

Height, and a nurse, Fannie Burroughs Height, she rose to national prominence and leadership from humble beginnings. She was prepared to lead the charge, even when it meant being a lone figure; she was the only woman on the speaker's platform when Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his "I Have A Dream" speech. She combated the challenges facing African Americans from every angle; in 1936 in New York, she participated in a protest against lynchings. She advocated an end to segregation in the military, fought for a fairer legal system, and worked to end racial restrictions on access to public transportation. During the 1950s, she worked on voter registration drives in the South.

But she also understood the economic underpinnings of the same challenges. Following her work to achieve major civil rights victories in the 1960s, Height shifted her focus to supporting initiatives aimed at eliminating poverty among southern blacks, such as home ownership programs and child care centers. Among her more creative efforts, Ms. Height instituted a so-called pig bank, through which poor black families were provided with a pig of their own, a prize commodity in the early 1960s. Despite the violence and dangers of the time, during Height's years as a civil rights activist, she never acquired a reputation as a radical or militant. She simply steadfastly moved forward, seamlessly removing barriers for all who followed.

In a 2001 interview, Height expressed bitter-sweet feelings for the earlier years of her work, noting that sit-ins and protest marches had been replaced by lobbying for legislation. The power and momentum behind the struggle for desegregation and voting rights had been replaced by the comparative quietude of pursuits for economic opportunity, educational equality, and an end to racial profiling. She asked where the country would be if the "vigor placed in fighting slavery and in the women's movement had kept pace."

Even without that, her accomplishments and awards fill pages. Height is perhaps best known for her four decades of work with the National Council of Negro Women, the Washington, DC, headquarters of which stands just steps from where slaves were once traded in the shadow of the U.S. Capitol. She has served as advisor on civil rights matters to U.S. Presidents going back to Eisenhower, as well as advising and traveling with programs sponsored by the Council to the White House Conference, UNESCO, the Institute on Human Relations of the American Jewish Committee, USAID, and the United States Information Agency, among other organizations. Her unparalleled contributions to the advancement of women's rights, civil rights, and human rights have earned her dozens of awards including the 1993 NAACP Springarn Medal, a Presidential Medal of Freedom Award, presented by Bill Clinton in 1994, and a Congressional Gold Medal by President George W. Bush in 2004.

In addition, during her lifetime of service, Dr. Height has been presented with more than three dozen honorary degrees, including doctorates from institutions including Tuskegee, Harvard and Princeton Universities. But the one that undoubtedly mattered the most was her receipt of the equivalent of a bachelor's degree in 2004 from Barnard College, 75 years after the College had turned her away because it had already enrolled its quota of two African American females that year.

Dorothy Height was a pillar of the civil rights movement, and will be dearly missed by us all. I am deeply saddened at her passing but everlastingly uplifted by her life's work.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF ROBERT WESTON FOLLETT

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Robert "Bob" Weston Follett. On March 31, 2010, Robert Weston Follett, an accomplished pilot and active leader in the San Joaquin Valley community, passed away suddenly at the young age of 57. He leaves behind the loves of his life, is wife Naomi, daughter Lindsay and son Zack.

Bob Follett was a proud native of Lemoore, California. He was a 1970 graduate of Lemoore High School where he was twice elected class president and played football for the Lemoore Tigers. As fullback on the freshman team, he had the distinction of scoring the first touchdown in Tiger Stadium when it opened. Mr. Follett went on to receive his Bachelor's Degree from California State University, Fresno and soon thereafter began his aviation career with Wofford Aviation in Fresno by fueling aircraft, becoming a charter pilot, managing the company and later proudly becoming the owner of Wofford Aviation.

As a charter pilot Bob had the privilege of flying former President Ronald Reagan, U.S. Senator John McCain, and many other elected officials and celebrities. Furthermore, he was renowned as an expert pilot with 37 years experience, who helped explain how air tragedies occurred. Recently, Bob commented for the national news about the potential dangers of flying in California's Sierra Nevada Mountain Range.

Throughout the community, Bob was well-known as "Mr. Fixit" as a result of his keen ability to build anything with his own two hands. Larger than life, he was a take-charge guy who loved to organize events. He could be found planting a community garden, at a Cal Tailgate party, a Rotary lobster feed or with the Clovis High football team at their team dinners. Bob Follett and his family were loyal members of the Cal football family during the time his son Zack played for the Cal Bears.

As a loving father and supportive husband, Bob and his cherished wife Naomi were always seen at sporting events supporting and cheering on their children Lindsay and Zack. He was a true pillar of support for their children and a faithful mentor to their friends as well.

Bob's loss leaves a void which can never be filled. Bob Follett will forever be remembered for his generosity and gregarious spirit that impacted the lives of all those whom he met. His enormous heart and lifelong commitment to his family and friends will forever be his legacy. I count myself fortunate to be one of Bob's many friends.

CHELSEY JANTZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Chelsey Jantz who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Chelsey Jantz is a 12th grader at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Chelsey Jantz is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Chelsey Jantz for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

HONORING ISRAELI INDEPENDENCE DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, for all but 11 minutes of the State of Israel's existence, it has found its foremost advocate and ally here: the United States of America. And what were those 11 minutes? That was the time it took the news of Israel's independence to travel around the world and reach the desk of President Truman, the first to recognize a new member of the world community and a new friend.

Israel, President Truman said, "has a glorious future before it—not just another sovereign nation, but as an embodiment of the great ideals of our civilization." Sixty two years later, as Israel marks its independence, those words have been confirmed time and again. Our alliance with Israel, and the common interests we share, run deep. But even if those common interests amounted to nothing, we would still see in Israel a reflection of deepest values and great ideals.

