

1920s, citizens of Madison began to take note of the vibrant qualities of Rotary as demonstrated elsewhere. The ideals of "Service above Self," "He profits most who serves best," and the fellowship and joy that comes from going beyond the daily routine of life to help others, greatly appealed to them. The testimonies of members of other Rotary Clubs, as well as Madison residents who witnessed other Rotaries in action, encouraged W. Kelton "Kelly" Evens to write to Same Clarke of the Morristown Club asking for sponsorship. Morristown agreed, and commissioned Wilber Day of Day's Restaurant, a Morristown landmark, to arrange the sponsorship. Day worked with Preston Borroughs, who, in January 1923, gathered interested business and professional men at the Ridgedale Inn for discussion. After further followup meetings, Borroughs confirmed to Day in March that the group was prepared. With Day as the liaison for the charter arrangements with the Governor of the 36th District, the Rotary Club of Madison held its Charter Night on May 24, 1923 in the Refectory of Drew University. Wilbur F. Day presided and read the names of the new charter members, while the District Governor Lion L. Woodward presented the charter to Joseph F. Ruzicka, the first President of the Rotary Club of Madison.

Throughout its 90 years, the club has assisted people in need in the community and internationally. Currently, the club donates approximately \$50,000 annually to non-profit organizations and local initiatives. The Madison Rotary is active in the community, working on local projects, including maintaining gardens for seniors and the library grounds, participating in Bottle Hill Day, distributing dictionaries to grade school children, and sponsoring the annual Taste of Madison and the Rotary Family Festival. They have also supported Rotary projects worldwide. The Madison Club boasts 86 talented and accomplished men and women dedicated to the core values of Rotary: Service, Fellowship, Diversity, Integrity, and Leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Rotary Club of Madison as they celebrate their 90th anniversary.

HONORING EVELYN KOWALCHUK

HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. HURT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of Ms. Evelyn Kowalchuk of Huddleston, VA, who passed away at the age of 93 on April 7, 2013.

A brave World War II flight nurse and a remarkable woman, Ms. Kowalchuk was one of only 500 nurses to serve in World War II, putting her life on the line to provide compassion and care for our wounded soldiers.

Ms. Kowalchuk served with the 818th Air Evacuation Squadron and helped evacuate the wounded troops from Omaha Beach just days after the D-Day invasion in Normandy. A life member of the Flight Nurses Association and Veterans of Foreign Wars, Ms. Kowalchuk received several awards and recognitions for her military service.

Having had the honor of meeting Ms. Kowalchuk, I know that this brave veteran embodied the selfless heroism that represents the best America has to offer. Her life will continue to be a reminder of our country's highest ideals.

Virginia's 5th District has lost a truly special lady and our thoughts and prayers are with Ms. Kowalchuk and her family. I ask that my colleagues join me in remembering Ms. Kowalchuk and honoring her bravery, spirit, and selflessness.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN GARRARD

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. John Garrard, Jr., a beloved and respected South Alabama public servant and businessman who recently passed away at the age of 86.

A native of Flora, Mississippi, John was valedictorian of his high school class before he enlisted in the United States Navy during World War II. While in the Navy, John served on an ammunition carrier supplying America's forces battling the Japanese in the Pacific.

After the war, John returned home to continue with his education. He earned a degree in Economics and Business Administration from Millsaps College and then moved to Atmore, Alabama, where he would spend the remainder of his long and fulfilling life giving to the community he loved.

Shortly after arriving in Atmore in 1948, he took on the role of educator and banker in the South Alabama community. He taught in Escambia County High School before joining the staff at the First National Bank and Trust of Atmore. His hard work and dedication were evident. In 1974, he was appointed the bank's fifth president and served in this capacity until his retirement in 1986. Even after he retired from the bank, John was retained as vice-chairman with special duties in customer service and public relations.

John turned his gaze to public service in 1996 when he first ran for a seat on the Atmore City Council. He served until 2012, contributing significantly to the economic growth and development of Atmore.

In 1981, John was named Citizen of the Year by the Atmore Area Chamber of Commerce. In February 2011, the Chamber presented him with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Additionally, he was an active member of the Atmore Rotary Club, Atmore Public Library Board of Directors, First United Methodist Church, Atmore Historical Society, and Atmore Area Hall of Fame Committee. John was also involved in a local prison ministry at Fountain Correctional Institute for almost 15 years.

As a World II veteran, he travelled to Washington, D.C. in September 2010 as part of the Honor Flight South Alabama program. I was honored to greet him at the National World War II Memorial where I had the honor of thanking him for his service to our country.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of South Alabama, I would like to personally extend my condolences to his two sons, John and David, and his grandchildren, great grandchildren, step grandchildren and many friends. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

HONORING THE GREAT SWAMP OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Great Swamp Outdoor Education Center, located in the Township of Chatham, Morris County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 50th Anniversary.

