

all efforts at Glastonbury HealthCare Center to have his bed by the windows so he could watch the day's weather unfold into the night.

January 18, 1969: On a cold Sunday similar to this one, I walked into this St. Rose Church to attend the 10:30 am Mass. The church was very crowded back then and I sat in the same seat in the back that I always took right under the Station of Cross of "Veronica wiping the face of Jesus." This particular morning however, I felt a presence next to me. I could not concentrate on the Mass; I could barely breathe and I could not wait to go to Communion, just to regain my composure. Returning back from Communion, I could not find the pew that I had always sat in . . . then I see this about 6 foot or so, tan camel hair coat, white t-shirt wearing guy laughing and pointing to the seat right next to him! Embarrassed, little did I know that I was standing next to my future husband. As the story goes, Fred offers me a ride home from church. Now keep in mind, the Oliva homestead was less than 5 minutes from the church's front steps! I accepted the ride anyway . . . Fred in the driver's seat and his Mom in the middle of course, and then myself. That seating arrangement would remain that way for a very long time with Marjorie in the middle. A week later we went on our first date, two weeks later Fred went to the Military Academy for a visitation to attend West Point. He instead chose the University of Vermont and I, Central Connecticut.

July 30, 1977: Fred and I marry here at St. Rose Church where we first met. Prior to marriage, you have to provide your baptismal certificate. When I came across the certificate, attached to it was a clipping from the St. Rose Church bulletin dated April 1951, stating Fred and I were both baptized together here at St. Rose. We were born a week apart; Fred on April 1st and I on April 8th. Also, Fred's cousin Kip was baptized that day as they both shared the same birthday. Further research showed that Fred and I received the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion the same day here at St. Rose. We also both received the sacrament of Confirmation together at St. Isaac Jogues Church because they happened to be remodeling St. Rose at the time. All our sacraments together here in this Church!

Being born on April Fool's Day gives you a certain role to fulfill, and Fred took it very seriously. Senior year in high school he was elected Class Comedian. At the University of Vermont he was written up in several publications as a "Super Fan." Allow me please, to read one such article from the Burlington Press entitled, "SUPER FANS" by Wally Johnson:

"The stands at the UVM rink are filled to capacity for games, and the students yell their lungs out. One student, a freshman football player, is sort of an unofficial cheerleader, and when he gets people fired up in one section of the stands, the excitement is usually contagious. The griddler is Rick Leone, from Hartford, Conn. And he was the guy waving his coat and shirt around in the cold confines of the hockey rink during the Catamounts upset of UNH. Leone, who also has some pretty good monologues about all sorts of subjects, is loud, wears the wildest purple hat ever made, and is funny as well as a big sports fan. "You just can't get mad at the guy, he's too funny," a UVM student who sat behind Rick during the last game said. Every school has its own Rick Leone, be it at high school or college and this type of person, perhaps best described as a "super fan," is an asset every coach would like to have at his side."

Fred did not love April Fool's Day because it was his birthday, but because it was a full

continuous day of sharing his stories, pranks and jokes with everyone. Former employees would tell you the front counter of the liquor store was his "pulpit" where he did what he loved best . . . interacting with everyone. A funny story, joke, or local happening passed on from one customer to another. Fred loved going to make his morning deposits at Webster's bank where another audience of the girls and customers waited for his "joke of the day." Sunday mornings at Stop & Shop where he regularly checked in with Jeff "the butcher," meeting and greeting neighbors and customers as he shops. I, however, ruined the shopping experience for him. I just wanted to go in, get my groceries and return home so I could start cooking Sunday dinner. So we left Sunday shopping for Fred to enjoy his weekly adventure!

Fred was a brilliant man with background knowledge on almost any subject that was brought up in conversations. We attribute that to his love of reading. Our attic, cellar and shelves at home are filled with books. If Fred could not pass a book along then it got shelved in one of these places. When Gianni was in second grade, I remember Fred reading Gianni, "The Old Man and the Sea" by Ernest Hemingway. Explaining details as he read aloud to his grandson and it was Fred's own personal copy he had back when he was in school! Vermont and National Geographic were his favorite magazines. When our daughters were much younger they too awaited the monthly issues of National Geographic because their father had made a game out of checking the covers of each issue. The best was when he was the baboon, gorilla, or other exotic creatures from who knows where on the covers, and you knew it was happening when Fred would announce holding up the magazine . . . "Look everyone—your mother made the cover of National Geographic again!" The girls would crack up laughing . . . Very funny, Fred!

Then there was a serious side of Fred, a man of great faith, the importance of attending mass and participating in the church community. When our family was younger we attended pot luck suppers, organized bake sales and arts and crafts and tag sales. Our life for one week in July revolved around Fred co-chairing the popular St. Rose Carnival with the Futtner and Ramsey families. Our wedding anniversary always fell during carnival week and Fred would joke "What more do you want on our wedding anniversary, Mary? We have games, entertainment, music (from the carousel), good food (sausage and peppers and fried dough)—all on the grounds of the church we were married!" We always later celebrated at a very nice restaurant.

