

IN RECOGNITION OF MICHAEL W.
HUNKAPILLAR

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2012

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Michael W. Hunkapillar who today is receiving BayBio's prestigious Lifetime Achievement DiNA Award in San Francisco.

Mike is one of the brilliant minds in biotechnology. He has been instrumental in expanding the frontiers of genomics and proteomics. His extraordinary accomplishments include the invention of the first DNA sequencer and the realization of the Human Genome Mapping Project.

I had the great honor and pleasure to work with him while I was in the California Senate. I introduced legislation that established a missing person DNA database. Mike happened to hear me talk about it on the radio, called me and donated DNA testing equipment to make the program a reality. This important program helps solve thousands of rapes, homicides and missing person cases.

Mike has had a hugely successful and expansive career as a scientist, entrepreneur and life science industry executive. He is currently a general partner at AlloyVentures, a venture capital firm that invests in the next generation of information technology, life sciences and clean tech.

Before joining Alloy, he spent 21 years at Applied Biosystems which he co-founded. He turned it from a start-up into a \$2 billion a year company that supplies instruments and reagent systems to life science research. Mike also founded ABI's sister company Celera Genomics, now owned by Quest Diagnostics.

Prior to ABI, Mike was a senior research fellow in the Division of Biology at the California Institute of Technology. While at Caltech he authored over 100 scientific publications, served on the editorial boards of several scientific journals and received patents for more than two dozen inventions.

Among his most influential inventions was the automated Gene and Protein Sequencer that was used to sequence the human genome in 2003. The project identified all 20,000–25,000 genes in the human DNA, determined the sequences of 3 billion chemical base pairs that make up human DNA, stored the information in a database, improved tools for data analysis and—for the first time in a large scientific project—addressed ethical, legal and social issues.

The National Academy of Engineering recently elected Mike for his life-long dedication to the human genome mapping project and the field of comparative genetics.

Mike was born in Paris, Texas in 1948. He received his B.S. in Chemistry from Oklahoma Baptist University in 1970 and his Ph.D. in Chemical Biology at Caltech in 1974.

Just last week he was appointed Executive Chairman of the board of directors of Pacific Biosciences, and he also serves on the boards of NuGEN, Verinata Health and RainDance Technologies.

Mike and his wife Beth have two children, Kathryn Keho and Nathan Hunkapillar, and two grandchildren, Christopher and Patrick Keho. In his spare time, Mike is an avid soccer player.

Mr. Speaker, I ask this body to rise with me to honor Mike Hunkapillar, for his historic contributions to science and humanity.

HONORING MUSIC CITY HONOR FLIGHT WORLD WAR II VETERANS

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the World War II veterans who are flying to Washington, DC today from Nashville, TN, with Music City Honor Flight. This Honor Flight is part of a nationwide effort to bring as many World War II veterans as possible to the memorial created here in honor of their service and in memorial of their fallen peers.

Through their selflessness, the brave men and women who served in World War II protected our country and changed the course of history. We can never adequately thank them for their great sacrifice. Whether Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, or Coast Guardsman, they heroically stood up for their Nation during a turbulent time of great need. It is my great privilege to welcome them the Nation's Capital and to honor them here today.

I am proud to present the names of these distinguished veterans so that they can be recognized for their brave service and so my colleagues and I can express our gratitude.

Orville Jerome Aasen; Lytleton C. Anderson, Jr.; Clarence Arand; James L. Bass; James B. Batey, Jr.; Douglas Beard; Dempsey G. Binkley; Winston Bowling; Eugene W. Brock; Charles J. Brown; Edward L. Buquo; Roger L. Burgess; Hugh Lafayette Callens; Russell M. Campbell; Frank A. Cantwell; James W. Carroll; Francis A. Centimole; Robert E. Chadwell; James Robert Clower; Alfred Damon Corley;

James D. Craig; Fred M. Creasy; Rayford H. Danley; James L. Davis; Gerald Alvin Davis; Lloyd F. Driver; James W. Duke; Edward Eugene Durham; Lloyd C. Fisher; David Ray Fussell; Murray O. Fussell; Charles H. Gannon; Gerald Allen Gilman; Harry R. Guttridge; Herald D. Hackett; Thomas Hall, Jr.; Jones B. Hamlett; Wesley W. Harmon; Jackson Harris; Samuel A. Harris;

William J. Harvey; Eldon H. Hatcher, Jr.; Harley Walter Heilman; Irvan Hardeman Hendon; Wayne Hill; Vernard E. Hixson; Leonard Hollender; Edward L. Holton; Lawrence H. Horn; Edward W. Hudson; Robert W. Hull; Nathaniel B. Johnson, Jr.; Robert C. Jones; Clinton D. Keel; John W. King; James Fowler Lancaster; Earl Eugene Lerch; George Lukon; Nelson Lyne; Dock H. Lyons;

