

As of today, June 1, 2012, Bob Howell officially retires from WSFA TV 12 in Montgomery where he anchored the evening news for more than three decades.

A native of Geneva, Alabama, Bob Howell first set foot on his lifelong career path in broadcasting while still a high school student. After taking the mic at WGEA radio in his hometown, he traveled east to Dothan, Alabama to deliver the news at WTVY TV 4 for five years. In 1976, Bob moved to Alabama's capital city to take the helm of the region's largest television news operation, WSFA TV, where he anchored the weekday 6 and 10 p.m. newscasts.

As WSFA's press release announcing Bob's retirement aptly observed, "He has had the job of delivering the day's news to thousands of viewers with a calm, trusted, steady and caring approach through difficult, challenging and happy times."

Over the years, he has anchored more than 10,000 live newscasts in addition to serving as the Managing Editor of WSFA's news department. His three decade career at WSFA witnessed his live reporting of gubernatorial inaugurations, most of the State's historic events of the last thirty years, as well as foreign assignments covering stories in Britain, France, Germany, and Kuwait.

In addition to his anchoring role, Bob also produced award-winning documentaries, hosted WSFA's "Newsmakers" program, "Alabama Illustrated," "Inside Alabama's Legislature," and co-hosted the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon and the Children's Miracle Network fundraisers. He also hosted the regular news feature, "Exploring Alabama with Bob Howell."

Despite his busy schedule covering and delivering breaking news to thousands of South Alabama residents, including Clarke, Monroe and Escambia counties in my congressional district, Bob also returned his knowledge and expertise to college journalism students as an instructor at Troy University's Hall School of Journalism for more than 20 years.

As Bob officially begins his retirement from WSFA and broadcasting, he has made it clear that he will not be giving up work. He is already busy making plans for his next career for which he promises he still has a lot to offer.

On behalf of the people of South Alabama, and as someone who grew up watching Bob deliver the evening news, I thank Bob for his dedication and professionalism and wish him and his wife and family all the best in their future endeavors.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN BILL WAMPLER

HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 1, 2012

Mr. HURT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay respects to Congressman Bill Wampler, former representative of Virginia's "Fighting 9th District," who will truly be missed.

Congressman Wampler served the people of Southwest Virginia for nearly two decades, and with his passing, the Commonwealth has lost a great leader and a great man.

Congressman Wampler took pride in working in his family's business in Bristol, he

served our country with honor during World War II, and he worked tirelessly for the people of Southwest Virginia for nearly 20 years in the United States House of Representatives.

Mr. Speaker, though Congressman Wampler is in a better place now, he will surely be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Wampler family and I know that my colleagues join me today as we remember our friend and honor his legacy to the Commonwealth of Virginia and to our nation.

CONGRESSIONAL PORTUGUESE CAUCUS MEMORIAL DAY STATE- MENT

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 1, 2012

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, with respect and admiration I, along with my colleagues Mr. COSTA, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. KEATING, Ms. TSONGAS, Mr. HONDA, and Mr. CICILLINE, gather today to both celebrate the freedoms we enjoy as Americans, and to honor all the brave service men and women who have fallen defending those freedoms.

To all the mothers, fathers, wives, husbands, and extended family members of those who have served, we offer our deepest gratitude. The sacrifice of your loved ones is a debt that can never be repaid.

As members and friends of the Congressional Portuguese American Caucus, we would also like to pay special tribute to our soldiers of Portuguese descent who have made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our country. Portuguese Americans have served with distinction in our military forces from the revolutionary war to current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, and I have no doubt they will continue to answer America's call into our future.

On this Memorial Day, Americans everywhere join in honoring those we have lost. It is a time to recognize the sacrifices made to defend our country, and remember the freedoms and liberties for which our service members fought for.

We honor you and all soldiers who have answered the call of duty and we send our profound appreciation to the families of our fallen heroes. As we reflect on the tragedy of those we have lost, we should realize our great fortune to live in a free country, and recognize the sacrifices required to defend it.

RECOGNIZING THE BEACON FOR ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 1, 2012

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the BEACON for Adult Literacy Program Volunteers.

