

COMMEMORATING MARTIN J. (MARTY) LOMBARDI FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CIVIC CONTRIBUTIONS

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleague MIKE THOMPSON to honor Martin James (Marty) Lombardi, an outstanding human being, committed youth advocate, consummate civic leader, and a model community banker.

A native of San Francisco, Marty was born of immigrant parents from Malaga, Spain, and Luca, Italy. A graduate of St. Mary's College, he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics before moving to the northern California town of Ukiah in 1975. Exemplary as the consummate small town banker, Marty Lombardi earned the respect of home buyers as well as business leaders, small and large. During his tenure at the Savings Bank of Mendocino County where he is Senior Vice President, Marty has been a forward thinker supporting projects with far reaching beneficial effects.

Marty served as President of the California Independent Bankers and the Community Bankers of California and as chair of the Mendocino County Workforce Investment Board. He was President of the Ukiah Education Foundation and served on the Boards of Directors for the Ukiah Valley Medical Center; American Red Cross: Sonoma, Mendocino and Lake Counties Chapter; Mendocino County Public Safety Foundation; both Ukiah High and Mendocino Community College Mathematics, Engineer, Science Achievement (MESA) Board; Mendocino Community College Bond Oversight; Mendocino Winegrowers Foundation; United Way: Sonoma, Mendocino, Lake and Humboldt Counties Chapter; Tapestry (Foster Care); Ukiah Chamber of Commerce; Ukiah-Boys and Girls Club; and Nuestra Casa.

He has been a visionary who established the Mendocino Agricultural Families Scholarship, spearheaded the Ukiah Valley Cultural & Recreational Center, and was on the steering committee for Leadership Mendocino.

Marty, who is retiring as a banker, is regarded for his "kind and loving heart" by his family including his wife Kathleen, their six children, and by our extended local community and the hundreds of students who benefitted from his counsel.

The residents of California's Second and Fifth District are better off today thanks to the work of Marty Lombardi, and it is appropriate that we honor him as an energetic, gregarious, forward thinking and optimistic civic leader. He is a mentor to many and a model for all.

HONORING LOYCE MARVINE GRIFFIN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public

servant, Mrs. Loycie Marvine Morgan Griffin, a Leake County native.

Mrs. Griffin was a member of Jones Chapel M. B. Church where she served as choir president and advisor, president of the mission board, a nurse usher, a member of the mother's board, and a culinary ministry member. She was a Headstart teacher, a nurse, and also served many years as the Most Ancient Matron of the Heroines of Jericho.

Mrs. Griffin's survivors include: two sons, J.C. Griffin and Lois L. Griffin; seven daughters, Almyrtis Henson, Marvis Smith, Pratmus Henson, Priscilla Rogers, all of Carthage, Mississippi, Gwen Davis, Desoto, Texas, Sylvia McKinney, Lancaster, Texas, and Sherry Harris, Terry, Mississippi; five sisters: Bernice Chambers and Bettye Morgan, both of Milwaukee, WI; Verline Gaines and Winnie Millsap, both of Chicago, IL, and Dealie Widler, Carthage, Mississippi; 36 grandchildren; and 43 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Griffin was definitely a pillar of her community by not only holding many reputable positions in her church, but by fostering positive images and reputations through helping others in her community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the late Mrs. Loycie Marvine Griffin for her dedication to serving others.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. PASTOR of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 245, 246 and 247, due to weather delays in my travel, had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF PEPFAR

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, DC, December 18, 2002.

President GEORGE W. BUSH,
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue,
Washington, DC.

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following letter of Dec. 18, 2002, on the 10th anniversary of PePFAR

DEAR PRESIDENT BUSH, As members of the Congressional Black Caucus, we are writing to draw your attention to the growing spread of HIV/AIDS throughout the developing world. It would be impossible to overstate the devastation caused to date by the global AIDS pandemic, or the urgency of the need for a greater response from the United States and the global community. With 42 million people currently living with HIV/AIDS—29.4 million of them in Sub-Saharan Africa—14 million children already orphaned by the disease, and 70 million more people expected to die by 2020, we must do more now. We must respond on an appropriate scale to address the greatest plague in recorded history.