The Great Swamp was created approximately 15,000 years ago, when the melting waters of the retreating Wisconsin Glacier poured into the natural basin known as the Passaic Valley. The area of the Great Swamp is not entirely swampland, but a unique mixture of marshes, meadows, dry woods, and brush colored swamps. The intermingling of these four habitats is what gives the Great Swamp its distinctive character, and allows it to support a wide variety of plant and animal life. In 1959, plans were being formed to pave over large amounts of the area to create an international airport. Area residents objected to these ideas, and formed the Great Swamp Committee to save the ecosystem. As a part of this effort, the Morris County Park Commission purchased approximately 44 acres on the eastern end of the swamp in 1963, and allowed the staff from the New Jersey Audubon Society to give tours, and raise awareness to better protect the area. The Great Swamp Outdoor Education Center is located adjacent to the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, on 44 of the 7,600 acres it spans.

The Great Swamp Outdoor Education Center offers a variety of activities for people of all ages. There are two classrooms for formal learning, a large auditorium, a natural history library, natural history displays, and nearly two miles of natural trails for hiking. The center offers programs for families, classes of all grades, scouts, or any other groups interested in learning about the environment of the swamp. Visitors can partake in such programs as Lenape Day, the Maple Sugar Festival, Baby & Me Hikes, summer camp programs, bird watching, and much more. They have four different short trails for hiking, as well as an observation blind and a pond observation deck for visitors to enjoy the diverse wildlife. The Great Swamp Outdoor Education Center is dedicated to the preservation of the Great Swamp, as well as fun, informative, and accessible education on the habitat and its wildlife.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Great Swamp Outdoor Education Center, the professional staff of the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, and their many dedicated organizations and volunteers as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary.

RECOGNIZING THE ALABAMA TRUCKING ASSOCIATION

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize the many contributions of

the Alabama Trucking Association to the well-being of the State of Alabama as the Association celebrates its 75th anniversary in 2013.

The Alabama Trucking Association was founded in 1938 in Birmingham and later incorporated and moved its offices to Montgomery. The Association has grown from 16 trucking companies in 1938 to over 675 trucking related firms in 2013, and has been a valuable source of information and statistics pertaining to trucking. With one of every fourteen citizens in Alabama being employed by the trucking industry, trucking provides over 106,570 jobs contributing to the economic growth and development of the State. The Alabama trucking industry pays \$545 million in federal and state roadway taxes and fees representing 38% of all taxes and fees owed by Alabama motorists, despite the fact that trucks represent only 13 percent of vehicle miles traveled in the State. In addition, trucks serve all areas of Alabama and are the only transportation for goods for over eighty percent of Alabama communities and play a major role in transportation import and export movement.

The Alabama Trucking Association members put safety first through improved driver training, investment in advanced safety technologies and active participation in industry safety initiatives at the local, state and national levels. The leadership of the Alabama Trucking Association has developed many friendships among Alabama's trucking companies, related industries and organizations, and members of the State Legislature and state and federal government agencies.

The Alabama Trucking Association is well respected and has been very successful with its legislative and regulatory agenda, its efforts to improve highway safety, and the efficiency of trucking in Alabama.

I am thankful for the Alabama Trucking Association and the service and support they provide to a vital part of Alabama and our na-

tion's economy and work force. Congratulations to them again for 75 excellent years.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF TOM STAED

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and accomplishments of an outstanding businessman, a community leader and a friend, Tom Staed. With his passing on February 26, 2013, both his family and our state have lost a loved one and strong voice for the benefit of our region.

Tom was born on April 27, 1931, in Memphis, Tennessee and attended Sacred Heart Grammar School and Christian Brothers High School in Memphis before attending Memphis State. His college career was interrupted by the Korean War as he was called to serve in the United States Marine Corps and distinguished himself as an artillery coordinator. After being honorably discharged as a Corporal, he returned to Memphis State where he became Editor of the School Newspaper, President of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, graduated with a B.A. in Journalism, and then went on to Tulane University School of Law.

While at Tulane, Tom met Barbara Dodd, and the couple soon married and moved to Daytona Beach, Florida. It was in Daytona Beach where Tom began his long, successful, and distinguished career in the hospitality industry; almost singlehandedly transforming the landscape of hotels on the coast of Volusia County through his 11 hotels and interests in the Ocean Eleven Resorts. He financed and purchased several old hotels in the Daytona

area and was able to make them successful in a short time through hard work, determination, and a can-do style.

Tom was a recognized leader and committed member of both the Florida and national lodging and tourism industries, and firmly believed in civic involvement. Some of the notable local, state, and national boards he was appointed to include President of Best Western International Inc., President the Florida Hotel and Motel Association, Chairman of Florida's Governor's Tourism Advisory Council, Visit Florida, Inc., Chairman of the American Hotel and Motel Association. He was the Florida Hotelier of the Year in 1982. He was also a past Chairman and Founding member of the Halifax Area Advertising Authority.

Tom had a life long interest in politics and I recall the last time I saw Tom at one of his hotels, he spoke of past campaigns and issues he worked on over 30 years in Florida and specifically his times as a trusted friend and ally of leaders in both the Democrat and Republican Parties. He was truly a gift to all Floridians.

As someone who served on numerous local associations, commissions and boards for civic and charitable organizations, Tom was a committed philanthropist that always focused on giving back to those less fortunate than himself.

A devoted husband, father and grandfather, he truly made an indelible mark on his family, community and industry. In our community, the name Tom Staed stood for integrity, compassion and public service, and through that principled dedication he leaves a proud and distinguished legacy. Mr. Speaker, I ask all Members of the U.S. House of Representatives join me in recognizing Tom Staed's years of service and dedication to our community, our state and our Nation.