

She graduated from West Tech High School in 1966.

Throughout her life Katie was known as a compassionate soul that dedicated her life to those less fortunate. She worked tirelessly as a case worker for the Cuyahoga County Welfare Department for 25 years.

In addition to her work, Katie was a long-time volunteer and advocate for the LGBT community. She worked with the Northern Ohio CoDA Intergroup (NOCI) for decades arranging events and fundraisers to benefit the marginalized and disenfranchised of Northeast Ohio.

I offer my condolences to her brothers, John, Bill (Margie), Eddie and Marty (Mary); as well as her nieces, nephews and many friends.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the memory of Kathleen "Katie" Devring.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF JOHN T. FISHER II (JOHN T.)

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of John T. Fisher II, an unsung hero of the Civil Rights Movement. John T. was born on February 10, 1934 and became a community leader who spent his life working on racial equality in Memphis, Tennessee and around the world.

John T. Fisher II earned his Bachelor of Science in Commerce from the University of Virginia. Afterwards he entered into Officer training with the U.S. Marine Corps. After serving two years as a Marine in Okinawa, Japan, he returned to Memphis and assumed the presidency of the John T. Fisher Motor Company which was founded by his grandfather in 1907 and was one of the original Chrysler franchises in the country. By 1968, John T. operated a highly successful car dealership and once sold a car to Elvis Presley. Even so, he risked his reputation by being one of the few white businessmen to support the sanitation strike that brought Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to Memphis. In the days after the assassination of Dr. King, John T. did not hesitate in trying to bring the Memphis community together. Working with clergy members and professionals of all races, he invited all members of the community, regardless of race, to join in a peace rally called "Memphis Cares," which 6,000 people attended.

Mr. Fisher's ethical and religious convictions took him to work with the Council of World Churches in Geneva, Switzerland where he worked with the Faith and Society Committee and the Finance Committee. His task was to lead the divestment of all World Council financial holdings in South African companies that supported apartheid. This work moved him across Europe where he attended seminars and coordinated meetings with the World Council and eventually was asked to be a delegate to the 5th Assembly of World Council of Churches in Nairobi, Kenya in 1975.

In 2001, at age 67, John T. accepted a post at the Regional Medical Center at Memphis as Vice President for Development where he

oversaw the MED Foundation. During his time there, he was credited with raising millions of dollars for the MED and was influential in building The Rehabilitation Hospital of Memphis (RHM). Today, RHM delivers comprehensive acute care, inpatient rehabilitation and outpatient treatment. RHM is a complement to the Elvis Presley Memorial Trauma Center, the Firefighters Regional Burn Center and serves the same five-state region in which the MED serves.

John T. Fisher II remained deeply committed to the community. He served as Chapter's Warden and Bishop's Warden at St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Board of Advisors at St. Mary's Episcopal School, and on the boards of the Memphis Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Memphis Arts Council, the Better Business Bureau, the Committee of Southern Churchmen, the Center for Urban Ministry, and the Wake Forest University Divinity School Board of Visitors. In addition to these responsibilities, he was a founding director of the Metropolitan Inter-Faith Association (MIFA). Today MIFA continues to unite the Memphis community and address the challenges of poverty by engaging the community to sustain the independence of seniors, transform the lives of families in crisis, and equip teens for success.

John T. will be remembered for his many contributions and accomplishments. Those who knew him best will also remember him for his collection of "words to live by," which he kept in his wallet to reference at any time and any place. Some of his favorite quotes were "Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men's blood," ". . . Leadership is the willingness to state an opinion, the motivation to commit to a project, and the ability to make difficult choices . . ." and "quality is never an accident; it is always the result of intelligent effort." He used these quotes to reflect upon vision, leadership and quality, all of which embodied his lifelong work.

John T. Fisher II passed away on Friday, December 30, 2011, at 77 years of age. He is survived by his wife, Jean Carter Fisher, his three children: Jean Kelley Fisher, Suzannah Fisher Ragen, and John T. Fisher III, five grandchildren, his sister, Billie Fisher Carr Houghton and close mentor, Lewis Donelson of Memphis.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the many accomplishments and contributions of John T. Fisher II. His was a life well-lived.

HONORING CAPTAIN LOUIE A. WRIGHT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Captain Louie A. Wright on his retirement as President of the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 42.

A self-made man from humble beginnings, Louie graduated from Ruskin Heights High School and joined the Kansas City Fire Department in 1972. Louie was first elected as President of Local 42 in 1976. In 1988, Louie

resigned as President of Local 42 in order to run for General Secretary of the IAFF. This hiatus from the Presidency gave Louie the opportunity to finish his Juris Doctor with distinction from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, finishing a collegiate journey that included receiving his Master of Public Administration from the Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government. Louie was again elected President in 1995, leading Local 42 ever since.

