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IN MEMORIAM OF ANDREW
BREITBART

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 5, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, last week we lost a true patriot for the conservative cause, Andrew Breitbart. Mr. Breitbart was a pioneer in conservative activist media and dedicated much of his life to exposing media bias and keeping the media honest.

Mr. Breitbart started his own news aggregation site, Breitbart.com, and five other websites, including Big Journalism.

In February 2010, Mr. Breitbart received the Reed Irvine Accuracy in Media Award.

Andrew Breitbart recently wrote a new conclusion to his book, *Righteous Indignation*:

I love my job. I love fighting for what I believe in. I love having fun while doing it. I love reporting stories that the Complex refuses to report. . . .

Three years ago, I was mostly a behind-the-scenes guy who linked to stuff on a very popular website. I always wondered what it would be like to enter the public realm to fight for what I believe in. I've lost friends, perhaps dozens. But I've gained hundreds, thousands—who knows?—of allies. At the end of the day, I can look at myself in the mirror, and I sleep very well at night.

He was a tireless patriot and will truly be missed by many.

RECOGNIZING WPX ENERGY

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 5, 2012

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate a new independent exploration & production company in my Congressional District that specializes in natural gas, oil and natural gas liquids from shale and other unconventional resources.

WPX Energy, based in Tulsa, Oklahoma, was launched on January 1, 2012. This new multi-billion dollar company is headquartered in Tulsa, Oklahoma, with 1200 employees around the country: Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico, Texas, North Dakota, and Pennsylvania. This is a new venture that will produce U.S.-based fuels and U.S.-based jobs.

I know many of their employees personally. They are enthusiastic to get started and proud to work in the U.S. oil & gas industry, a very competitive and technologically-advanced sector of our economy. Although the company is only weeks old, they have decades of experience leading a top-ten U.S. producer of natural gas. Previously, WPX Energy was a wholly owned subsidiary of Williams, the renowned pipeline company. With the growing success of its exploration & production, WPX spun-off to become a separate, stand-alone company at the end of 2011.

Like many new companies, the WPX management team is energetic and innovative, but they are also seasoned by decades of man-

aging a top ten U.S. energy producer. Additionally, WPX has received more than two dozen national, State, local and industry awards for responsible energy development.

Our economy is still going through hard times and our Nation faces an unemployment rate of more than 8 percent. Many industries and companies in our country have been downsizing and struggling for a variety of reasons. It is critical that we highlight successful companies that are growing and making contributions to our economy and energy security. WPX is one of these success stories and I am proud that they chose to call Tulsa, Oklahoma home.

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SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 1, 2012

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise, with so many others today, to note the upcoming anniversary of the infamous "Bloody Sunday" on March 7, 1965—the civil rights march in Selma, Alabama, where over 500 demonstrators were met with violence—billyclubs, tear gas, and horses—by the local sheriff deputies and state troopers at the Edmund Pettus Bridge.

Speaking from this distance, 47 years later, it's hard to imagine the day-to-day reality of Selma, the seat of Dallas County, Alabama, where the 1960 census showed that the population was 57% black, over 80% of them living in poverty. With 15,000 voting-age blacks in the County, only 130 were registered to vote.

Against that backdrop, civil rights organizers—including our own beloved colleague JOHN LEWIS—had been attempting to register more blacks to vote.

On July 2, 1964, President Lyndon Johnson signed the Civil Rights act of 1964 declaring segregation illegal.

On July 6, 1964, JOHN LEWIS led 50 black residents to the Dallas County Courthouse—on one of the two days per month that registration was allowed. The county sheriff arrested those fifty people rather than allow them to register.

And on July 9, 1964, a local judge issued an injunction which forbid any gathering of three or more people under the sponsorship of civil rights organizations, and made it illegal to even talk to more than two people at a time about civil rights or voter registration in Selma.

On January 2, 1965, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King defied that injunction, speaking to a mass meeting in the Brown Chapel, launching the Selma Voting Rights Movement.

Mr. Speaker, the Selma Marches—"Bloody Sunday" was the first of three—shifted American public opinion on the Civil Rights Movement.

President Johnson presented what would become the Voting Rights Act in this chamber in March, 1965, speaking to a Joint Session of Congress. And after the Voting Rights Act was passed and signed into law that August, more than 7,000 blacks were added to the voter

rolls in Selma—and millions more across the United States in the decades since.