BEACON for Adult Literacy is an award-winning non-profit proudly serving the adult literacy needs of the Northern Virginia community for 20 years. In its first year BEACON served 30 learners; today BEACON serves

over 400 adults a year. Over 3,500 low-income non-native Americans have gained English-language literacy skills over the past two decades.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of volunteers for BEACON for Adult Literacy Program:

Brendan Baldwin, Sally Harrison, Richard Corbett, Carole O' Sullivan, Martisa Brown, Corinne DeGrazia, Sasha Haleblan, Donna McNeally, David Covin, Robert Lynch, Ed Walsh, Brian Bell, Erika Arellano, Gene Strausbaugh, Alex Kersis, Ruth Porter, Henry Hastings, James McPheeters, Star Muir, Ilana Naylor, Erica Seymour, James Gillespie, Skip Brown, James Porter, David House, Joyce Rozier, James Sowers, Suzanne Morgan, Tina Cox, Jane Arseneault, Satya Khadka, James Drummond Jr., Janet Radzinski, Jessica Higham, Jean Gentry, Pat Hodgdon, Jeanne Endrikat, Richard Flaherty, Anne Walsh, Jim Zech, Carmalla Coley, Yolanda Daniels, Joan Appleton Costanza, Venkat Viswanathan, Kelley Studholme, Armena Springs, Nancy Schalk, Lianetta Ruettgers, William McGuire, Liz Alcauska, David McDermott, Bob Schlipp, LTC Peter Stenner, Sue Kang, Vivek Koppikar, Martha Walsh, Jayne Hazen, Melissa MacIntyre, Nancy Nelson, Katherine DeSilva, Patrick McNeally, Caroline Zong, Jeanne Lynch, Rhonda Vanover, Clara Hipp, Robert Brown, Karen Shankles, John Manning, Robert Mechler, Ruth Passarge, Joyce Andrew, Robert Stinson, Jim Hipp, Roberta Knussmann, Justin Terry, Rosanne Schubring, Fabiana Parker, Rosie Jones, Aaron Burdick, Bob Sowers, Ruth Thomas, Doris Thomas, Sheri McGlothlin, Lyn Hildebrandt, Leslie Stagg, Sonya Jacob, Martha Muirhead, Tiffany Laseter, Walter Godlewski, William Cratty, and Sister Theresa Anderson.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the volunteers of the BEACON for Adult Literacy Program and in thanking them for their dedication to our community.

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION REFORM ACT OF 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5651, The Bipartisan Food and Drug Administration Act of 2012, which modifies the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) policies and procedures to enhance Americans' access to effective healthcare. This bill improves the safety, development, and distribution of medications and medical devices to patients and medical providers.

This bill reauthorizes the FDA's user fee program for prescription drugs and medical devices through fiscal year 2017. Further, it introduces a new user fee program for generic medications. These fees, collected from drug and medical device companies, will give the FDA the funding it requires to grant patients rapid access to the treatments they need. This will improve the accessibility of vital medicines to patients throughout the U.S.

Mr. Speaker, this bill permanently reauthorizes two beneficial pediatric drug programs. The first, the Best Pharmaceuticals for Children Act, enhances the safety and availability

of prescription drugs for children. It does this by providing mechanisms through which drug companies can test their products for use in pediatrics, and offering a six month patent extension as an incentive to companies who do so.

The second pediatric drug program that is permanently reauthorized is the Pediatric Research Equity Act. This act increases the safety of prescription drugs for children by requiring pediatric testing of certain medications intended for adults in order to fully understand their effects. This will ensure that physicians have a clearer grasp of the effects these medications have before prescribing small dosages to children.

This bill also provides for a vital update of the FDA's global drug supply chain authority, requiring drug importers to register with the FDA, and disallowing the import of medicines from organizations that have limited or denied inspections.

Most importantly, the bill expands the jurisdiction of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. This allows for the FDA to prosecute foreign violators of the act, and thus discourages such violations in the future. These updates will improve the safety of the prescription drugs that are provided to American patients.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, this bill will implement new FDA requirements that will help to prevent drug shortages. The bill does this by updating the FDA's reporting policies for manufacturers, and ensuring that the agency maintains a drug shortage list that is made available to healthcare providers. Additionally, should a shortage still occur, this bill outlines steps to be taken to mitigate the problem. If enacted, these new policies will help protect the country's prescription drug supply, ensuring that Americans always have access to the medication they need.

Mr. Speaker, it is for these reasons that I support H.R. 5651.

CONGRATULATING FLINT'S
CLARESSA SHIELDS AS SHE
PREPARES FOR THE 2012 OLYMPIC
GAMES AND THE FIRST
WOMEN'S BOXING COMPETITION
IN OLYMPIC HISTORY

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 1, 2012

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, on July 28 a skilled, savvy and courageous high school student from Flint, Michigan will make history as one of only 36 women in the world competing in the inaugural women's Olympic boxing competition in London, England. At the age of 17, this Northwestern High School junior's drive and determination has already earned her recognition as the world's top ranked women's fighter. At the Summer Olympics, Claressa will be punching her way toward the gold.

