

Congress or first Portland Mayor over half a century ago were pioneers—but Betty was unique.

Yes, Betty Roberts was the first woman to serve on Oregon's Court of Appeals and State Supreme Court. Her most important contributions began when she was the only woman in the State Senate. In this unique position of leadership she willfully tackled the problems that face women in politics and society. She understood the challenges facing women who were pioneering these efforts. As she broke barrier after barrier she learned lessons the hard way. With grit and legislative leadership she fought to protect women's health and civil liberties and their efforts in the marketplace.

Betty ran amazingly strong statewide campaigns for Governor and U.S. Senate. While she didn't win the elections, she proved her strength, character, and vision. Her many accomplishments in politics, and a career as a successful educator, lawyer, legislator, and jurist stood out, but it was her strong will and sensitivity that made her an inspirational role model.

Betty demonstrated what was possible. Today there are hundreds of people that she inspired who have assumed leadership on the bench, at the bar, in government and through civic and business leadership. In turn, these women are inspiring the next generation which may be Betty's most enduring legacy—a legacy that will benefit our state for generations to come.

IN MEMORY OF CSM (RET) EDDIE
ROBERTS

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2011

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a decorated soldier, community leader, public servant, and my longstanding friend, CSM (Ret) Eddie Roberts. Sadly, CSM Roberts passed away suddenly on July 6, 2011, but he left a legacy and a personality that will never be forgotten.

Eddie was a native of Pensacola, Florida. Spurred by a love of country, he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1965 and completed basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Throughout his military career, he had 13 military assignments, which included tours in Korea, Germany, and Panama. He served two decorated tours in Vietnam, during which he displayed remarkable heroism and earned the endearing nickname, "Fast Eddie." During his tour in Panama, he trained soldiers to throw grenades. When one soldier dropped the grenade after pulling the safety pin, Eddie quickly grabbed the grenade and safely tossed it away from frightened soldiers.

His military career earned him many honors including: the Legion of Merit, Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Ranger Tab, Jumpmaster Wings and the Pathfinder Badge.

After his distinguished military career ended in 1995, he found other ways to give back to the community that he loved so much. He started work at Columbus Bank and Trust as Vice President and Military Sales Coordinator. He never forgot his experience in the military

and never forgot his love of soldiers. He used his position to help soldiers become better managers of their finances. Moreover, he advocated for their causes with a fervor and spirit that made you take notice and appreciate his passion for his comrades.

In addition to improving the lives of soldiers, Eddie was involved in many social and civic organizations dedicated to the improvement of his community. He was one of the founding members of the Controllers Civic and Social Club in Columbus, an organization that has given away more than 20,000 pairs of shoes to low-income children. Because of his infectious personality, Eddie never met a stranger he didn't like and always tried to put himself in the "shoes" of others. Consequently, thousands of young people have been able to walk in shoes with pride and dignity.

On a personal note, Eddie was my dear friend for many years. During my first Congressional campaign and subsequent campaigns, he was one of my drivers. He often joked that: "He was never paid for his services." He continued to provide me with treasured friendship and wise counsel over the years.

The phrase, "One of a Kind" is used too much in our everyday discourse. I can truly say that CSM (Ret) Eddie Roberts was one of a kind and will never be forgotten. One of my mentors, Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, once said that, "Every man and woman is born into the world to do something unique and something distinctive and if he or she does not do it, it will never be done."

Mr. Speaker, the world is a better place because CSM (Ret) Eddie Roberts passed this way. He did something unique with his life and the world is better for it. On behalf of my wife, Vivian and I, I extend my deepest sympathies to all those who knew and loved this special man.

A LOOK AT MEDIA BIAS

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2011

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker. I submit the following.

MEDIA FAIRNESS CAUCUS—A LOOK AT MEDIA BIAS

Rep. Lamar Smith (R-TX), Chairman
Rep. Jack Kingston (R-GA), CoChair
Rep. Michele Bachmann (R-MN), CoChair

MEDIA'S LIBERAL BIAS DISTORTS FAIR COVERAGE

From U.S. News & World Report:

"The liberal bias of the mainstream media tilts so far left that any outlets not in that political lane, like the Drudge Report and Fox News Channel, look far more conservative than they really are, according to a UCLA professor's new book out next month.

"In a crushing body blow to the pushers of the so-called 'Fox Effect,' which claims the conservative media is dragging the left into the center, UCLA political science professor Tim Groseclose in *Left Turn* claims that 'all' mainstream news outlets have a liberal bias in their reporting that makes even moderate organizations appear out of the mainstream and decidedly right-wing to news consumers who are influenced by the slant."