The United States, as the world's wealthiest nation, must take greater action by contributing its fair share, and in doing so we can help galvanize the global response that

we so desperately need. As you prepare to travel to Africa in January, and as you prepare your budget for fiscal year 2004, you have a remarkable opportunity to demonstrate United States leadership against AIDS at a moment when the world will be watching. We urge you to launch a major new US initiative to fight AIDS, as well as tuberculosis and malaria. TB is the leading killer of people with HIV, claiming 2 million lives each year despite the existence of an effective and inexpensive cure, while malaria kills nearly one million people each year, most of them young children in Africa.

An expanded US Initiative to fight AIDS must:

Provide at least 2.5 billion for implementation of global AIDS programs in 2004, as well as additional funds to combat TB and malaria. At least 50% of this should go to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria.

Prioritize treatment, as well as prevention and care, for those affected—including an expanded mother-to-child transmission initiative that would detect and treat entire families, and including funding and personnel as needed to implement the WHO call to treat three million people with HIV by 2005.

Promote developing country access to sustainable supplies of affordable medicines for AIDS and other diseases such as opportunistic infections in accordance with the Doha Ministerial Declaration on the TRIPS Agreement and Public Health and oppose any attempts to limit the scope of the Declaration.

Expand programs for children orphaned by AIDS.

Seek debt cancellation for impoverished countries, so they can invest in poverty reduction and AIDS programs.

Most importantly, a US initiative should consist of new monies and policies that complement existing US-supported programs and are additional to the Millennium Challenge Account (MCA). The MCA, however, also must help meet the Millennium Development Goal of halting and reversing the spread of these diseases.

We cannot win the war against AIDS without greater financial resources and a clear plan of action for the United States. Programs around the world are ready to scale up prevention, treatment, and care to save lives now, and to develop the systems needed to save tens of millions more in the future. Each day we delay in mounting a comprehensive—and compassionate—response to the global AIDS and TB pandemics, the cost in human, social, and economic terms grows. You will have our strong support and the support of the American people for a bold new initiative to save families and communities affected by the AIDS crisis, to extend the parent-child relationship, and to secure the future of young people.

Sincerely,

Barbara Lee; Donna Christian-Christensen; Edolphus Towns; Charles Rangel; Julia Carson; Juanita Millender-McDonald; Maxine Waters; Danny K. Davis; Robert Scott; Elijah Cummings; William "Lacy" Clay, Jr.; Stephanie Tubbs Jones; Eddie Bernice Johnson; Bobby Rush; Carolyn Kilpatrick; Diane E. Watson; Gregory Meeks; Major Owens; Harold Ford, Jr.; John Conyers; Alcee Hastings; Sheila Jackson Lee; Eleanor Holmes Norton; Donald Payne; Sanford Bishop; Bennie Thompson; Melvin Watt; Corrine Brown; Chaka Fattah; Jesse Jackson, Jr.; James Clyburn; Albert R. Wynn.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF JHPIEGO

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jhpiego, a non-profit, global health affiliate of Johns Hopkins University, on the occasion of their 40th anniversary. I would like to recognize the employees of Jhpiego for their tireless service in providing health care for vulnerable populations and preventing needless deaths throughout the developing world.

Headquartered in my hometown of Baltimore, Jhpiego has grown to become a force for good around the world. Founded in 1973 by Dr. Theodore King, Jhpiego initially brought healthcare professionals from Latin America, Asia, and Africa to Baltimore to learn the latest practices in women's health.

As time progressed, Jhpiego's leadership realized they could have a greater impact by bringing their medical knowledge and training to the countries whose populations they were trying to serve. In 1979, Jhpiego started in-country training programs on three continents. These programs were extremely successful and, in 1993, Jhpiego opened its first field office in Kenya. Today, Jhpiego operates field offices and clinics in over thirty countries providing invaluable medical services to people who would otherwise be without basic healthcare.

This focus on developing the capacity of countries to create their own healthcare network, combined with the delivery of extremely low-cost solutions to common health problems, has proven to be the great genius of Jhpiego. Jhpiego and its more than 1,500 employees have successfully brought the resources and expertise of Johns Hopkins to over 150 countries around the world. In the process, they have trained tens of thousands of people to be reliable healthcare providers.

This was no easy task. Over the past 40 years, Jhpiego has worked in some of the most remote areas of the world. Undaunted by this challenge, Jhpiego employees have learned to thrive under difficult and sometimes dangerous conditions.

