Jackie is one of the most passionate and most creative people I know. I first met Jackie in the grocery store near my home in 1969. The butcher was red-faced and yelling at her and a few other women who had the audacity to ask him the age of the meat he was selling. His answer was, "Go shop somewhere else, or I'll throw you out on your fannies, you geeks." This seemed unacceptable, though quite exciting, to me, so I went to find out. I immediately became involved in this housewives' campaign to get freshness dates on food, and immediately fell in love with Jackie Kendall. The rest is history. Dates on food products are nearly universal and Jackie Kendall went on to organize and inspire many, many more successful campaigns.

At the Midwest Academy, Jackie has had a partner in Steve Max, a denizen of the upper West Side of New York City, who helped get the Midwest Academy started in 1973. Working with Heather and Paul Booth, he helped design the original training curriculum—which includes the famous Midwest Academy strategy chart. Steve's clear economic analyses—peppered with the lessons he learned from his rabbi and shares with his listeners—have educated, inspired and entertained generations of activists.

Steve Max quite deservedly has a fan base across the country. He has worked with students and seniors, patients and scientists, with New Yorkers and Nebraskans, Pennsylvanians and Arizonans. Steve brings to his work not just an in-depth understanding of historic and macroeconomic forces but an ability to understand very local and distinctive concerns and problems, all seasoned with a unique and hilarious sense of humor. With those talents, he is able to craft specific strategies that work locally and globally.

Jackie and Steve have given individuals and organizations the skills and the confidence needed to make a difference in people's lives. They recognize that in today's world it is not always easy to take on powerful interests or to understand how large and complicated entities can be challenged successfully. The Midwest Academy was founded on the principle that—given the right training and tools—individuals can come together and build power. Over the years, they have trained student groups fighting for affordable tuition, seniors opposed to Social Security privatization, and rural groups eager to develop wind power.

In those and so many other efforts, Jackie, Steve and the Midwest Academy give people the tools they need to effectively participate in their communities and their government.

Jackie and Steve are true fighters for progressive change. They have built a foundation that will stand for generations to come.

HONORING CHIEF MASTER SGT. RICHARD L. ETCHBERGER

HON. EARL POMEROY

OF NORTH DAKOTA

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Mr. POMEROY. Madam Speaker, all of us have observed from time to time wounded heroes in uniform and with their loving families being guided through our Capitol by an energetic tour guide. I know we all appreciate the efforts made to reach out to those who are healing from the wounds of war and recognize them with these very trips to our Capitol.

The tour guide responsible for these visits is Albert Casswell and as I've come to know him, I have been deeply impressed by his commitment to those who have served our country.

This fall I asked Mr. Casswell to provide a tour for the family members of Chief Master Sergeant Richard Etchberger during the week Chief Etchberger was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for extraordinary heroism in service to our country.

During the Vietnam War he acted bravely to save the lives of his fellow airmen resulting in the tragic loss of his own life.

Mr. Casswell was moved as I was moved by meeting this wonderful family and learning the story of Chief Etchberger. He not only provided an exceptional tour for the family, he authored a poem in honor of Chief Etchberger and has inquired as to whether it was appropriate to include in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. I offer the poem of Mr. Casswell in appreciation of all he has done to help our soldiers and for his obvious concern for them and their families.

SOME THINGS, TIME CAN NOT ERASE

Some things, Time Can Not Erase
Some things, time can not erase. . . .
Some things, so high above all others are so placed. . . .
A place of Honor, and of most amazing grace!
That which brings such tears to our Lord's face. . . .
That which makes the Angels up on high. . . .
So begin to cry!
All in your most selfless sacrifice. . . .
To give up one's fine life. . . .
For no other gift so burns so bright!
Yes, Some things hold such a hallowed place. . . .

