

Community Relations at Stanford University at the end of 2013. His academic and professional tenure at Stanford spans a combined 52 years.

Born in Louisiana to a railroad switch operator and a homemaker, Larry came to Stanford in 1958 by way of Arkansas and Southern California. After earning his undergraduate degree in political science, he was drafted to serve in the U.S. Army in Europe for two years. He returned to Stanford to complete a master's degree in history. By 1970, the year of my own graduation from the university, he had been appointed an associate dean of student affairs. In this capacity he oversaw the integration of the sexes in coed university housing. During this period he helped ensure that egalitarian American principles and the recognition of the value of diversity that blossomed in the 1960s and '70s was reflected in University policies. Next he served as a special assistant to the secretary of Health and Human Services in both the Ford and Carter administrations.

Returning to Stanford again in 1977 with new experiences in dealing with Washington, he was appointed Associate Director of Government Affairs. From this post he helped Congress to shape the landmark 1980 Bay-Dole Act. These efforts fostered free-market innovation by encouraging inventors and institutions to pursue ownership of patents for products created with the aid of Federal Government resources.

For all his accomplishments at the Federal level, some of Larry's most challenging and rewarding projects have involved local government. The cities of Palo Alto and Menlo Park and the Counties of Santa Clara and San Mateo as well as various state and local land and water authorities, have required skillful attention. He negotiated many cooperative land-use initiatives, sometimes in the face of disagreement from some of Stanford's neighbors. He made sure there was careful sensitivity to threatened wildlife like the California tiger salamander, for which the University built a tunnel under Junipero Serra Boulevard to encourage migration from Lake Lagunita to a new, more secure habitat in Stanford's foothills.

Beyond his admirable professional achievements, Larry is a thoughtful intellectual, host to authors debuting their books and is a friend and supporter for those who are writers, artists and, most particularly, friends of Stanford. This year, for his dedication to Stanford he was awarded the Cuthbertson Award during Stanford's graduation ceremony. Today I praise my good friend Larry Horton, whose intellect, humility, talent, tenacity, empathy, and dedication to our alma mater are unparalleled. Although his retirement will provide him with more time to spend on his personal loves—history, opera, Stanford Athletics, literature, theater, and his partner of 35 years, George Wilson—he will be deeply missed not only by his Stanford colleagues, but by those of us in Washington, Sacramento, and the Bay Area who have shared in the privilege of knowing him. He leaves a formidable legacy.

HONORING U.S. MARINE CORPS
GENERAL RAYMOND GILBERT
“RAY” DAVIS, SERGEANT RODNEY MAXWELL DAVIS, MAJOR HENRY TALMAGE ELROD, AND U.S. NAVY SEAMAN FIRST CLASS WENDALL LEON JONES

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HON. AUSTIN SCOTT
OF GEORGIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 11, 2013

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the careers of several individuals from Georgia's Eighth Congressional District who gave their all for our country and for our freedoms. They have been posthumously inducted into Georgia's first-ever Military Veterans Hall of Fame, and I would like to recognize them today.

United States Marine Corps General Raymond Gilbert “Ray” Davis hails from Fitzgerald, GA. In Korea in December 1950, then Lieutenant Colonel Davis personally led his battalion to victory in hand to hand combat against a strongly entrenched and numerically superior hostile force. For his valorous actions he was awarded the Medal of Honor.

United States Marine Corps Sergeant Rodney Maxwell Davis hails from Macon, GA. In Vietnam in September 1967 while his platoon was pinned down by a numerically superior force, he personally led his men in repulsing an onrushing enemy. With disregard for his own life, he saved many of his men by throwing himself on an exploding enemy grenade. He gallantly gave his life for his country and was awarded the Medal of Honor.

United States Marine Corps Major Henry Talmage Elrod hails from Ashburn, GA. On Wake Island in December 1941, as a fighter pilot, he personally destroyed an enemy warship and shot down two enemy airplanes before assuming command of a ground unit and inspirational led his men against an attacking superior enemy force until he was killed in action. He gallantly gave his life for his country and was awarded the Medal of Honor.

