

founder of the Times Community newspapers and publisher of the Loudoun Times-Mirror and Fauquier Times-Democrat, at age 83 at his home at Merry Oak Farm near The Plains, Virginia, in the 10th Congressional District.

I had the honor and pleasure of knowing Nick Arundel, a decorated Marine Corps officer, acclaimed local newspaper owner and publisher, community leader, land preservationist, animal conservationist, and philanthropist who leaves a legacy of accomplishment that may never be matched.

On behalf of 10th District residents I offer sincere condolences to his wife, Peggy, their five children, and 11 grandchildren. Their son, Peter, is president and chairman of the board of Times Community newspapers.

Mr. Speaker, I submit the obituary of Nick Arundel published in the Loudoun-Times Mirror of February 8.

ARTHUR W. "NICK" ARUNDEL, 1928-2011

On the eve of yet another honor in a long list of local, state, national and international acclaims, Loudoun Times-Mirror and Fauquier Times-Democrat publisher Arthur W. "Nick" Arundel died at his beloved Merry Oak Farm near The Plains, on Feb. 8.

He was 83, and was to be named the Outstanding Virginian of 2011 by the Virginia General Assembly today.

The son of Russell M. Arundel, a Pepsi-Cola executive and fox hunting enthusiast who once served as the chairman of the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association, and Marjorie Arundel, a renowned conservationist, Mr. Arundel took inspiration from both sides of the family.

He played polo and raced steeplechase horses, was an avid rider and fox hunter and founded Great Meadow Field Events Center.

Mr. Arundel raced Sugar Bee, the only Virginia-bred horse to win both the Maryland Hunt Cup and the Virginia Gold Cup at Great Meadow. In his career, Sugar Bee earned Timber Horse of the Year and National Stock Horse Association Horse of the Year honors.

Mr. Arundel also was an early enthusiast and a lifelong energetic supporter of land conservation programs, helping launch and nurture conservation easement programs that have done much to preserve open space, agriculture and forestry in the northern Piedmont.

Wildcat Mountain, site of Merry Oak Farm, was one of the first large tracts of land to be put in conservation easement in Fauquier County. Altogether, the Arundel family has put more than 5,000 acres under conservation easement.

"Growth over the years just ahead here will probably be greater than in all of the combined history of Fauquier County," Mr. Arundel wrote in a front-page statement of purpose in his first issue as owner of The Fauquier Democrat, which he bought in November 1974.

"It has the promise of creating opportunity for work and careers for young people here, which have not always been present. Growth must not and shall not happen at the price of destroying this county's beauty, natural heritage and its vital farm industry."

Great Meadow perhaps is the Fauquier County crown jewel that perfectly aligns Mr. Arundel's interest in equestrian sport and land conservation.

The 540-acre tract had been destined for houses on one-acre lots when Mr. Arundel purchased the boggy, low-lying property.

"In an increasingly crowded nation with such large pieces of land for these events gradually disappearing," Great Meadow Foundation trustees said in accepting Mr. Arundel's gift of the land, "Great Meadow

will provide a permanent, open-space green theater preserved from development to engage the graceful drama and color of these sports for the general public . . . For the community and legacy of these great sports, we are grateful for Mr. Arundel's characteristic thoughtfulness in making this possible."

Born in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 12, 1928, Mr. Arundel grew up there and in Mason City, Iowa. He graduated from Harvard in 1951, a friend and classmate of Robert F. Kennedy, and served as a Marine Corps paratroop officer in Korea, where he was wounded, earning the Purple Heart.

In 1954, Mr. Arundel parachuted behind the lines into Hanoi, leading a clandestine team to successfully destroy key installations there before Ho Chi Minh took over the city after the French loss at Dien Bien Phu. That would not be his last mission in southeast Asia.

Mr. Arundel left the Marine Corps in 1955 with the rank of captain, but returned to serve his country as a paramilitary officer attached to the CIA in Vietnam. He was wounded there as well, earning a second Purple Heart.

Mr. Arundel was fond of telling the story of convincing Edward R. Murrow that he had the skills and drive necessary to become a reporter. Murrow was apparently swayed by the young former Marine and sent Mr. Arundel to work as a Defense Department correspondent in the Washington bureau of CBS News. Mr. Arundel later joined United Press International, also covering the Defense Department.

After a stint as a special assistant to the Secretary of Commerce, and with a bank loan of \$75,000 and the courage of his convictions, Mr. Arundel purchased D.C.-area radio station WARL, a country music station, changing the name to WAVA. Arundel and his staff began reading wire service stories on the air when the popular morning announcer was killed in a car crash on his way to work.