In the book, Groseclose writes: "Fox News is clearly more conservative than ABC, CBS, CNN, NBC and National Public Radio. Some will conclude that 'therefore, this means that Fox News has a conservative bias.' Instead, maybe it is centrist, and possibly even left-leaning, while all the others are far left. It's like concluding that six-three is short just because it is short compared to professional basketball players."

AMERICANS SEE MEDIA AS BIASED, LIBERAL

Two-thirds of Americans believe that reporters try to help the candidate they want to win an election, according to a recent Rasmussen public opinion poll. Only 2 in 10 think reporters try to offer unbiased coverage.

The survey also found that almost half of Americans think reporters would hide any damaging information about the candidate they wanted to win. And by more than two-to-one, Americans say the average reporter is more liberal than they are, rather than more conservative.

If the national media want to earn Americans' trust, they should give them the facts, not tell them what to think.

FIRST LADY THANKS MEDIA FOR "SUPPORT" AND "KINDNESS"

During a recent interview on CNN, First Lady Michelle Obama thanked the national media for their "support" and "kindness." Below is an excerpt from the interview:

CNN reporter: "How's the family ready for this [the election]? It's going to be quite vicious, isn't it? How do you prepare for that?"

First Lady Michelle Obama: "You know, it's . . . we're ready, you know. Our children, you know, could care less about what we're doing. We work hard to do that. Fortunately, we have help from the media. I have to say this: I'm very grateful for the support and kindness that we've gotten. People have respected their privacy and in that way, I think, you know, no matter what people may feel about my husband's policies or what have you, they care about children and that's been good to see."

A TRIBUTE TO NORMA DUFFIELD
"DUFFY" STONG LYON

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2011

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Mrs. Norma Duffield "Duffy" Stong Lyon. Most Iowans would know her as Iowa's beloved "Butter Cow Lady."

For nearly a half-century, Mrs. Lyon shared her artistic skills with travelers from all over the world at the Iowa State Fair by creating a life-size sculpture of a dairy cow made from hundreds of pounds of butter. In fact, after crafting her first cow in 1960, she subsequently crafted 46 of the butter cow sculptures the Iowa State Fair has displayed over the past 100 years.

As many other community members know, Mrs. Lyon used her notoriety to raise funds for charitable projects in Toledo, Iowa for the betterment of the community.

Mrs. Lyon's family, including her husband Joe, nine children, twenty-three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren, along with hundreds of members of the community gathered

to pay their respects to the "Butter Cow Lady" on Friday July 1, 2011.

It is an honor to have personally seen and enjoyed the butter cow sculptures at the Iowa State Fair for years, and I know my colleagues will join me in celebrating the life of the Mrs. Norma Duffield "Duffy" Stong Lyon.

A TRIBUTE TO WILMA CARTHAN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Wilma Carthan for her service to and excellence throughout her community as a model citizen.

Ms. Wilma Carthan is an individual who understands and fully utilizes the opportunities provided by the Great Society programs. Ms. Carthan is a revered community leader who successfully raised six children as a single mother, and tirelessly worked her way from welfare recipient to social service executive.

Over a period of fifteen years anti-poverty programs assisted Ms. Carthan in obtaining a high school diploma, a Bachelor's Degree and a Masters Degree. A career which started as a neighborhood community action worker steadily changed into social worker positions. She became administrator of youth programs and eventually Director of Community Affairs, Marketing and Patient Advocacy at the Brownsville Multi-Service Family Health Center, one of the nation's oldest community health centers.

Because of her insights, team-work skills and bountiful grass roots wisdom, Wilma Carthan has been called upon to serve in many research studies, group counseling and community planning efforts. At Syracuse University she assisted in the study of violent criminal behavior, was a co-author of a book on criminology entitled *Pro-Social Gang: Implementing Aggression Replacement Training*. She served on the New York City Board of Education Board of Examiners and also was on teams evaluating Title I reimbursable programs. For two decades she served as chairperson of the Board of the 200 Central Avenue Day Care Center. She is the recipient of numerous honors and awards but the most appropriate and revealing one is the unofficial title conferred upon her once as "The First Lady of Brooklyn Community Action".