Mr. Speaker, I hope you will join me in recognizing Jhpiego and congratulating them on their 40th anniversary. This outstanding organization has made a tremendous impact, saving lives and improving quality of life around the world.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, due to my flight to Washington, DC arriving late yesterday, I unexpectedly missed the following roll-call votes:

On rollcall 245, passage of H.R. 876, Idaho Wilderness Water Resources Protection Act, I would have voted "yea."

On rollcall 246, passage of H.R. 253, Y Mountain Access Enhancement Act, I would have voted "yea."

On rollcall 247, passage of H.R. 862, To authorize the conveyance of two small parcels of land within the boundaries of the Coconino National Forest containing private improvements that were developed based upon the reliance of the landowners on an erroneous survey conducted in May 1960, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained yesterday and missed roll Nos. 245, 246, and 247. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on each of those votes.

HONORING LUTHER BUCKLEY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mr. Luther Buckley who was born and reared in Jackson, Mississippi.

Mr. Buckley began his early education at the St. Marks Episcopal School, and completed his elementary and secondary school education at Smith Robertson Elementary School and Lanier High School.

Upon graduation from Lanier High School, Mr. Buckley enlisted in the United States Army, serving the majority of his enlistment in the European Theater of Operations. After completing his tour of duty, he returned to Jackson where he resumed his educational experiences.

Mr. Buckley received a B.S. Degree from Jackson State University and a M.A. Degree in School Administration from Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. He has also done further study at the University of Oklahoma, Atlanta University, Mississippi State University and Mississippi College.

Mr. Buckley's professional experiences began as a principal in Leflore County Schools in 1948. In 1955 he moved to the Jackson Public Schools where he served one year as principal of Brinkley Junior High School and thirty-one years as principal of Lanier High School. He retired from then Jackson Public Schools in June 1987.

Throughout Mr. Buckley's career, he has maintained many professional affiliations: a long standing member of the National Association of Secondary School Principals, Mississippi Association of Secondary School Principals and the Phi Delta Kappa Professional Education Fraternity. He has also served as Vice President of the Third District Teachers Association, and on the boards of numerous organizations such as: Mississippi High Schools Activities Association, Magnolia State High School Activities, Mississippi Secondary School Principals Association, American Red Cross, Crime Stoppers of Jackson, Jackson State University Athletic Affairs and Mississippi Retired Public Employees Association (PERS).

A highlight in Mr. Buckley's professional career was his selection as a member of the Danforth School Administrators' Fellowship program, a selection which enabled participating administrators to tour school districts of the program participants and participates in numerous out-of-state seminars.

On April 2, 1987 Mr. Buckley received the "Spirit of Mississippi Award" from Television Station WLBT for his educational contributions to the City of Jackson and the State of Mississippi.

Mr. Buckley is a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Beta Alpha Chapter, and the Central United Methodist Church where he serves as a member of the Trustee Board.

Mr. Buckley has two children and six grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Luther Buckley for his dedication to serving others.

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE ARLINGTON FOOD ASSISTANCE CENTER

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC). Arlington County is the third wealthiest county in the United States; amidst this wealth, many residents and their families do not have the resources to adequately provide nutrition for either themselves or their families. This group includes many different groups in our society—the disabled, elderly, unemployed, under-employed, and homeless students in Arlington public schools.

Hunger is the physical sensation that results from not having enough food to eat. However, when talking about "hunger in America," what is often meant is more accurately called "food insecurity." Food insecurity is defined as a lack of access to enough food to fully meet basic needs due to lack of financial resources. A recent survey of Arlington County residents found that more than 4 in 10 individuals making \$60,000 or less are having these struggles. Nearly 15,000 people in Arlington County currently suffer from food insecurity.

In early 1988, a small group of concerned citizens in Arlington County gathered together their resources to found an organization whose sole purpose was to alleviate hunger among their neighbors in need. This group was soon joined by six congregations, all of whom operated food pantries serving small groups of families. Since then, AFAC has grown into the largest food bank serving Arlington County and is the only organization in the County solely dedicated to alleviating hunger.

At the time of its founding, AFAC was serving approximately 200 families. AFAC has grown considerably since then. They currently distribute food to over 1,600 families and almost 4,500 individuals through 16 locations spread across the County. Over 35 percent of their clients are children. The elderly, who often have to choose between food or medicine, make up 30 percent of their clientele.