Sixty two years ago, Israel's founders set their names to a declaration that embodied those ideals—the declaration that ended two millennia of exile for the Jewish people. It read, in part: "THE STATE OF ISRAEL . . . will be based on freedom, justice and peace as envisaged by the prophets of Israel; it will ensure complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex; it will guarantee freedom of religion, conscience, language, education and culture; it will safeguard the Holy Places of all religions."

In those words, in the spirit that animates them, and in the political life that strives each day to live by them, we see our own spirit, our own struggle, our own founding promise.

And those common values are at the heart of Congress's unshakeable, bipartisan unity on

Israel and its security. I speak for all of my colleagues, Republicans and Democrats, when I say: the bond between our nations was powerful long before we set foot in this chamber, and it will outlast all of us. In that spirit, Congress must continue to support strong foreign aid for our ally. And we must continue to insist that regimes that threaten Israel's safety, and the world's, recognize Israel's right to exist—and act accordingly.

Few ideas in history have been more daring than the idea that the Jewish people could end generations of exile and build a thriving state, called to the highest principles of justice. Few ideas have been more hopeful, or more demanding. And few are more deserving of the world's sustaining effort.

THE CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL: A LEGACY OF SERVICE

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2009–2010 Congressional Youth Advisory Council. This year 45 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 9 through 12 made their voices heard and made a difference in their communities, their country and their Congress. These students volunteered their time, effort, and talent to inform me about the important issues facing their generation. As young leaders within their communities and their schools, these students boldly represent the promise and the hope we all have for their very bright future.

President Ronald Reagan said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

To ensure that the blessing of freedom is passed from one generation to the next, the members of the CYAC spent time interviewing a veteran and documenting the experience for the "Preserving History Project." Today I'm proud to submit the brief summaries provided so the patriotic service of our dedicated veterans and the thoughtful work of the CYAC may be preserved for antiquity in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. A copy of each submitted student summary follows.

To each member of the Congressional Youth Advisory Council, thank you for making this year and this group a success. It is not a coincidence that this congressional tribute celebrates two generations of service. Each of you is trusted with the precious gift of freedom.

You are the voices of the future and I salute you. God bless you and God bless America.

In the Veteran's Interview Project, I have gained insight and knowledge on the topic of America's veterans. My uncle, George Vacek, was drafted into the service and joined the Marine Corps. He was assigned to the artillery unit as a radio operator. He entered the

service as a private and completed his tour of duty as a corporal. He fought the campaign in Vietnam and then was transferred to Cuba. I discovered through my interview with him, the trials and rewards of military service. While in the service, he endured hardships, witnessed the evils of war, overcame obstacles, developed discipline, and yet he came away with the fulfillment that he gained a greater respect for himself and his country.

This project was beneficial to me in that I realized what it would be like to walk in a soldier's shoes. Americans support our servicemen, both here and abroad, but yet have absolutely no clue of what it's really like to be there. My in-depth conversation with my Uncle enlightened me on his journey. In concluding this interview, I realized that our soldiers are true patriots who are sacrificially putting themselves in harm's way to forever protect our freedoms.—J'Lynn Vacek.

HONORING THE 49TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PEACE CORPS AND PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the efforts of our nation's Peace Corps volunteers in honor of the 49th Anniversary of the Peace Corps. Since the establishment of the Peace Corps by President Kennedy in 1961, nearly 200,000 Americans have served in 139 countries. For the past 49 years, Peace Corps volunteers have demonstrated the nation's commitment to encourage and expand development at the grass roots level.

Currently, 7,671 volunteers are providing expertise and development assistance to 76 countries. Peace Corps volunteers have made significant contributions in agriculture, business development, information to technology, education, health, youth, and the environment. In these various sectors and communities, volunteers have been able to adapt and respond to new challenges through their innovation, creativity, and compassion.

For example, Peace Corps volunteers have provided hope and assistance to people affected by HIV/AIDS. Volunteers have led the way in making the Peace Corps at the forefront of responding to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Through living in the community and learning the local language, they are able to share information relating to HIV/AIDS in a culturally appropriate way.

Once Peace Corps volunteers return from abroad, they have become leaders in all sectors of society. Through their training and experience abroad, volunteers are able to adapt to different cultural settings at the professional level. I would like to commend our proud nation's Peace Corps volunteers for their service, particularly those men and women of the Eleventh Congressional District of Virginia. I consider it a great honor to represent these noble men and women, who travel great distances and make great sacrifices to help reaffirm our country's commitment to helping people help themselves throughout the world.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues and their staff to join me in recognizing the achievement of and the Peace Corps volun-

teers. They are a great credit to our country, and we should applaud them.

HONORING PETER HUTCHISON UPON BEING NAMED THE 2010 NEW YORK STATE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a gentleman in my district, Peter Hutchison.

Mr. Hutchison has been recognized as the 2010 New York State Assistant Principal of the Year by the School Administrators Association of New York State. He was recognized for his outstanding work at Amityville Memorial High School. He has served as an educator for over 31 years, including six as assistant principal at Amityville Memorial High School.

I congratulate him on this accomplishment and applaud his contribution to high school education on Long Island.

CHRISTOPHER BREWER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Christopher Brewer who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Christopher Brewer is a 10th grader at Ralston Valley High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Christopher Brewer is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Christopher Brewer for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character to all his future accomplishments.

HONORING CHIEF PAUL PRICE OF CAMDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT UPON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Paul Price upon his retirement and to recognize his outstanding contributions to Camden County and the state of New Jersey.

Chief Price is known for his integrity and selfless nature. He has worked diligently to gain five million dollars in grant money for fire fighters in Camden for safety and preparedness. Chief Price goes significantly above and