

HONORING THE LIFE OF ALFRED
EMIL KLINGENFUS

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, on March 10, 2011, Alfred "Al" Klingenfus of Crestwood, Kentucky passed away after a lifetime of humbly serving the people of Oldham County.

Mr. Klingenfus was born in 1918 in Crestwood, and graduated from Crestwood High School.

In addition to being a lifelong dairy farmer, he served for decades on the Oldham County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Committee and the Oldham County Zoning Appeals Board. He also played a key role in establishing the Oldham County Water District.

In 2008, Mr. Klingenfus was named one of the county's "Living Treasures" by the Oldham Era newspaper and the Oldham County Historical Society.

He was the loving husband of his wife, Etta, for more than sixty-six years, the father of five sons, the grandfather of eleven, and the great-grandfather of twelve.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Al's extended family and his many friends as they mourn his loss and celebrate his life.

IN RECOGNITION OF U.S. ARMY
MAJOR GENERAL (RETIRED)
ROBERT C. GASKILL AND U.S.
MARINE CORPS MASTER GUN-
NERY SERGEANT (RETIRED)
JOHN W. JONES JR.

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

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Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Prince William County Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and its 2011 "Salute to Veterans" Freedom Fund Banquet. U.S. Army Major General (Retired) Robert C. Gaskill and U.S. Marine Corps Master Gunnery Sergeant (Retired) John W. Jones Jr. will receive special recognition at the banquet for their service to our nation.

The NAACP was established in 1909 to eliminate racial prejudice and remove barriers of racial discrimination that prevent equal opportunity for all members of society. The Prince William County Chapter seeks to implement outreach initiatives, educational programs and victim services that address issues of discrimination in the local community. The local chapter hosts an annual Freedom Fund Banquet to raise funds to support the chapter's activities. This year, the program will honor veterans of the United States armed forces.

It is my honor to join the Prince William County Chapter of the NAACP in giving special recognition to two veterans and residents of Prince William County, Major General Gaskill and Master Gunnery Sergeant Jones.

General Gaskill was born in Yonkers, N.Y., on April 12, 1931, to John and Armania

Gaskill. The Gaskill family later moved to Arlington, Va. General Gaskill completed Reserve Officer Training as a Distinguished Military Graduate, and received a bachelor of science in business administration from Howard University in 1952. He was commissioned into one of the last all-black battalions in the United States Army. General Gaskill had a distinguished and decorated career in the Army before his retirement in 1981, to which he credits the support of his late wife Erotida Gaskill. General Gaskill is a Life Member of the NAACP, member of Unity in the Community, and an elder at his church.

Sergeant Jones was born in Memphis, Tenn., on September 3, 1930, to Mattie and John W. Jones, Sr. Sergeant Jones' mother passed away when he was nine, and he was raised by Laura Belle Jones, his father's second wife. In 1956, Sergeant Jones joined the United States Marine Corps. While in the Marine Corps, Sergeant Jones went to night school to complete his high school degree and enrolled in college courses. His service in the Corps included tours in the 1958 Lebanon Crisis and the Vietnam War. Sergeant Jones is married to the former Anne Tankins of Quantico. He is active in the NAACP and volunteers in his church, First Mount Zion Baptist Church, where he serves as Deacon Emeritus and sings in the choir.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the Prince William County Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and its 2011 "Salute to Veterans" Freedom Fund Banquet. I extend my personal appreciation to Major General U.S.A. (Retired) Robert C. Gaskill and Master Gunnery Sergeant U.S.M.C. (Retired) John W. Jones, Jr. for their service and sacrifice on behalf of our country.

EDI SHELDON TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

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Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Edi Sheldon of Walsenburg, Colorado. Ms. Sheldon worked for several years in the Huerfano County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Committee before serving as mayor of Walsenburg.

Ms. Sheldon grew up in the small town of Walsenburg before moving to Alamosa with her husband, Frank. In Alamosa, she worked on the local newspaper that her husband published. After his death, she spent a number of years publishing her own magazine in Denver.

She eventually returned to Walsenburg and became very active in the local government. She worked as the secretary for the Huerfano County Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Sheldon also sat on the local hospital board for two years. In 2005 she won her mayoral bid in the small town, and worked tirelessly advancing Walsenburg's economic interests and the prominence of her city. The commitment she had to building her community through public service is inspiring.

Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to recognize Edi Sheldon today. Her public service was exemplary and her presence can still be felt in the community.

A TRIBUTE TO EMILY MAYORGA,
29TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR—2011

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in Honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the accomplishments made by our nation's most distinguished women during the month of March.