It was 19 years ago that another teenage girl named Dallas Malloy went to federal court and won the right for women to participate in amateur boxing. Years later, a father in Flint, hoping to set his daughter on a positive course, encouraged his 12-year-old to consider boxing, his own sport. Claressa, wanting to bond with her father and attracted to the

idea of competing outside of team sports, was introduced to trainer Jason Crutchfield. Once Mr. Crutchfield overcame his disbelief that a girl was truly serious about taking up boxing, he provided the path for Claressa Shields' historic journey. Just a few days ago, Claressa learned she had earned her Olympic spot after competing in the AIBA women's world championships in Qinhuangdao, China.

Her success has ignited Flint and her extraordinary accomplishments at a young age in an incredibly demanding sport have made her a national star. Claressa's dedicated and talented trainer describes her as the complete fighter, equally talented on defense and offense. Her high school principal, Cheryl Adkins, praises her student's academic focus, positive image and dedication to her goals. Claressa has been featured in Time magazine and is fielding media interviews, all the while maintaining her academic focus and training daily for the Olympics. She advises others not to rush headlong toward success but to take everything in stride. Her life goals include winning 10 to 15 professional boxing titles in multiple weight classes.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Claressa Shields on her historic achievement representing the United States and Flint, Michigan in the first women's boxing competition at the Summer Olympics. She is an outstanding individual who is truly a world-class example for us all.

RECOGNIZING THE PRINCE WILLIAM
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
WORKS VOLUNTEERS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 1, 2012

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Prince William County Department of Public Works Volunteers.

Public Works staff works to ensure that effective, practical, and safe techniques are used in all employment operations. They provide much needed training and support for employees and hold all practices accountable. The staff offers guidance and understanding of how tasks are accomplished, helping employees provide services that are needed in the community.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of volunteers for Prince William County Department of Public Works:

Stonewall Jackson HS Ecology Club, Jessica Hruska, Rich Smith, Prince William Trails and Streams Coalition, Friends of the Occoquan, Vulcan Materials—Manassas Quarry, Windy Knoll Farm, Eric VanNortwick, Ed Dandar, Adams Family, Aleman Family, Anwar Family, Babar Family, Bassett Family, Broadhurst-Bibbee Family, Butkus Family, Chiodo Family, Couture-Morales Family, Crespo-Galliver Family, Cronin Family, Darcy Family, Dinga Family, Donovan Family, Ehtasham Family, Glass Family, Goodwine Family, Gough Family, Gross Family, Hopkins Family, Huang Family, Hunter Family, Hylton Family, James Family, Jampole Family, Kaps Family, Kay Family, Kristy Family, Kromer Family, Kronthal Family, Kulakowski Family,

Makoge Family, McGeehan Family, McKinnon Family, McPike Family, Melusen Family, Menon Family, Mockenhaupt Family, Morris Family, Mory Family, Moser Family, Nielsen Family, Nieves Family, Norman Family, Ogawa Family, Phillippi Family, Protacio Family, Reedy Family, Rodriguez Family, Rosario Family, Saul Family, Seagle Family, Simmons Family, Simons Family, Thompson Family, Thompson Family, Thompson Family, Tilden Family, Verosko Family, Walker Family, Yoon Family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the Prince William County Department of Public Works Volunteers for their service and in thanking them for their dedication to our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF MR.
AND MRS. JAMES H. BREWSTER

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 1, 2012

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize the 50th wedding anniversary of James and Mary Brewster.

James Harvey Brewster was born on January 6, 1939, in Ohatchee, Alabama. Mary Emma Smith was born on March 17, 1943 in Ohatchee, Alabama. On June 2nd in 1960, James and Mary were united in marriage in Calhoun County.

James worked for 21 years before retiring with Alagasco Gas Company in Anniston and Mary stayed at home raising their family. They had six children, three boys and three girls: Gregory Lynn Brewster, Paul Harvey Brewster, the late James Rossie, Janice Denise Tillman, Connie McKinzie Redwine and Sharron Redwine.

They are also blessed with 11 grandchildren and 16 great grand-children. James is an Auburn Tigers fan while Mary cheers for the Alabama Crimson Tide.

Mr. Speaker, I offer my congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Brewster on this milestone and wish them many more happy years together.

RECOGNIZING THE CHOPTICON
HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 1, 2012

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Chopticon High School Marching Band on earning the title of United States Scholastic Band Association Group IIIA Maryland State Champions. "The Showband of Southern Maryland" from Morganza, Maryland, has earned this title for the past three consecutive years.

This momentous victory was made all the more significant given the caliber of their competition. After competing previously at three regional competitions, the band took first place at the State Championship, hosted by Towson University on October 15, 2011 with their performance titled "The Heart of Madness." The