Joseph O. Maddux; Harry Eugene Margrave; Carl M. Martin; Henry C. McCall, Jr.; Carl E. Meeks; Ledlie J. Miller, Jr.; Charles A. Mitchell; Dr. John Myers; Robert M. Nabors, Jr.; James J. Panipinto; Andrew S. Parker; Baxter Lewis Perry; David M. Pettus; Carlos F. Plott; W.H. Reeves; Samuel Ralph Rehorn; Eugene R. Rhue; Clarence Richards; Robert McCulloch Rock; Elmer Julius Sager;

David Y. Sharpe; Milton Shearer; Robert Love Simpson; William Paul Sitton; Fred L. Stacey; John E. Stephens; Robert Merrill Stoops; Harry Richard Sturm; Glenn Swanson; James F. Tacker, Jr.; Denison Taylor; W. Glenn Tinsley; Jess Titus; Glenn Tompkins;

Eddie G. Wall; James E. Waugaman; Robert Conway Wilhite; Ross Williams; William E. Wingo; Henry C. Winstead; Talmadge R. Woodall; Charles Richard Zartman.

HONORING SERGEANT LAFAYETTE SPRADLEY

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2012

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Veterans of Foreign Wars Chowchilla Post 9896 Life Member Sergeant Lafayette Spradley. Sergeant Spradley served the United States of America honorably with the U.S. Army 4th Infantry Division in the Vietnam War.

Sergeant Spradley was born in Madera, California on November 24, 1943. Sergeant Spradley attended local Madera schools and enlisted in the U.S. Army in August of 1961. He completed basic training at Fort Ord, and was selected for communications training. Upon completion of communications training, he was assigned to work as a wireman. After additional stateside duty, he served with the 3rd Infantry Division before joining the 76th Artillery of the 3rd Infantry Division in Kitzingen, Germany.

In 1965, he returned to the U.S. for duty with the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Washington. In July 1966, Mr. Spradley deployed to Pleiku, Vietnam. His unit was responsible for laying communication wire to fixed installations and forwarding operating bases in the Central Highlands region. He later served with Company "C" of the 1st Battalion of the 12th Regiment as a Communications Sergeant.

Throughout his service in Vietnam, Sergeant Spradley served with the 4th Division in combat operations in the western Central Highlands along the border between Cambodia and Vietnam. His unit was frequently assigned to missions to repair communications equipment damaged by enemy artillery and mortar fire.

In May 1967, Sergeant Spradley completed his tour in Vietnam and returned to the United States. He was discharged at the Oakland Army Base. For his service, Sergeant Spradley received the National Defense Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with a Bronze Star, the Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device, two awards of the Army Occupation Medal, and the Sharpshooter Badge for the M-14 Rifle.

Sergeant Spradley returned to the Chowchilla area where he attended Merced College. He was employed as a line operator by Certainteed Corporation for 27 years until his retirement. He and his wife, Marion, have three children, two grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. He is a Life Member of Chowchilla VFW Post 9896, and he enjoys traveling with his wife.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Sergeant Lafayette Spradley for his honorable service to our great country, and wishing him the best of luck and health in his future endeavors.

HONORING JAMES E. "JIM" YOUNG

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I present the following U.S. Citizen of Distinction.

Whereas, our lives have been touched by the life of this one man . . . who has given of himself in order for others to stand; and

Whereas, James E. "Jim" Young's work as President and C.E.O. of Citizen's Trust Bank is present not only in DeKalb County, Georgia, but across this great Nation; and

Whereas, this giant of a man was a husband, father, businessman and financial educator; and

Whereas, this remarkable man gave of himself, his time and his talent; never asking for fame or fortune, yet inspiring anybody to be involved in community activities, encouraging the everyday entrepreneur to build businesses which strengthen our communities and our Nation;

Whereas, James Young inspired citizens to be financially responsible, government officials to be just and small business persons to think and grow "Big"; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow special recognition on James E. "Jim" Young for his leadership, friendship and service to all of the citizens of Georgia and throughout the Nation; and

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby attest to the 112th Congress that James E. "Jim" Young of Stone Mountain, Georgia is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Recognition"—James E. "Jim" Young, U.S. Citizen of Distinction in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 3rd day of March, 2012.

IN RECOGNITION OF LINDA
KOELLING

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2012

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Foster City Councilmember Linda Koelling who is retiring after eight years of service on the council, including two terms as mayor. Linda's upbeat personality and limitless energy will be deeply missed by her colleagues.

Linda's accomplishments on the council were many and long-lasting. She created an Ad Hoc Transportation Committee to complete a transportation study plan for Foster City. She helped determine the fate of a property that will become the town center. She was a major advocate in the completion of the teen center at Leo Ryan Park. She was instrumental in building the partnership with the Chamber of Commerce. When she was chair of a League of the California Cities campaign committee to pass a local proposition, she rewrote the words to the song "Waterloo" that, with the help of council members from other communities, became a YouTube sensation.