So it is only right that we mark this anniversary today. I will be in Selma this weekend to help commemorate the brave men and women who took a stand against bigotry then, and am especially proud to serve in this body today.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
WILLIAM EVANS

HON. JERRY MCNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 5, 2012

Mr. MCNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, today I ask my friends and colleagues to join me in honoring William Evans, who passed away on February 25, 2012 at the age of 75.

Public service was an important part of Bill's life. He served in the U.S. Air Force as a navigator in B-47s and C-141s. In his service with Strategic Air Command, he stood guard against the Soviet threat so his fellow Americans could be secure. When assigned to the Military Airlift Command, he flew regular missions into Vietnam, delivering the supplies necessary to support our troops and bringing home those who had fallen. Bill was a graduate of the Air War College, received recognition for his contributions to the Skylab project, and was awarded the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal.

In his civilian career, Bill continued his work safeguarding America by bringing his technical expertise to the guidance of our reconnaissance satellites and interpreting the data they sent back. After retirement, Bill served as a volunteer English teacher in Poland and was a Eucharistic minister for his church. He even learned to be a brakeman as a volunteer with the Niles Canyon Railway.

Bill was an active member of the Tri-Valley community who cared deeply about his fellow citizens. He served his community and his fellow veterans as a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298 in Pleasanton, California.

Bill was also a highly valued and respected member of my Air Force Academy nomination committee. Bill took a keen interest in helping patriotic young people succeed in their aspirations to serve our nation. Bill was an excellent judge of character, and because of his efforts, the 11th District of California produced more than its share of Air Force Academy cadets.

Bill had a tremendous intellect and exemplary character. He was a gentleman in the truest sense of the word. He will be dearly missed by his friends and by the members of our community. I ask you to join me in honoring his life and his service to our great nation.

HONORING NANCY KAY JUDKINS

HON. CORY GARDNER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 5, 2012

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. Speaker, Nancy Kay Judkins was born in Amarillo, Texas, to Burnell Campbell and James Roy Judkins on October 18, 1946. When she was four, her sister Peggy arrived, and there began a

sweet, abiding, lifelong bond. Then, only 8 years into her childhood, she contracted polio. At this early age, an inner strength and fortitude arose in her which was to define Nancy throughout her life.

Throughout her upbringing, Nancy was an honor student and was recognized for academic excellence. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Medical Technology at North Texas State University and went on to work at Baylor Hospital and Dallas/Fort Worth Medical Center for many years before moving to Salt Lake City where she worked for Asarco as a Laboratory Supervisor. Almost four years ago, she and Peggy moved to Colorado to be closer to family living there.

Among many of Nancy's passions were the arts—especially the theater. She worked backstage for many theatrical productions and loved musical theater above all else. Some of her favorite shows included "The Fantasticks," "Brigadoon," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Showboat," "Kiss Me Kate," and "Yankee Doodle Dandy." She collected a variety of music including classical, ragtime, show tunes, and jazz, and learned to play the piano herself as a young adult.

Her love of words was reflected in her large book collection—from Austen to Whitman, Shakespeare to Safire, Twain to Thurber. She delighted in the Harry Potter stories, as well as stories of murder and intrigue. There was hardly a time in Nancy's life when she was without a feline friend or two, and she adored her sweet Maggie dog. She had a fascination with Germany; and after studying the language, she traveled there several times. Italy, London, and a cruise to the Caribbean were also on her list of travels.

Her love and connection to her family were never so strong as when she began an interest in genealogy and became the family historian. She spent countless hours tracing the family's ancestors' lives and traveled to many of the places they lived and died.

Nancy loved red hats, anything chocolate, irises in the spring, puzzles, popcorn, and the color purple. She loved Chaplin, Egyptology, Monet and O'Keefe. She loved so much and so many and was so loved in return. Her gentle strength and quiet courage inspired so many. She lived a difficult and challenging life with grace and dignity.

We honor her today for all the gifts she gave and all the wonderful ways she expressed her beautiful soul.

Nancy passed on January 28, 2012, in Fort Collins, Colorado.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 5, 2012

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 92, 93, 94, I was unavoidably detained.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 65TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF DOUGLAS AND KATIE JO MEDDERS

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 5, 2012

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to a very special occasion today—the 65th wedding anniversary of Douglas and Katie Jo Medders. This event will take place on March 15th, but family and friends are celebrating the event on March 17, 2012.