WAVA became, "the first all-news station in the world," Mr. Arundel said. "It's very pleasing to see that being carried on today . . . in television."

Over the ensuing years, Mr. Arundel built Arundel Communications (ArCom, now Times Community Media), adding radio, television and, with the 1963 purchase of the Loudoun Times-Mirror, newspapers.

"I fell in love with print journalism and left broadcasting," Mr. Arundel said. "I sold out of it."

The money was in broadcasting, but the joy was in print. I was never in print journalism till I bought my first newspaper and walked in the door, sight unseen."

Mr. Arundel bought what was then called the Fauquier Democrat in 1974. At the pinnacle of his career as a newspaper publisher, ArCom operated 17 weekly community newspapers in Fauquier, Culpeper, Prince William, Clarke, Loudoun and Fairfax counties.

Politically active, Mr. Arundel was on a first-name basis with virtually every prominent Virginia politician and many others who walk the national stage.

While still at Harvard, he served in an internship with then-U.S. Sen. Lyndon Johnson on Capitol Hill. He also ran the Virginia presidential campaign for Harvard classmate Robert F. Kennedy and threw his own hat into the ring for election to the Virginia Senate in the early '70s as a Democrat.

Pragmatic and more concerned about leadership than party labels, Mr. Arundel endorsed a variety of candidates for public office on the editorial pages of his newspapers, including, most recently, Republican John McCain for president in 2008.

"In the first part of your life, you learn," Mr. Arundel said of the development of Great

Meadow, which he donated to the nonprofit Great Meadow Foundation. "In the second, you earn, and in the third, you give it all back."

He remained in active pursuit of the last-named goal until the end of his life.

Recent projects included the establishment of Morningside Training Farm, a 120-acre equestrian center at the very foot of the Merry Oak driveway. There, Mr. Arundel was building a training facility for every facet of equestrian sport.

He also was actively engaged in the Journey Through Hallowed Ground, which he founded and for which he served as chairman.

Mr. Arundel was a founder and president of Friends of the National Zoo; the first chairman of George Mason College (now George Mason University); a founder and president of Piedmont Environmental Council; founder of the U.S. Marine Corps Heritage Center in Quantico; co-founder of the National Press Foundation; co-founder of the Washington Journalism Center, co-founder and past president of the African Wildlife Foundation; and a member of the Board of Visitors of Harvard's Kennedy Center of Government, Duke University's Public Affairs Institute, the Monticello Founders Board, the Virginia Higher Education Business Council, National Sporting Library, National Military History Museum, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, George Washington University, Waterford Foundation, Fresh Air/Full Call Campaign, the Virginia Racing Commission, and the Americans at War Foundation. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame of Virginia Communications in 2001.

Mr. Arundel was married for 53 years to his wife Peggy, nee Margaret C. McElroy, of Philadelphia, who survives him.

The couple had five children, all of whom also survive—Mrs. Donald DeWees, of Wilmington, Del.; Peter W. Arundel, of McLean; Wendy Arundel, of Sherborn, Mass.; John Arundel, of Alexandria; Thomas B. Arundel, of Washington, D.C.; and 11 grandchildren.

Peter Arundel is president and chairman of the board of Times Community Media, the parent company of the Loudoun Times-Mirror, as well as the Fauquier Times-Democrat, the Culpeper Times and the Gainesville Times.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CLARK MAXWELL, JR.

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and accomplishments of an educator, a statesman and a friend, Clark Maxwell, Jr., who passed away on January 18th.

Clark, was born August 21, 1934, in St. Petersburg. He grew up in Winter Park and graduated from Florida Southern College in 1956. After serving in the Army, he moved to Melbourne in 1959 and worked for Pan Am during the beginning years of the space program.

After leaving the private sector, Clark began his public service while serving as Member of the Brevard County School Board. Moving forward, as he always did, Clark decided to run for and won election to the Florida House of Representatives in 1974 and finally the Florida Senate in 1978. He served six years in that body and was eventually elected Republican Leader.

His passion was always education. It began at the local level, progressed to a regional level, and matured at the state level, when he resigned from the Florida Senate in 1984 to become Executive Director of the State Board of Community Colleges. He served with distinction in that position until 1997 when he formally retired. But retirement had a different meaning to Clark. After moving to Flagler County, Clark continued to support education and even hosted a television program called "Eyes on Education"; an appropriate name as Clark always did have his eye out for improving the educational system in Florida.

To Clark's wife Margo and his three children, Clark III, Judy Henderson, and Marcia Maxwell, we extend our deepest sympathies.