As to what new heights a soul can race. . . .
All in the darkness of most evil war . . . as
when most courageous heart so soared!
That Heaven so insured. . . .
But, a place up on high . . . but with our
Lord. . . .
Oh yes Richard, all in your Magnificent
Honor In Death. . . .
All in that moment of truth, as when your
fine heart so began to crest!
All In Valor, All In Honor and All In Most
Selfless Death. . . .
As into that darkness, you so bravely
marched off but to give your very
best. . . .
As out into a future, all of those lives that
you have so blessed. . . .
And what child may so come, from all of the
lives that you helped to save
my son. . . .
That may one day so Save The World, as Thy
Will Be Done!
Because, Some things Time Can Not So
Erase. . . .
For The Truth, Will. . . . Will Out All In The
End, All In Honor's Place!
And Such Magnificent Patriots as you, who
have so made these here United States!
For all of them and their families, Heaven so
holds a place!
For all of those fine sons who had to cry, and
ask why did daddy die?
And that lovely wife, who lost her best friend
that night. . . .
And all of those tearful Christmases not by
their sides. . . .
As all of those most swollen tear drops they
all so cried!
And those beloved parents, whose great pain
shall never die, and never end. . . .
And his Brothers, who but lost their best
friend. . . .
Because, Some things. . . . Time Can Not So
Erase!
Only when reunited in Heaven once again,
will this pain so end this weight. . . .
So wipe all of those tears from your most
swollen eyes!
For your lost love who now so up in Heaven
as so resides, take comfort in this real-
ized!
For Richard, your fine life was such a Tour
de Force. . . .
As you so shined, so magnificently, so bril-
liantly. . . . so valiantly as you went
forth!
All In Honor and Death, all in that uniform
of The United States Air Force you
soared!
As a great American Hero, you will ever live
on evermore!
"Welcome Home, My Son. . . ."
For Richard, new wings upon you are
worn. . . .
As An Angel In The Army of Our Lord. . . .
To watch over us evermore. . . .
As this day, we present to you. . . . The
Medal of Honor, and to all your loved
ones. . . .
Because, Some things. . . . Time Can Not
Erase!

TRIBUTE TO PATRICK HATCH FOR HIS SERVICE AS A CONGRES- SIONAL FELLOW

HON. JOHN W. OLVER

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OLVER. Madam Speaker, the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development will bid farewell next week to Patrick Hatch, who

has served as the Subcommittee's Congressional Fellow over the past year. Mr. Hatch will return to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, where he will continue to perform budget and oversight work, taking with him the extraordinary talents and insight he shared with the Subcommittee.

The Transportation Subcommittee was very fortunate to have Patrick as a part of the Subcommittee team this year. He did an outstanding job serving as a valuable member of our housing policy team, researching a variety of housing and transportation issues, preparing hearing and briefing materials, and managing the thousands of project requests that were submitted to the Subcommittee during the fiscal year 2011 appropriations process. In addition, Patrick had lead staff responsibility for oversight of the budgets of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Inspector General, Access Board, and Federal Maritime Commission.

Patrick's attention to detail, strong work ethic and excellent sense of humor set a high standard for the Subcommittee. His tremendous commitment to public service was evident in how he continually went above and beyond the call of duty by taking on additional assignments and working long hours to assist his Subcommittee colleagues and ensure a high quality piece of legislation. In every task, Patrick brought a sense of professionalism and passion to his work, and was a pleasure to work with, no matter how late the hour. Everyone who interacted with him during his service to the Subcommittee was greeted with a smile and a kind word, which is extraordinary, considering the difficult tasks and situations he dealt with each day.

I am profoundly grateful for Patrick's service to the Subcommittee over the past 12 months and I am confident that he will go on to achieve great things at the Department of Housing and Urban Development. I, along with my Subcommittee staff, wish Patrick all the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING PHILIP JOHNSTON

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Philip Johnston, Chair of the Board of the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial, for his stewardship in the opening of the Robert F. Kennedy Community Schools Complex in Los Angeles, California on September 13, 2010. Named after U.S. Senator Robert F. Kennedy, my uncle, the schools are devoted to social justice. Phil's work on behalf of the young people of Los Angeles is simply remarkable.

The 24-acre, \$578 million schools complex on Wilshire Boulevard consists of six different schools for grades kindergarten to 12, with more than 4,000 students, the vast majority of them from Latino and low-income neighborhoods. Philip, 85, was a driving force behind the project, which was fraught with obstacles from the start, including Donald Trump's plans

to build five towers at the site, one of them 125 stories tall. Later, Wal-Mart wanted to put a store there.

Senator Kennedy's commitment to social justice is evident throughout the campus with murals, quotations and similar exhibits.

