

Virginia State Police Senior Trooper David R. Gray has served the Virginia Department of State Police for 12 years. During his tenure, Trooper Gray has done an outstanding job as a breath alcohol testing operator, a firearms instructor and a field training officer. As a member of the department's crash reconstruction team, Trooper Gray actively assisted with fatal crash investigations and his extensive knowledge in crash investigations and his devotion to training academy members and newer troopers has gained him notoriety with the force. For these reasons, Trooper Gray is often sought out after for his expertise. He continues to serve his community and mentor to his fellow troopers with professionalism.

Sergeant Brian Rosenberry has served the Clarke County Sheriff's Office since 1985, where he began as road deputy. Now, as court services sergeant, Sergeant Rosenberry provides for the safety and security of all of the courts in Clarke County, is responsible for civil processes in the office, as well as budgeting procedures, scheduling and supervising personnel. He was also responsible for establishing a new evidence storage unit and the successful maintenance of other operating procedures. His commitment to the citizens of Clarke County is displayed through his willingness to serve at the sheriff's office and his countless hours as a volunteer firefighter.

Deputy Tonya M. Kittoe is the school resource officer for the Frederick County Sheriff's Department at Millbrook High School. In addition to her work at Millbrook High School, she is also a dedicated counselor for the Frederick County Sheriff's Office Youth Camp. Before becoming a counselor, Deputy Kittoe served as the secretary for the Frederick County Sheriff's Office Youth Camp, as well as the activities director. As part of the accreditation team at the sheriff's office, Deputy Kittoe played a pivotal role in the office's initial accreditation and again this summer during re-accreditation. Deputy Kittoe's service at the Frederick County Sheriff's Office is greatly appreciated.

Sergeant John R. Austin has served the Winchester Sheriff's Department where he oversees the courthouse and other security operations. Sergeant Austin began his career in law enforcement in 1967 in Prince George's County, Maryland before working at the State Department and the Pentagon. Sergeant Austin is an expert at working with contractors, alarm companies and other issues with the joint judicial center, judges, clerks and deputies and was instrumental in serving the sheriff's office during its accreditation process and was always ready to assist in any way he could. On November 30, 2012, Sergeant Austin retired from his post at the Winchester Sheriff's Department, but his attention to detail and extensive knowledge will be missed. We appreciate his dedicated service to our community.

Major David White served a 33 year career with the Winchester Police Department, where he first started as a dispatcher in 1979. Since he became a police officer on the force in 1982, Major White quickly moved up and earned the admiration of his peers. Over the years, he served as polygraph examiner and training officer and also trained in forensic science and command staff. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. During a time of change at the Winchester Police Department from 2007–2010,

Major White served as an interim Chief of Police. Major White's patience and leadership during times of adversity at the Winchester Police Department helped the department continue its responsibilities as one of the best police organizations in the country. In October 2012, Major White retired from the police department, but he will always be a committed role model and a mentor to many.

Master Patrol Officer Mark F. Castle has served the Berryville Police Department since 2006. He constantly strives to strengthen the department by attending numerous training programs and achieving certifications as a firearms instructor, National Rifle Association instructor, field training officer and police cyclist. Officer Castle has incorporated a variety of drills into the normally static firearms training at the department to aid officers in real-life situations and has helped increase the number of training sessions per year. His constant effort and dedication to bettering the force has gained Officer Castle notoriety among his peers. His service and willingness to share his knowledge with his co-workers is greatly appreciated.

Correctional Officer Michelle See began her career at the Northwestern Regional Adult Detention Center in July 2005. She began as a housing unit security officer, where she supervised more than 50 inmates on a routine basis and has recently been promoted to field training officer. Officer See has worked at several different posts at the regional jail, including community correction, visitation, main control and booking. She is known for often working several posts in one shift, which is something that few officers at her level can successfully perform. Her versatility is an important asset to the team and she was recently nominated for employee of the quarter for her determination and loyalty. Officer See has seldom requested to take a shift off and often comes to work early without claiming the time. Her consistent teamwork and professionalism enables Officer See to work extremely well with the public as well as civilian and sworn staff alike.

The Horseshoe Curve Benevolent Association, organized in 1997, has been honoring law enforcement officers since 2004. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize these officers for their courage, strength and service to the Tenth District of Virginia.

IN RECOGNITION OF JAMES W.
COON

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 12, 2012

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege and honor to recognize James W. Coon, who is retiring after 25 years of distinguished service to the United States House of Representatives.

As the Staff Director of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Jim's leadership, knowledge and counsel have been invaluable to me and other Members of the Committee and this body. Over the years, he has helped guide important pieces of legislation through Congress and to the President for signature, including a major surface transportation bill that will reform and improve our Nation's highway and bridge programs, a long-

stalled and critical aviation reform bill, legislation to authorize the programs of the United States Coast Guard, a bill to improve federal pipeline safety programs, and a measure to protect U.S. sovereignty from a European Union attempt to unlawfully tax our domestic air carriers and operators.