As she celebrates this 75th birthday Wilma Carthan is probably most proud of the success of her sons and daughters who, despite the hardships of poverty, have all become productive family builders with more than a dozen grandchildren now climbing the ladder to self-sufficiency as they fulfill their American dream. More than can be communicated with hundreds of slogans and thousands of words Wilma Carthan's life sends a message of revelation and how the highest returns are realized through our government's investment in our neediest citizens. With great admiration and appreciation we salute Wilma Carthan.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the work of Wilma Carthan.

IN RECOGNITION OF DAVID
WILLIAMS

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2011

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, Representatives GEORGE MILLER, BARBARA LEE, PETE STARK, JERRY MCNERNEY and I rise today to congratulate Mr. David Williams, Director of Wastewater for the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) on his election as the new President of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, NACWA.

Mr. Williams is an accomplished leader and committed environmental steward. From his military service to this country and throughout his career in clean water, Mr. Williams has exemplified what it means to be a public servant. He is ideally suited for this national leadership position with NACWA and to helping ensure that California's and the Nation's clean water agencies are sustainable, that the environment we live in is consistently improving, and our public health is protected.

At EBMUD, Mr. Williams leads one of the nation's most advanced wastewater treatment facilities, providing services to approximately 650,000 people along 88 square miles of the east shore of San Francisco Bay in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Mr. Williams oversees a staff of roughly 300 professionals and technicians who are responsible for the operation and maintenance of the district's entire wastewater system.

Under Mr. Williams' leadership the district has led the industry through his innovative work on several notable programs: utilizing existing wastewater infrastructure to create a national model for recycling and energy creation; working with local dentists, universities and public schools to eliminate sources of mercury in the waterways; developing a partnership with Chevron to build the Richmond Advanced Recycled Expansion (RARE) Water Project; and creating dual plumbing ordinances requiring new development to plan for recycled water use.

Since joining others in founding NACWA 41 years ago, EBMUD has benefitted from its active engagement with the organization. A member of NACWA's Board of Directors since 2004, Mr. Williams has previously served as Secretary, Treasurer and Vice President for the organization and has been a member of many NACWA committees and workgroups. He has also been elected to serve on the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District Board, a position he currently holds.

In addition to his work with NACWA, Mr. Williams has actively participated in local, regional, state and national professional organizations including the California Association of Sanitation Agencies, Central Contra Costa Sanitary District, Bay Area Clean Water Agencies, TriTAC, Aquatic Science Center, the California Water Environment Association San Francisco Bay Section, and the Bay Area Dischargers Association.

David Williams has selflessly shared his time, passion, energy and ideas to carry out the objectives of the Clean Water Act and it is my sincere pleasure to ask our colleagues to join us in congratulating him on becoming the new president of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies. Mr. Williams' contin-

ued efforts will ensure water quality progress for the San Francisco Bay Area, the State of California, and the Nation.

REAFFIRMING COMMITMENT TO NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT

SPEECH OF

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, there is no region of the world more critical to achieving peace and security for Americans than the Middle East, yet no series of interconnected issues that has been more complex or vexing.

Since coming to Congress I have been an advocate of stronger United States engagement to advance negotiations for a two-state solution and for a vision of a secure Israel and an independent Palestinian state living side by side.

I, along with the rest of Congress and the administration, share the goal of preventing a vote for Palestinian statehood in the United Nations this September. Such a course of action will not hasten the creation of an independent Palestine, and will undermine progress.

Unfortunately, the message delivered by H. Res. 268 was undercut by failing to present an evenhanded document. There was no acknowledgement of the administration's balanced approach to Middle East policy and the Israeli-Palestinian peace process in particular. The policy is consistent by political and historical standards—calling for a negotiated two-state solution along the 1967 borders with mutually agreed land swaps as the starting point in this dialogue. This is the language of current and previous U.S. administrations and was employed by the Israeli Prime Minister within the last year.

The resolution would have been more credible by mentioning the unfair comments of Benjamin Netanyahu during his recent visit to Washington. A mention of U.S. opposition to Israel's unilateral construction of settlements would get the attention of the Palestinians, who after all we are trying to influence.

To the extent that Congress is going to opine, it should do so in a balanced way. That is how we can move forward.

CONGRATULATING THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA'S HOSTING OF 2018 WINTER OLYMPICS

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2011

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate the Republic of Korea for winning the bid to host the 2018 Winter Olympic Games in Pyeongchang. I have no doubt that Korea will be an excellent host, as it was for the 1988 Summer Olympics and for the 2002 World Cup. This honor recognizes how far Korea has emerged from the ashes of war into a giant in Asia and throughout the international community.