Originally designed as a large, comprehensive K-12 school that would house more than 2,400 students, the school district determined in 2008 that the facility would host wall-to-wall pilot schools, which opened this fall. Pilot schools are innovative small schools that have charter-like autonomy over their budget, curriculum and assessment, governance, schedule and staffing, but are part of the public school system.

Among the new school's many features is a 500-seat auditorium and café at the site of the old Coconut Grove nightclub, built adjacent to the hotel in the 1920s, where LA's rich and famous would go to party. Howard Hughes was a regular there and several Academy Awards events were held there during the 1930s.

Groundbreaking on the new schools took place four years ago.

Phil has been instrumental in the improvement of public education in Los Angeles. I wish him all the best as he continues his important work on behalf of young people. He will continue to carry my own admiration, and that of all who have had the privilege to work with him.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID NOLAN

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, David Nolan, founder of the Libertarian Party and creator of the "Nolan Chart" that inspired the "World's Smallest Political Quiz" passed away on November 21. I join freedom activists around the country in mourning his loss and celebrating his life.

Like many libertarians of his generation, David's initial interest in the freedom philosophy was inspired by the novels of Ayn Rand and Robert Heinlein. During the sixties, David was involved in Students for Goldwater and Young Americans for Freedom (YAF). David was also involved with the Liberty Amendment Committee, which worked to pass an amendment to the Constitution repealing the Sixteenth Amendment and restricting the powers of the federal government to those explicitly granted it in the Constitution.

David was drawn to the Republican Party because of the limited government, pro-individual liberty themes of the Goldwater campaign—and like many others he was disappointed when the supposedly free-market administration of Richard Nixon embraced a policy of conservative Keynesianism. When Richard Nixon imposed wage-and-price controls and took the U.S. off the gold standard on August 11, 1971, David decided he could no longer support the Republican Party and, along with a group of other disillusioned ex-Goldwaterites, created the Libertarian Party.

David remained active in the Libertarian Party for the rest of his life. He even ran for

office several times on the Libertarian ticket, most recently just this year when he ran for Senate in Arizona. Despite the best efforts of David and others, the Libertarian Party has never been able to achieve major party status. I believe the main reason for this is the restrictive ballot access laws that force new and third parties to spend the majority of their time and resources getting on the ballot, thus leaving them with comparatively few resources to devote to actually campaigning and spreading their message. I continue to believe the American politics would benefit from reforming these ballot laws so third and independent parties and candidates could have greater ability to communicate their ideas to the American public.

Despite the obstacles of ballot access, the Libertarian Party has been successful in introducing millions of Americans to the ideas of liberty. It has also pushed the two major parties in a more libertarian direction. Thus, even those advocates of liberty who have chosen to work through the major parties to advance the freedom philosophy benefited from the David Nolan's work to advance liberty through the Libertarian Party.

David's work with the Libertarian Party was far from the sum total of his activism as he was involved in a variety of other pro-freedom organizations and projects. One of David's ideas was the genesis of the freedom movement's most successful outreach tool. In the early seventies, David reworked the traditional two-dimensional left-right political spectrum into a graph running from that favoring government involvement in both economic and personal affairs to those favoring complete liberty. In between were those favoring social freedom but not economy liberty (modern liberals) and those favoring economic freedom but favoring government intervention in personal matters (conservatives). In the 1980s, David's friend Marshall Fritz, the founder and President of the Advocates for Self Government, converted the Nolan Chart into the World's Smallest Political Quiz.

The quiz uses the Nolan Chart to graph an individual's political philosophy based on responses to a series of ten questions that measure one's commitment to economic and personal liberty. The quiz has been taken over 15 million times online, has been reprinted in dozens of newspapers and magazines, is referenced by major high school and college textbooks, and is used by educators in classrooms across America. The quiz is responsible for many people's first contact with libertarian ideas. As a board member of the Advocates for Self Government, David helped the organization popularize the quiz. He also assisted in numerous other projects by the Advocates designed to help activists in the freedom movement more effectively advocate the freedom philosophy.

Madam Speaker, David Nolan devoted his life to the cause of liberty, and helped build the freedom movement through his work with the Libertarian Party, the Advocates for Self Government, and many other organizations. I therefore join freedom lovers across the country in extending my sincere condolences to David Nolan's family and his many friends.