Jim regularly and expertly navigated a difficult political atmosphere and helped ensure, through his untiring efforts and excellent leadership, that good, sound legislation was passed for the benefit of the American people. His in-depth understanding of the legislative process and ability to work with those of all political stripes are unique and respected here in the Congress.

Before I asked Jim to become the Committee's Republican Staff Director in 2006, he also advised me and other Members of the Committee in his capacity as the Subcommittee on Aviation Majority Staff Director.

In addition, Jim served as a Professional Staff member on the Subcommittee on Aviation from 1995 to 1998. Prior to his work on the Transportation Committee, he served as the Legislative Director to Congressman JOHN J. DUNCAN, Jr. (R-TN) from 1989 to 1994, and he was a Legislative Assistant to Representative Robert F. (Bob) Smith (R-OR) from 1983 to 1989. Jim's illustrious career also includes experience in the private sector where he held positions as director of government affairs for both The Boeing Company and the Air Transport Association, where he helped develop legislation to stabilize the airline industry following the tragic terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

His service to his Country goes beyond the halls of Congress and includes 12 years as an Infantry Officer in the U.S. Army Reserves and the Virginia Army National Guard where he attained the rank of Captain.

But of all Jim's accomplishments, I know he would tell you that he is most proud of his family—his beautiful wife Sara and their three children, Harrison, Caroline, and David. Jim and I often spoke about our families and the importance of faith, family, and Country, which were values instilled in him by his parents, David and Maureen.

In January, Jim will be ending a remarkable career here in the House and will be joining the National Air Transportation Association (NATA) as Executive Vice President. Jim has an even brighter future ahead of him, and I know he will be just as successful as he has been here in the people's House. He can be proud of his achievements and the commitment he has shown to public service. Above all, he has been a true and loyal friend and I will miss him very much.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and all of our colleagues to join me in thanking Jim Coon for his 25 years of service to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, the Congress, and the Nation.

HONORING THE LIFE OF THOMAS
JOSEPH

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 12, 2012

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, during the Christmas Season we remember people far

and near and reminisce about those who are no longer with us. I rise to remember Tom Joseph.

Of one fact I am sure, Tom Joseph passed from this life a very happy man. What a mountain of a human being! What a life force for GOOD! Tom was a born leader—for his family, his chosen profession, for our community and country. He achieved milestones . . . and he left them with us—in his children and loved ones; in the Plumbers & Pipefitters Training Center which his vision and zeal inspired and built; in the form of Frontpath, a transformative health care institution that exists and has helped thousands of citizens obtain more affordable health care because he made it possible. He was one-of-a-kind . . . just brimming with talent and inventiveness. He gave our community backbone!

Words that describe Tom Joseph: rare, strong, loving, good, fierce, free, solid, fun, wise, loyal. Words that capture his essence: ingenious, unselfish, superlative, irrepressible, indefatigable, hospitable, hilarious, irreverent, effective, analytical, creative, extraordinary.

Tom Joseph was a leader of laboring men and women. He dedicated his life as a builder—of family, of friendships, and enduring institutions of community that create a better life for the people of our country. It is not inappropriate to say he was a real Democrat—he felt it to his core and lived it. It did not come as a surprise to me to read in Tom's obituary that he asked donations to be sent to FreeSpeech.org and Habitat for Humanity.

Tom Joseph was Everyman. He lived life large and deeply. His voice was booming . . . you always knew when Tom was in the room. He was always concerned about others, never missed an opportunity to help others in any way he could.

Yet, his absolute first priority was his family. Terri and Tom's life is a love story: they met on a school bus and at 14, she knew she would marry him. Together they raised Angela, Heather and Daniel, and welcomed grandchildren. Through joy and sorrow Terri and Tom were committed to each other, to their children and grandchildren, to parents and siblings and friends. What a rare privilege to have shared a friendship with this extraordinary man. We are all bettered by our association with him. What he gave us will never die. Truly, Tom Joseph was a man for others. And that is no small feat.

Tom Joseph's legacy: what he gave to his family, his union, his community and country, immortalizes the words of newspaperman and labor activist William Cahn, "The history of America has been largely created by the deeds of its working people and their organizations. Nor has this contribution been confined to raising wages and bettering work conditions; it has been fundamental to almost every effort to extend and strengthen our democracy."

TO SUCH NEW HEIGHTS IN HONOR
OF NEIL ARMSTRONG AND HIS
LIFE

HON. JEAN SCHMIDT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 12, 2012

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of and in tribute to, a great American hero from my district in Ohio, Neil Armstrong.

As humble as the day is long, his life of courage and exploration will live on. I submit this poem penned in his honor, by Albert Caswell "To Such New Heights."