Douglas and Katie Jo were married in Anniston in 1947 and had three children, Douglas Wayne, Danny and Pamela. The Medders have lived in Anniston all their lives.

Although now retired, Douglas worked at Lee Brass for 43 years retiring in 1990 and Katie Jo owned KaPam Beauty Shop for 28 years until her retirement. They are the proud grandparents of eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

I salute this lovely couple on the 65th year of their life together and join their friends and family in honoring them on this special occasion.

200TH ANNIVERSARY OF RALEIGH'S FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 5, 2012

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Raleigh's First Baptist Church on the occasion of its bicentennial celebration.

First Baptist is a pillar of the Raleigh community, with a history of prophetic witness and community service. For 200 years, it has been a spiritual home to successive generations in Raleigh and beyond, a place of learning and teaching, a place of faith and sustenance, and a place of commitment to a just society.

The church was founded in 1812 by a congregation of 23 members—14 black and 9 white—who had come to the State Capitol to hear Rev. Robert Daniel. At that time, the city of Raleigh had about 1,000 residents but not a single church building. The new congregation was dubbed Raleigh Baptist Church. At first, members met at the State Capitol, but church facilities were soon built, and, for the next 56 years, Raleigh Baptist Church was a unique multiracial assembly that reached more than 400 members.

Following the Civil War, the church's black membership, about half the congregation at the time, asked for and received permission to establish a new congregation, which was initially organized as First Colored Baptist Church. It was under these auspices that the church settled in its current location on South Wilmington Street, completing the church building early in the 20th century and ultimately becoming First Baptist. The remaining members of Raleigh Baptist Church retained the sanctuary on South Salisbury Street, just a few blocks away, and also became known as First Baptist.

The Rev. William Warwick, a Philadelphia native, was the first African-American pastor at First Baptist, leading the flock from 1867 to 1874 and establishing the Miles School, whose students were later absorbed into the public schools. The seventh pastor was Dr. Oscar S. Bullock, who, through the purchase of a bus in 1925, pioneered a program of church-provided transportation to ensure children and adults could attend Sunday school. Dr. Charles Ward led the church for a long period in the mid-20th century, from 1959 through 1988. He was a prominent leader in the NAACP and oversaw the construction of a housing development for low-income members of the community. He was nearing the end of his ministry when I first ran for Congress in 1986, and I will always be grateful for his counsel and encouragement.

In addition to Dr. Ward, I've been honored to work with several of First Baptist's other pastors during my time representing the Triangle. The Rev. Nathaniel O. Boykin and Dr. Isaac B. Horton led the church in interim capacities after the death of Dr. Ward in 1988. Since 1996, Dr. Dumas Alexander Harshaw, Jr. has led the church into a new era with his powerful preaching and teaching and a strong record of service to the broader community. Under Dr. Harshaw's guidance, the church has added an early Sunday service, purchased additional property and built an adjacent Family Life Center. Giving by the approximately 800 members recently surpassed the \$1 million mark. From daycare and after-school programs to weekly meals for the homeless, job workshops for the unemployed, and substance abuse counseling, First Baptist continues to strengthen the community.

This week the successor congregations of Raleigh Baptist Church will celebrate their bicentennial with a joint party at the place of their birth, the State Capitol. While they remain distinct these churches share the honor of being the first religious community of any denomination in Raleigh.

Mr. Speaker, the two hundredth anniversary of the founding of Raleigh Baptist Church and the continued witness of these congregations merits recognition by this body. In particular, I look forward to celebrating this milestone on Saturday night with Dr. Harshaw and his flock, to whom I will bring the good wishes of my colleagues.

HONORING HONOR FLIGHT
CHICAGO

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 5, 2012

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Honor Flight Chicago's commitment to serving our nation's World War II veterans.

Honor Flight Chicago began in 2008 when Mary Pettinato, Jeanmarie Kapp, Nancy Kapp, and Suzanne Stanits decided to make an important difference in the lives of World War II veterans. While our country has honored the sacrifices of our veterans by building memorials in Washington, D.C., many of these veterans are not able to make the trip to see the monuments dedicated to their service.

These four extraordinary women seized the opportunity to expand the Honor Flight Network's national mission to the Chicago area.