His time with Local 42 has been marked by many memorable moments. When the negotiations over 40 hour work weeks and mandatory overtime grew fierce in the late 1970s, Louie and around 70 other firefighters were arrested. An agreement was later reached and Louie was pardoned by the governor. However, it was not the only time this happened and Louie often jokes that he is the only member of the Missouri Bar Association to have been arrested and pardoned twice. For the past 35 years Louie Wright has led the Local 42 to unprecedented growth with skill, street smarts and toughness. Local 42 members, their friends, families, fellow firefighters and the citizens of greater Kansas City will always remember Louie Wright as a "fireman's fireman."

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me, Louie's children Joanna and Nick and his family and friends in congratulating Captain Louie A. Wright on his retirement after 29 years with the Kansas City Fire Department and the IAFF and in wishing him the best of luck in the years to come.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL EDGAR E. STANTON III'S 40 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR NATION

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Lieutenant General Edgar E. Stanton III for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to the United States of America. Lieutenant General Stanton will retire from active military duty in April 2012 after 40 distinguished years of service to the United States Army. Lieutenant General Edgar E. Stanton III has distinguished himself throughout his 40 years of service to his Nation by exceptionally meritorious service to the United States Army and the United States of America, culminating as the Military Deputy for Budget to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Management & Comptroller). He is currently the Army's senior uniformed financial manager. Throughout his career, Lieutenant General Stanton has served in command and staff positions at every level from the Finance Section, to the Army Secretariat, including Commander, 18th Finance Group; Commandant, US Army Finance School; Deputy Chief of Staff, Resource Management, TRADOC, and Commanding General, US Army Soldier Support Institute. During his tours as the Director, Army Budget and Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary, Lieutenant General Stanton was directly and intimately involved in supervising the formulation, justification, and execution of Army Appropriations valued at over \$1.5 trillion.

As the Military Deputy for Budget to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Management & Comptroller) since July 2008, Lieutenant General Stanton continued to be instrumental in resourcing the Army at war, and was also intimately involved in the planning for the force of the future in a rapidly changing strategic and economic environment. He helped senior Army leaders maintain a strategic focus in these efforts and craft a story that can be clearly understood by leaders at the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Congress.

Throughout his tenure as both the Director, Army Budget and Military Deputy for Budget, Lieutenant General Stanton forged and maintained countless valuable relationships with Congressional members and staffers, key leaders at the Office of Management and Budget, leadership in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and with his Service counterparts. These relationships were critical communications links when the Army needed to provide key information and have a voice in critical resource decisions that affected its programs. Lieutenant General Stanton's exemplary leadership and selfless devotion to duty has touched fully two generations of Soldiers, Department of the Army Civilians, and their Families. His integrity and credibility are unsurpassed, and expertise is unquestioned. Lieutenant General Stanton's 40 years of service to our Army and the Nation can only be characterized as distinguished.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a grateful nation, I join my colleagues today in saying thank you to Lieutenant General Edgar E. Stanton III, for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to his country throughout his distinguished career in the United States Army and we wish him, his wife Paula M. Stanton, his son's Edgar "Chip" E. Stanton IV, LTC Paul Stanton, and William "Billy" Stanton, all the best in his well-deserved retirement.

HONORING SACRIFICES BY FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

HON. FRANK R. WOLF
OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, every federal employee has repeated the following oath: "I, [name], do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God."

Within the past month, northern Virginia residents have attended services for two federal law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty: U.S. Park Police Sergeant Michael Andrew Boehm of Burke, Virginia, and National Park Service Ranger Margaret Anderson, who previously lived in Lovettsville, Virginia, before her post in Washington State.

I urge all members to read Washington Post columnist Joe Davidson's piece entitled "Park ranger's death highlight the risks in federal law enforcement," which I am submitting for the RECORD. This piece highlights the sacrifices made in 2011 by 13 federal law enforcement

officers who died in the line of duty, including: Senior Special Agent John Capano, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; Special Agent Daniel "Danny" Lee Knapp, Federal Bureau of Investigations; Officer Bart Child, Fort Huachuca Police Department; Special Agent Timothy S. Briggs, Federal Bureau of Investigations; Border Patrol Agent Eduardo Rojas, Jr., Customs and Border Protection; Border Patrol Agent Hector R. Clark, Customs and Border Protection; Senior Officer Specialist Christopher Cooper, Bureau of Prisons; Deputy Marshal John Perry, U.S. Marshals Service; Park Ranger Julie Weir, National Park Service; Deputy Marshal Derek Hotsiniller, U.S. Marshals Service; Special Agent Jamie Zapata, Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and Park Ranger Chris Nickel, National Park Service.