I stand today to pay tribute to Emily Mayorga of Alhambra. A successful career woman, Emily has also always been a superb and selfless volunteer. From a very young age, Emily wanted to make a positive impact in her community. As a teenager, she volunteered at her Catholic church, and assisted her mother in numerous important projects. At the age of twelve, Emily began teaching Sunday school at the church. By, she had launched a program designed to teach adults in the church to read and write.

Emily was also committed to receiving a higher education. Upon graduating from high school, she attended California State University, Los Angeles, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. She continued her education at the University of Phoenix in Pasadena, and received a master's degree in Organizational Management.

Ms. Mayorga's career took shape at an early age. Her perseverance led her to attain various positions at the West San Gabriel Valley YMCA. What began as a summer job soon escalated into Emily holding the title of Associate General Director. After spending over two decades at the YMCA, she was hired as the Manager of Volunteers at the American Red Cross. Three years later, she was promoted to Human Resources Director. After working for the American Red Cross for four years, Emily was hired to work for the U.S. Department of Commerce/U.S. Census Bureau for one year as Assistant Manager for Recruiting. Ms. Mayorga supervised nearly twenty full-time employees, where her team recruited and tested over nine thousand individuals in the San Gabriel Valley for the 2010 Census.

Emily's accomplishments in the community are many. Ms. Mayorga joined the Soroptimist Club of Alhambra-San Gabriel-San Marino over a decade ago, and has served as President twice. From 1995 to 2000, Emily served as a spokesperson for the San Gabriel Valley United Way, and became a Board Member of the Alhambra Educational Foundation from 2004 to 2007. Currently, Emily serves as a delegate for the Soroptimist Club and as an Auxiliary Board Member for the Alhambra Retirement Community. Moreover, she is also a tireless volunteer for the Tzu-Chi Foundation and the Alhambra Public Library.

I ask all members to join me today in honoring an outstanding woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Emily Mayorga, for her exceptional service to the community.

A TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT
RICHARD "DICK" SULLIVAN, USMC

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a fellow United States Marine, Mr. Richard "Dick" Sullivan, who died at the age of 79 on Thursday, February 3, 2011, from complications of lung cancer. Mr. Sullivan was part of a generation of Marines that, still to this day, all Marines continue to uphold as some of the greatest ever to wear a uniform and call themselves leathernecks.

Mr. Sullivan grew up in Colorado Springs, CO, and enlisted in the Marine Corps at 17 years of age. Sergeant Sullivan bravely served his country as a machine gunner in the Korean War, alongside the other Marines of 1st Marine Division, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, George Company. With George Company, Sergeant Sullivan fought in Seoul, Inchon, and the historic Battle of Chosin Reservoir—where Marines faced incredible odds and demonstrated amazing tenacity and grit against a formidable enemy.

Just like many of the Marines that survived the Chosin Reservoir campaign, Mr. Sullivan considers those 17 days of fighting as the most important days of his service to the nation. In the period between November 27th and December 13, 1950, the United National troops, which were nicknamed the Chosin Few under the command of Major General Edward Almond, were surrounded by as many as 100,000 Chinese troops.

Fighting in extremely cold temperatures that reached -35 degrees below Fahrenheit, Sergeant Sullivan engaged the enemy on frozen ground and persevered frostbite, limited supplies and weapon malfunctions. The military historian Patrick K. O'Donnell highlights the valor of George Company in his book "Give Me Tomorrow," by detailing how a small group of Marines, against all odds, made five separate stands against enemy units despite being severely outnumbered.

During a critical point in combat, George Company put together a task force to break through to Haguaru-ri. George Company went down an 11-mile stretch of road, which became a shooting gallery. The Chinese had the high ground and started peppering vehicles with machine guns, bazookas and mortars. Many of their 150 vehicles were destroyed and over half the company was either captured or killed.

Mr. Donnell states in his book that if the task force would not have taken the initiative to advance their position to Haguaru-ri, then the 1st Marine Division would not have been able to consolidate at Chosin Reservoir. There is a good chance the United States would have lost the Korean War.

Thanks to George Company, the 1st Marine Division did consolidate their forces and managed to decimate 10 Chinese infantry divisions in its fighting withdrawal eastward to the North Korean port of Hungnam. The fighting withdrawal of the 1st Marine Division from the Chosin Reservoir is considered one of the greatest moments in the history of the Navy, the Marine Corps and the British Royal Marines.

