

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF COL.
WILLIAM M. "MIKE" HIX SR.

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 27, 2011

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Colonel William M. "Mike" Hix Sr. of Falls Church, Virginia. Col. Hix died November 6, 2011, at the age of 71, and I would like to recognize his distinguished service to our intelligence community and his efforts to combat discrimination within the military.

Col. Hix was born July 1, 1940 in Fort Worth, Texas. He graduated with a B.S. in Chemistry from Texas A&M University in 1962. He and his wife, Mary, relocated to Falls Church in the late 1960s.

During his long career with the U.S. Army, Col. Hix served two tours in Vietnam, earned a M.S. in Operations Research and Systems Analysis from the University of Rochester, and served as deputy staff director of President Carter's Commission on Military Compensation. His last post was executive to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Army Intelligence in 1989. As a reflection on his dedication, skills and valor, he was awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit and a Bronze Star.

He soon began a second career as Senior Analyst and Associate Director of the Arroyo

Center at the RAND Corporation. He contributed to reports on Army personnel functions and Gulf War illnesses, assisted police departments in New Orleans and New York City, and worked to end discrimination against gays in the military. Col. Hix retired from the RAND Corporation in 2006.

He was an active member of Grace Episcopal Church in Alexandria. He leaves behind his wife of 46 years, three children, and a brother.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the accomplished life of Col. William M. "Mike" Hix Sr., expressing our gratitude to his family for his service to our nation and extending our sympathies for their loss.

TRIBUTE TO DAN TERRELL,
MAYOR OF MITCHELL, INDIANA

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

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Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great privilege as the representative of Indiana's Fourth District to rise and pay tribute to Mr. Dan Terrell, Mayor of Mitchell, Indiana.

Mayor Terrell is a man of deep civic conviction, a loving father of 6, and a devoted grandfather of 17.

Dan Terrell was born in Mitchell, Indiana, and has remained there his entire life. He has never lost the small town conservative spirit that growing up in the Heartland of America gave him.

Following his retirement from the Canadian Pacific Railroad, Dan Terrell was ready to concentrate fully on helping his hometown overcome challenges that so many small cities and towns have faced: lost businesses, sidewalks that were unsafe or non-existent, infrastructure in total disrepair, drinking water barely able to pass State regulations. During Mayor Terrell's four years in office these, and many other concerns, have not only been addressed but have been corrected. That is leadership.

Besides the tangible accomplishments, his representation of the City as he traveled throughout Indiana offered his constituents a Mayor they could be proud of. A great example of this is the fact that he chaired the Southern Indiana Mayors Roundtable, a convention of all the mayors in Indiana.

His leadership and vision will be truly missed as he leaves the Mayor's office. His love and his devotion for his hometown will continue. Mr. Speaker, it has been a true honor to stand in tribute and offer my thanks to the civic service of Mayor Dan Terrell, one of Indiana's best mayors and my close friend.

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