On the council Linda represented Foster City on several San Mateo County boards

such as CCAG, CMEQ, Peninsula Traffic Congestion Relief Alliance, Airport Round Table and the Airport Land Use Committee. She served on the Transportation, Public Works Policy Committee for two years and was the president of the Peninsula division of the League of California Cities.

Linda was born and raised in San Francisco. She graduated from Presentation High School in 1967, and she attended City College of San Francisco as a physical education major from 1967–69. She earned her BS in Parks and Recreation Management from California State University, Hayward, in 1971.

From 1972–77, Linda worked as a recreational supervisor for the city of Burlingame and was a member of the California Parks and Recreation Society. Among her responsibilities was the supervision of the recreational centers. One of the teachers who taught an upholstery class happened to be my mother, Nancy Speier, who later became a staunch supporter when Linda first ran for city council in 2003. I had the great pleasure of working with Linda when she was on the council and I was in the California State Senate.

Linda is passionate about education and sports. She founded the original Kids Connection private preschool and elementary school in Foster City. She was the president of pony/colt baseball for two years, created and co-ordinated a girls softball league, coached AYSO soccer teams and her children's softball team. Personally, she loves to play golf.

Linda and her husband Fred Koelling have been married for 40 years. They are the proud parents of Karen Koelling Gleason, Tommy Koelling and Bryan Koelling and have four grandchildren.

Though Linda is retiring from the city council, I have no doubt that she will continue to serve our community and pursue an active role in public life.

Mr. Speaker, I ask this body to rise with me to honor the work of Linda Koelling, my friend, extraordinary human being and an outstanding public servant.

REMEMBERING DAVID WALTZ

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2012

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to consider the life of David L. Waltz, who died of brain cancer last month in Princeton, NJ, at age 68. David Waltz was one of the world's leading experts and creative forces in computer science, and a fine example of a researcher, a teacher and mentor, and a life well lived. He was what we talk about when we talk about America's creative spirit and educational excellence and path-breaking industry.

A pioneer in artificial intelligence, David produced early research that led to Internet search engines that we all use. He also invented techniques that allow designers to look at two dimensional data from three dimensional perspectives, and he showed how to extend those constraint-propagation techniques beyond visualization to optimization of scheduling, routing, or building. His ideas and computer techniques of neural networks and machine learning are eagerly applied by com-

puter companies, power companies, medical researchers, and healthcare providers. David's advances made it possible for computers to move beyond laborious bit-by-bit checking and referencing to a fixed checklist and to begin to recognize patterns, whether applied to images or speech or music.

Taught by the renowned Marvin Minsky at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where David received his Bachelor's and Ph.D. degrees, he went on to teach at the University of Illinois and Brandeis University. As head of the software division of the iconic company Thinking Machines he produced software innovations that have long outlasted that computer company. A decade ago David founded the Columbia University Center for Computational Learning Systems, where he worked until his death.

Surely more important than all the computer ideas, big and small, that he spawned are the many creative people he inspired, taught, and mentored. People who worked with him said everyone can remember a meeting, a conversation, or a simple thoughtful word when David changed one's research direction, career, or entire course of life for the better. In recent weeks his colleagues and students recorded their admiration for David and their sorrow at his death. Phrases like "amazing mentor", "mentor with unreserved support and encouragement", "amazing colleague and boss", and "wise and understanding" appear over and over in their remembrances.

David's colleagues called him a listener who inspired attention, someone who was as eager a listener as a talker, and someone who carried his great stature in the field gently and with genuine humility. He imbued his research teams with optimism by always drawing out merit of the work of others. And he built teamwork by sharing his interests in art, literature, music, and culture well beyond the immediate concerns of the research team. He encouraged his students and colleagues not to narrow their thinking; as a result the group could contribute as much to the treatment of epilepsy as to power grid blackouts. Everything was food for thought and an opportunity for an amusing or inventive insight.

Probably the greatest praise for David's leadership came from women who have worked with him. Some credited him with providing the greatest opportunities for career advancement for women of anyone in the field. David recruited and promoted women not as a crusader for equal rights but because it was for him obviously the right and wise thing to do.

The lessons that teachers, researchers, supervisors—in fact any of us here in this House or elsewhere—can draw from David Waltz are not primarily about computer science and artificial intelligence. They are that the greatest creativity comes from inspiring others; the greatest technique of team-building is listening; the greatest innovation comes from devoting time to others' ideas; and the greatest wisdom is kindness.

I know all this to be true about David Waltz because he was a good friend of mine, and I personally also know he brought all of his wonderful qualities of uplifting and inspiring and nurturing others to his wonderful wife Bonnie and his two children, Jeremy and Vanessa.