United States Navy Seaman First Class Wendall Leon Jones hails from Tifton, GA. At the age of 16, he enlisted in the Navy. At age 17 the landing craft that he was aboard was sunk by a German U-Boat killing all but 89 of the 641 aboard. He was severely burned on the face and hands while rescuing Sailors and Soldiers. During the D-Day Landing, he was among the 51 survivors of a 600 man demolition unit, once again sustaining injuries to his hands during small arms fire fights. One month later at age 18, he was wounded again by shell fragments in the right ear, right ankle, and face during a demolition mission behind enemy lines. After recovering, he was headed to Japan when the war ended and he was soon discharged having just reached the age of 19. He was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal for Valor and 3 Purple Hearts. He died at age 36 from injuries to his brain caused by wounds.

RECOGNIZING IVY TECH
COMMUNITY COLLEGE SOUTHEAST

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HON. LUKE MESSE
OF INDIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 11, 2013

Mr. MESSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Ivy Tech Community College Southeast to the success of the 6th District Job Fair.

On October 21, 2013, over 150 job seekers from across the district met with 36 businesses looking to hire new employees. In a time when jobs are still hard to come by these job fairs are an important tool in linking job seekers with perspective employers. I am proud we were able to bring community leaders together and provide this service to the people of the 6th District.

The job fair would not have been the success it was without the help of Ivy Tech Community College Southeast. I want to recognize the work of Shakira Grubbs, Tim Buehler, Daniel Smith, and Chancellor Jim Helms. Their efforts in hosting the job fair show a deep commitment to their community and the economic health of Southeastern Indiana.

I ask the entire 6th Congressional District to join me in recognizing Ivy Tech Community College Southeast. I look forward to working with them in the future as we strive to serve the people of Southeastern Indiana.

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CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAM AND DOROTHY YOUNG

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HON. RALPH M. HALL
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 11, 2013

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sam and Dorothy Young who just celebrated their 50th Anniversary. Their commitment to each other and their family is an inspiration and a wonderful reminder of the importance of family, particularly during the holiday season.

Sam and Dorothy, high school sweethearts at Lockett High School, were wed on August 4, 1963 at Lockett Baptist Church shortly after Sam joined the Navy. Over the past five decades, Mr. and Mrs. Young have been blessed with three children—Trent, Christi, and Todd—and seven grandchildren—Dane, Zachary, Teressa, Sammi, Jacque, Gracie, and Aubrey.

The Youngs moved to Mount Vernon, Texas in the early 1980's when Sam was transferred with AO Smith Harvestore Silos. The family later owned and operated Donuts Etc. in Mount Pleasant, Mount Vernon, Pittsburg, and Winnsboro. Sam and Dorothy continue to actively participate in the community, and since 2002, Sam has served Franklin County as Commissioner for Precinct 4.

Sam and Dorothy Young are blessed to have had so many happy years together, and I wish them many more happy years in the future. Mister Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebration of the Young's 50th Wedding Anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF KAREN CLAPPER

HON. JACKIE SPEIER
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 11, 2013

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Karen Clapper for her service on the San Carlos City Council since June 2012. She has applied decades of experience with private and public organizations to keep San Carlos the “City of Good Living” for all residents.

When a seat on the council became vacant, the four remaining council members unanimously selected Karen to fill the remaining term. She has been a passionate advocate for our neighborhoods, schools, parks and public safety. During her time on the City Council, Karen Clapper has worked collaboratively with her colleagues and sought to create a community marked by fiscal prudence and regional relevance. She was always well prepared at council meetings and asked many important questions during budget and policy sessions. Karen has been a team player who worked hard to ensure that San Carlos had the finest fire, police, and parks services possible. She was frequently attended public events, wanting to be accessible to residents.

During her time in public service, Karen served on the boards of the Peninsula Congestion Relief Alliance and the Library Governing Board WA. She also served on ad hoc committees dealing with school property, the San Carlos Transit Village, and Wheeler Plaza. She was the liaison to San Carlos Green, a citizens group advocating for environmentally sensitive projects and policies, and the Planning Commission. In fact, Karen’s longest service to the city was during her time on the commission where she served from 2009–2012. During this formative time in the city’s history, she helped to maintain the city’s small town character while recognizing that its planning decisions had to fit into the regional need for housing and other changes.

Karen earned her BA in Environmental Design from San Diego State University and her MBA in Finance and Accounting from the Anderson School of Management at UCLA. She has been a consultant, coach and board member for a long list of companies and non-profit organizations, including Great American Bank FSB, Accenture, Friends of San Carlos Library, the Service League of San Mateo County, and Elizabeth F. Gamble Garden.