TO SUCH NEW HEIGHTS

To . . .
To Such New Heights!
All in your most courageous humble life,
Neil, as you have soared!
All up upon your most heroic course, as you
so set forth to take flight!
As none before had done!
To higher places, to where such souls of
honor now so grace us . . .
So grace us with but all of their courage all
the more, to so take flight and move
onward so boldly forth!
Ah, to walk upon the moon!
To far off and most distant shores!
As have you so come and gone,
but to so cast out your most brilliant light
as formed!
To so bless our world, all with exploration's
golden glow in sight so very warm!
To such places, where such fine hearts of
honor so ignite us, and so await us to
so live on!
As Neil you were off!
All in what your most heroic life to us has
taught!
As to our world what you have so brought!
As we so look back now all in such awe, as
we so reflect upon what we so saw!
As You So Soared!
To Such New Heights as none had done so be-
fore . . .
All for Women and Mankind's very futures to
so insure!
'Ah, to walk upon the moon!
As you were gone!
Upward and onward, so far . . . far . . .
and beyond, all now so etched in his-
tory living on!
To Soar!
All in explorations quest which so lies be-
fore!
'Ah, To walk upon the moon!
'Ah, a dream as old as Mankind from out of
the womb . . .
"That's one step for man, one giant leap for
Mankind!"
Creating such a Buzz, as Collins your safe re-
turn home so ensured . . .
As out to all hearts you would so implore!
And as a freedom fighter who, for all of us so
fought for!
His parent's pride, a loving husband at his
wife's side, his children's hero and deli-
ght as so adored . . .
And a Patriot for America and in The United
States Air Force, who so fought in The
Korean War!
Not The Forgotten One for sure!
And as a test pilot, but living all out on that
very edge!
That edge of death, where so many of your
magnificent brothers lives where so
lost and pledged!
Who with their courage and sacrifice our na-
tion so blessed!
And to space that final frontier . . .
And back and forth all in what was so said
here!
As ever in your life Neil,
To Such New Heights as you have so sped
and pioneered!
To Such New Frontiers!
Armed with but only your most uncommon
heart of valor, that which so led all
without fear!
'Ah, to walk upon the moon!
Was but something that within Mankind you
said, that which you so said so makes
them so strive for . . .
As you were as humble as the day was long,
as you would never bath in the celeb-
rity of the moonlight's sweet song!

Moving quietly forth, all with your heart
and soul, body and mind, and ARM-
STRONG!

As now ever my son you shall so live on

With names like Columbus and Marco Polo,
all in search of discovery as born . . .
All because of where your fine heart has
come and gone!

To New Such Heights, to such places where
only magnificent men and women of
honor, so belong!

So belong!

As to this very day so way up there, but lie
still your footsteps upon that moon
once so formed!

As in my heart your words,
I can so hear now so living on!

"That's one step for man, and one giant leap
for Mankind". . . all in that moment
as was so born!

For as long as America has but such blessed
son's!

And daughters as these ones!

Who to her, will so give their most heroic
hearts and souls to discovery to run!

Who, so selflessly do what must so be done!
All in that quest To But Be The Best,

To Such New Heights as won . . .

Then,

To Such New Heights we will all so come!

So Soar!

As upon this earth Neil, your time with us
has so brought forth!

And so taken us,

To Such New Heights and New Frontiers,
that which to you so soared!

With your heart and soul, body and mind,
and ARMSTRONG all the more!

'Ah, but to walk upon that moon!

CELEBRATING THE 98TH BIRTH-
DAY OF THE VILLAGE OF HAR-
LEM'S BELOVED GERTRUDE
HADLEY JEANNETTE

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 12, 2012

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 98th Birthday of Harlem's be-
loved cultural icon, Gertrude Hadley
Jeannette, which occurred on November 28,
2012. Gertrude Hadley Jeannette, playwright,
producer, director, and actress of the stage
and screen was born in Urbana, Arkansas on
November 28, 1914, to Willis Lawrence Had-
ley and Salley Gertrude Crawford Hadley.

Gertrude Hadley was raised in Arkansas
where she attended Dunbar High School in
Little Rock. Just before her high school grad-
uation, Gertrude decided that she wanted to
get married instead of attending Fisk Univer-
sity, as she had previously planned. Gertrude
Hadley and Joe Jeannette, II, a prizefighter
and the president of the Harlem Dusters, a
motorcycle club, eloped to New York City in
1934.

In 1935, Gertrude Hadley Jeannette became
the first woman to get a license to drive a mo-
torcycle. In 1942, because of the shortage of
male taxicab drivers caused by the World War
II, she became the first woman to drive a cab
in New York City. During that time, Gertrude
decided to further her education. She took
bookkeeping classes in the basement of Aby-
sinian Baptist Church, and speech classes at
the American Negro Theatre in order to rem-
edy her speech impediments.