Their sacrifices remind us that many federal employees are repeatedly put in dangerous situations. According to the Office of Personnel Management, since 1992, nearly 3,000 federal employees have paid the ultimate price while serving their country. The first American killed in Afghanistan, Mike Spann, was a CIA agent and a constituent from my congressional district. CIA, FBI, DEA agents, and State Department employees are serving side-by-side with our military in the fight against the Taliban. Customs and Border Patrol and Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents are working to stop the flow of illegal immigrants and drugs across our borders. Federal firefighters work to protect federal lands and mitigate the spread of deadly fires.

Federal employees who are not in harm's way on a daily basis are also dedicated civil servants. The medical researchers at the National Institutes of Health working to develop cures for cancer, diabetes, Alzheimer's and autism are all dedicated federal employees. Dr. Francis Collins, the physician who mapped the human genome and serves as director of the NIH, is a federal employee.

The National Weather Service meteorologist who tracks hurricanes, and the FDA inspector working to stop a salmonella outbreak, are federal employees. The ATF agents who were in Blacksburg, Virginia, immediately following last month's shooting are federal employees. These are but a few examples of the vital jobs performed by federal employees.

I thank all federal employees for their service to our nation, and know that all my colleagues are grateful to the families of those who have died while working to ensure that our country is a safer and better place.

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PARK RANGER'S DEATH HIGHLIGHTS THE RISKS IN FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT (By Joe Davidson)

In a stark reminder of how dangerous working for Uncle Sam can be, 13 federal law enforcement officers died in 2011. Then the new year began with the murder of an officer in an otherwise peaceful park.

Margaret Anderson, a ranger with the National Park Service, was gunned down in Washington state's Mount Rainier National Park on New Year's Day.

The day before, John Capano, an agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives agent, was killed in Seaford, N.Y., as he tried to stop a pharmacy thief. Capano, 51, who was off-duty at the time, apparently was mistakenly shot by another law enforcement officer, according to the Associated Press and New York media reports.

Last Thursday, Daniel Knapp, a 43-year-old FBI agent, drowned in Puerto Rico while trying to assist a distressed swimmer.

A day earlier, U.S. Park Police Sgt. Mike Boehm was buried. Boehm suffered a heart attack while on duty Dec. 16, trying to assist a man who plummeted from the Key Bridge in Georgetown.

Kevin Bacher, a ranger who served with Anderson at Mount Rainier, said she "always had a smile and always had a kind word and would bend over backward if you needed something."

Anderson, a 34-year-old mother of two girls who was married to another ranger, probably would have been more than willing to assist even the likes of Benjamin Colton Barnes. But the 24-year-old Iraq war veteran allegedly shot her before she could even get out of her car. He then fled into the woods, where he developed hypothermia and drowned in a creek.

Before transferring to Mount Rainier in 2008, Anderson was assigned to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park in Hagerstown.

"When I think of Margaret's tenure here, I think of her big smile. But she also was a no-nonsense law enforcement officer," said Kevin Brandt, the park's superintendent. Unlike many officers, she became an emergency medical technician "to provide that important service to visitors," he added. "She had a real love of nature. . . . She was a consummate ranger. She was everything that you'd want a ranger to be."

Anderson's death points to the perils that rangers face. "This tragedy serves as a reminder of the risks undertaken by the men and women of the National Park Service and law enforcement officers across the Department every day," said Interior Secretary Ken Salazar.

Rangers are far more than park tour guides in peculiar hats. Particularly in remote parks, they carry out a variety of critical duties, including fighting fires, saving lives and being the cops many of them are authorized to be. There are two types of rangers, those with law enforcement powers such as Anderson, and interpretive rangers who have some of the same responsibilities but don't carry guns, wear body armor or confront killers.

Generally, guns and bulletproof vests are not necessary, because national parks are safe places. "Margaret Anderson's case was incredibly tragic for us, but it was very rare at the same time," said National Park Service Director Jon Jarvis.

Like Anderson, many park service employees have a strong sense of mission and devote their careers to protecting America's natural resources. "The Park Service . . . is a big family," said Jarvis, himself a 35-year Park Service veteran. "To lose one of the family is devastating to us."

While its people are devastated, he said, the Park Service "also will evaluate the situation in extraordinary detail to see if there is anything we can do to prevent this from happening in the future."

The 13 officers who died in the line of duty, including deaths from job-related illness and accidents, compares with just four in 2000 and 17 in 2007, according to the Officer Down Memorial Page, a nonprofit organization. "These officers selflessly put themselves in harm's way to protect their fellow Americans," said Office of Personnel Management Director John Berry. "All Americans are saddened by their loss, and grateful for the courage every Federal law enforcement officer shows daily as they keep our nation safe."

For all of the sadness the deaths bring, the killings of officers also generate understandable anger. When Jaime J. Zapata, an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)