Karen will continue her work as an independent productivity and leadership coach and be guided by one of her favorite quotes by Albert Einstein: “Out of clutter find simplicity; from discord find harmony; in the middle of difficulty lies opportunity.” Her eternal optimism will no doubt direct her to continue to contribute to the community. In her spare time she enjoys reading, quilting and doing crossword puzzles.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor Karen Clapper for her outstanding leadership during her tenure on the city council and for her service to the residents of San Carlos at many meetings and forums in the past. She will be missed on the council but certainly seen and heard throughout the community for many years to come.

INNOVATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 5, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3309) to amend title 35, United States Code, and the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act to make improvements and technical corrections, and for other purposes:

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Chairman, America is and must continue to be the cradle of invention and innovation. We reward those with big ideas.

I agree we must punish those who troll the waters in search of easy money at the expense of those who harness invention and innovation. But we must attack the abusers soundly and surgically so that we do not destroy in the dragnet the little guy with the big idea.

For this reason, Mr. Chairman, I will be opposing this bill.

RECOGNIZING MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 11, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mt. Olive Baptist Church of Buffalo, New York on celebrating the 90th anniversary of its devout faithfulness and dedication to the surrounding community. To commemorate this milestone, Mt. Olive will be hosting a celebration on December 8, 2013 in Buffalo’s historic Lafayette Hotel.

Under the visionary leadership of Pastor William Gillison, Mt. Olive Baptist Church has become a central pillar of Buffalo’s African-American community through its good and tireless community works and initiatives to nurture, educate and support generations of families. Known as one of the most active and ambitious churches in the region, Mt. Olive continues to build on its extensive and rich history. Its outstanding reputation is a testament to the inspiration of its leaders and parishioners.

Mt. Olive Baptist Church was organized in 1923 under the leadership of the late Pastor James Hamilton, inside the gates of Semet Solvay Company Plant in Tonawanda, New York. In 1924, under the leadership of Pastor Clinton N. Polite, the Church moved outside the company gates. When Semet Solvay closed in 1941, Mt. Olive relocated Clinton Street in Buffalo where the first service was held on the first Sunday in May with five families.

Reverend William Gillison was called to pastor Mt. Olive in June 1981, which marked the beginning of an unprecedented era of growth and community engagement projects within the Church. In February 1988, Mt. Olive purchased three and a half acres of land at 701

East Delavan Avenue and in 1992, additional acreage was added giving the church five acres for its new three million dollar home. Construction began in 1994 and upon completion, the new home of Mt. Olive Baptist Church included an impressive complex which seats 1200, 16 classrooms and an all-purpose hall for recreation and social occasions. It is of special note that this Church’s decades long mortgage was paid in full in only six years.

Under this extraordinary pastoral leader and faithful following, Mt. Olive continues to experience extensive growth spiritually, financially and numerically. Multiple ministries and a separate faith-based organization, the Mt. Olive Development Corporation, have been formed since 1991. Mt. Olive’s First Leadership School, which is recognized by the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, was held in October 2007. In recent years a Health Ministry was instituted as was a Media Ministry with the addition of a TV studio. This year has also seen the construction of the William Gillison Fellowship Hall and the dedication of the YOMO (Youth of Mt. Olive) Athletic Field.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor, acknowledge and add my deepest appreciation to Pastor Gillison and the family and friends of Mt. Olive Baptist Church for 90 years of faith-filled service to its congregation, community, city and country. Its outreach to the least of the lost among us provides us with a powerful example of faith and love that will only intensify to help our children be better prepared and be able to enjoy and embrace an enhanced quality of life.

CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY FOR THE ABILITYONE PROGRAM AND THE NATIONAL INDUSTRIES FOR THE BLIND

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 11, 2013

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, this year marks the 75th anniversary for the AbilityOne Program and the National Industries for the Blind. Since their inception, the AbilityOne Program and NIB have changed the lives of millions of people who are blind or have other significant disabilities by providing increased independence through job skills training and employment opportunities. They are our nation’s largest source of employment for blind and disabled individuals and manufacture over 3,000 quality products, ranging from diesel engine glow plugs to printer toner.

In Las Vegas, the Blind Center of Nevada has helped blind and visually impaired Nevadans reach their highest potential. In addition to offering employment opportunities, computer training, braille classes, and other supportive services, the Blind Center of Nevada has built a community full of music and friendship.

I want to congratulate the AbilityOne Program and NIB on this momentous occasion and thank them for 75 years of service.