Mr. Sullivan was honorably discharged from the United States Marine Corps on August 1, 1952.

Over the next four decades, Mr. Sullivan worked for Ronson Hydraulic Units and Sargent Aerospace. After retirement, Mr. Sullivan was very active in Arizona's Leisure World. He renewed his love of golf playing at Heron Lakes with the men's club on Mondays, the Donut League on Wednesdays, with friends on Thursdays at the Nine Hole, and always played on Saturdays. In the final year of his life, chemotherapy treatments never kept him from indulging in his favorite sport of golf. Even while he served on Leisure World's Architectural Committee for a number of years, his heart was always with other Marines who lived in Leisure World. He was instrumental in keeping the celebration of the United States Marine Corps birthday on November 10th by being involved with an annual dinner, a welcome back party in September and a barbeque at the close of the season in April.

Although he only spent four years in the Marine Corps, his mind and body were always with the United States Marines. He was proud of the fact that wherever he went, he would always meet up with another Marine, giving and receiving the recognizable hello of those who served in the Corps. He is survived by his wife, Sydele E. Milgrim and his sons Rick Sullivan of Mesa, AZ and Stuart Sullivan of Redmond, WA.

Mr. Sullivan is truly an inspiration, embodying the honor and tradition of the Marine Corps and its motto of *Semper Fidelis*. And I ask that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to such a fine American, who we all owe a debt of gratitude.

ANNA MAE RAEL-LINDSAY TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

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Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, it is important for me to stand in tribute and praise the ongoing educational career of Anna Mae Rael-Lindsay. Mrs. Rael-Lindsay continues to enlighten and enrich the lives of others through her relentless dedication to her students, Trinidad State Junior College, and southern Colorado.

Anna Mae Rael-Lindsay was born and raised in the San Luis Valley, and her large tightly knit family put a premium on education and hard work. After graduating from Adams State College, Mrs. Rael-Lindsay started in Rocky Ford Public Schools, and never looked back from there. Never losing sight of her roots, it was not long before Mrs. Rael-Lindsay was back in the San Luis Valley, teaching at the Trinidad State Junior College's Alamosa Campus. Anna Mae Rael-Lindsay is now the director of the learning resource center at TSJC's Alamosa Campus, which specializes in adult basic education, general education development tests, and English as a second language classes. This allows her the chance to stress the importance of a complete education to countless students who might not otherwise understand all the opportunities that a degree provides. For her decades of hard work, Anna Mae Rael-Lindsay has rightfully earned the honor of Trinidad State's Employee of the Year.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Rael-Lindsay is an inspirational educator who has dedicated her professional life to improving the lives of those around her, and the livelihood of her community. It has been an honor to rise in tribute to the scholarly career of Anna Mae Rael-Lindsay.

HONORING DR. ELNORA HAMB, DR.
BARBARA SHAW, DR. JAMESINA
EVANS

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

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Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the work and legacy of three phenomenal women for their service to the organizations that they serve and their efforts to eliminate health disparities in their communities. Dr. Elnora Hamb, International President of the Women's Missionary Council, The Christian Methodist Episcopal Church (CME); Dr. Barbara Shaw, International President of the Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society, The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church (AMEZ); and Dr. Jamesina Evans, International President, Women's Missionary Society, The African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME) simultaneously served in their respective roles for eight years and collectively served over seven million members worldwide—including members in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

These women and their respective organizations serve as examples of how community champions are helping our country to achieve health equity. Seeing the deleterious effect of health conditions such as HIV and cervical cancer on their congregants, these women took unprecedented action to help eliminate health disparities in their community. As a result of the transformative leadership of these women, each organization entered into an innovative partnership with the Balm in Gilead, Inc. to address the health concerns of black women, focusing attention on issues disproportionately impacting the community, and developing the organizational capacity of each denomination to utilize its existing structures to deliver HIV services and other programs addressing health disparities that have long disproportionately affected African American communities. This partnership represents the first time that any black church denomination has partnered with a national technical assistance organization to implement and deliver public health strategies to the African American community.

The leadership of these phenomenal women has resulted in thousands of women and men receiving education and interventions in areas of HIV/AIDS, cervical cancer, and other health disparities. For example, each Missionary Society has established an office of a National Health Director whose purpose is to coordinate health promotion and disease prevention throughout the denomination. Further each Missionary Society has utilized their information organs to distribute critical information on HIV, cervical cancer, and other health issues which has reached readers worldwide. Additionally, each Missionary Society offers HIV testing and workshops on-site at their annual leadership trainings and many of their affiliated