Clark truly made an indelible mark on education in Florida. In our community, he always stressed integrity, compassion and public service, and through that principled dedication he leaves a proud and distinguished legacy. Mr. Speaker, I ask all Members of the U.S. House of Representatives join me in recognizing Clark Maxwell's years of service and dedication to our community, our state and our Nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF LTG JAMES H. PILLSBURY

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to Lieutenant General James H. Pillsbury.

LTG Pillsbury was commissioned in May of 1973 and served in a myriad of key positions throughout his career, from second lieutenant platoon leader to lieutenant general and deputy commanding general of Army Materiel Command.

LTG Pillsbury served as Commander of the U.S. Army, Aviation and Missile Command at Redstone Arsenal in Alabama from 2003–2007. While there, he was instrumental in his efforts to represent the greater Tennessee Valley and Redstone Arsenal during the Base Realignment and Closure selection process. With LTG Pillsbury's support, Redstone Arsenal was successful in securing the relocation of Army Materiel Command Headquarters from Fort Belvoir, Virginia to Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.

LTG Pillsbury's presentation was inclusive of all tenants of Redstone Arsenal and included the two subordinate commands of AMCOM, Letterkenny Army Depot (PA) and Corpus Christi Army Depot (TX). His presentation focused on the value of the installation to not only the Army but all of the Department of Defense, and the ability and potential for growth beyond BRAC 2005.

He and his wife, Becky have returned to Redstone Arsenal where he'll complete his military service while assigned as the Deputy Commanding General for Army Materiel Command and will retire in May after 38 years of service.

I congratulate LTG Pillsbury on his retirement and thank him for his service to America.

HONORING JUSTICE ROBERT BENHAM

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following.

Whereas, Justice Robert Benham, a tenacious man from Cartersville, Georgia utilizes his gifts, talents and wisdom everyday to insure that justice prevails for the citizens of the state of Georgia; and

Whereas, Justice Benham is a world renowned judicial leader, husband, father and community leader; and

Whereas, Justice Benham is the first African American to serve on the Georgia Supreme Court, and

Whereas he is a man of honor and a strong advocate of justice, education and family; and

Whereas, this wise elder and man of God has shared his time and talents for the betterment of his community and his nation and through his tireless works, words of encouragement and inspiration continues to be a beacon of light to all who know him; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Justice Robert Benham for his outstanding leadership and service to all citizens in the state of Georgia, including and especially the citizens of our district;

Now Therefore, I, HENRY. C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby proclaim February 5, 2011, as Justice Robert Benham Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, This 5th day of February, 2011.

RECOGNIZING MANASVI KOUL

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to recognize a truly inspiring student in my district—Manasvi Koul of Waxhaw. This week, Manasvi was honored with the Prudential Spirit of Community Award, a nationwide program honoring young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism.

Manasvi, a senior at Marvin Ridge High School, founded the LIVEbeyond Foundation, a nonprofit organization that educates people about becoming bone marrow donors. Through the LIVEbeyond Foundation, more than a hundred people have registered with the national Marrow Donors Program, and even more volunteers have signed up to help recruit and register potential donors.

Her mission is a personal one—four years ago, Manasvi needed a bone marrow transplant to fight an aggressive form of cancer. Unable to find a match, she had to undergo a long and risky alternative treatment program, which ultimately proved successful. Today, she recruits and trains volunteers in chapters both in the United States and in Canada in the hope that others will not have to go through the struggle she did.

Nobody chooses to get cancer, but with Manasvi's leadership, hundreds of people are

choosing to be a part of the cure. Seeing such dedication and selflessness from our country's young people truly gives me hope for the future. Manasvi's commitment to helping those with cancer is nothing short of inspirational, and it is my honor to recognize her today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, I missed the following recorded vote on the House floor the legislative day of Tuesday, February 8, 2011. Had I been present I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote #26 (on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 514).

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today our national debt is \$14,110,420,810,062.28.

On January 6, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$3,471,995,063,768.40 since then.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

HONORING JESSE AND RUTH YOUNG

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following.

Whereas, Jesse and Ruth Young are celebrating seventy years (70) in marriage today in Decatur, Georgia; and

Whereas, on September 12, 1940, because of their union then, our community today has been blessed with a family that has enhanced our District, Mr. Young as a peace officer and Mrs. Young as a housewife and caregiver, they both are instruments in our community that uplifts the spiritual, physical, economic and mental welfare of our citizens; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious man of God and this phenomenal and virtuous Proverbs 31 woman have given hope to the hopeless, fed the hungry and are beacons of light to those in need, they both have been blessed with ten wonderful children, fifteen wonderful grandchildren, twenty-eight great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren; and

Whereas, Jesse and Ruth Young are distinguished citizens of our District, they are spiritual warriors, persons of compassion, fearless leaders and servants to all, but most of all visionaries who have shared not only with their