Family . . . What more can I say? Rick's loyalty and love for his grandparents and their rich traditions . . . how he loved to retell stories about life on the tobacco farm. Following into his father's footsteps with his help and guidance as he sat in on business meetings . . . to move forward into the future . . . all for the love of his family; so proud of his daughters Marisa and Vanessa in their accomplishments in life. Gianna and Angelina were the special joys of his life; how he loved taking Gianni to Boy Scout camps and events. He introduced him to the Three Stooges. He enjoyed taking and picking up Angelina from preschool. Fred introduced her to Tom & Jerry cartoons! A special place in Fred's heart he had for all his nieces and nephews . . . especially when Ted and Josh took their Uncle Fred to a Jethro Tull Concert . . . He loved it! Fred would relive their performance every time he heard one of their songs!

As Fred's illness progressed, and it did very rapidly, he continued to stay involved in everything the best he could and gradu-

ally we came to him now to accommodate his needs and wants. Nothing made him happier than all your lines of communication; texts, emails, Caring Bridge, phone calls, cards, notes and visits . . . for our dear friends and family I thank every one of you!

Thank you to Mom, Dad, Tom, Camille, Marisa, Gianni and Angelina for all your support and for standing by me these last few months. I could not have done this without you. This was a group effort of love and you did it beautifully—with me.

Before Fred went on the respirator a couple of weeks ago, he said to me, as I was giving him ice chips to soothe his dry mouth, "Mary I think I now know how Jesus felt." I said, "What do you mean, Fred?" "The pain Jesus must have felt being nailed to the cross and when they took a cloth soaked with vinegar and applied it to his lips . . . How he must have suffered!"

You—my dear husband will now suffer no more.

Until we can breathe deeply again,
Enjoy the fruits of the vine again,
And hold each other's hand again,
I wish you peace.

Please watch over us, guide and protect us.
And I ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen and God Bless.

CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE CENTENNIAL

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2014

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th anniversary of the Congressional Research Service (CRS) and to pay tribute to the dedicated men and women of CRS.

Established in 1914 as the Legislative Reference Service (LRS) thanks to the efforts of Senator Robert LaFollette, Sr. and Congressman John Nelson, the organization's early mission was to provide basic reference services to lawmakers. Researchers benefited then, as they do today, by being housed in the Library of Congress and having access to its unparalleled collection.

Over the course of its 100 years, CRS has evolved time and time again to meet the needs of the Congress and the American people. From its inception as a relatively small division of the Library of Congress in 1914, to its pivots and expansions in 1946 and 1970—the latter of which included renaming the institution as the Congressional Research Service—the organization has distinguished itself as a world-class source of objective and authoritative research and analysis.

Today, CRS continues to thrive as it meets the demands of the 21st century Congress. With a workforce of more than 600, CRS has the unique ability to bring interdisciplinary scholarship to bear on complex issues of policy by recruiting scientists and engineers to work alongside policy analysts and attorneys. It is this melting pot of expertise and backgrounds that allows CRS to provide comprehensive, objective and non-partisan research to the entire Congress on all legislative issues.

Through the House Democracy Partnership (HDP), I have witnessed firsthand the ability of CRS professionals not only to share their expertise with members of Congress, but to

teach others about the inner workings of Congress and to assist parliamentarians in establishing and improving their own research bureaus. As a Commission working with 16 developing democracies, the Partnership has found an essential partner in CRS.

All this began over twenty years ago with the Frost-Solomon Commission's work with emerging parliaments of Central and Eastern Europe. CRS employees were absolutely critical to our efforts, giving extraordinary time and effort in consulting with these parliaments as they set up libraries and research services.

More recently, CRS has supported HDP in establishing research operations and services in Afghanistan, Indonesia, Georgia, Kenya, Lebanon, Liberia, Mongolia, Pakistan, Peru and Timor-Leste.

Just last month, as we hosted delegations of parliamentarians from five partner nations for a seminar on committee operations, several of our sessions were ably led by senior CRS experts, including the Director herself. Not surprisingly, when we asked our guests what lessons they learned at the end of that seminar, every last one of them commented how lucky we are to have the Congressional Research Service supporting us in our work.

That is just a small testament to the importance of CRS to the work that we all do here, and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the Congressional Research Service on its 100th anniversary.

HONORING GAYLE CARLTON

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2014

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Gayle Carlton of Cedar Park, TX who became an angel on May 24, 2014. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends during this difficult time.

Gayle was married to J. Preston Carlton, the love of her life, for nearly 52 years. During their joyous half century together, they lived, loved, and prospered as one. Proud parents of two children and grandparents of seven, Gayle and Preston kept family at the center of their lives. As beloved pillars of the Cedar Park and Austin areas, they watched and helped those communities grow from quiet towns to the very modern and cosmopolitan cities they are today.

An avid reader, Gayle had an insatiable intellectual curiosity and lived by da Vinci's words, "Learning never exhausts the mind." In her 60s, when most women her age were tending to grandchildren, she graduated with a perfect GPA from St. Edward's University. She embraced the challenge of researching her genealogy and was intensely proud of her family's rich heritage. Gayle was a great storyteller and, like all Texans, was wise enough to never let the truth get in the way of a good yarn.

While we mourn Gayle Carlton's passing, her presence was a blessing for all who knew her. The positive impacts she had on the lives of others will live on and remain in our hearts forever.

THE KIDNAPPING OF 300 NIGERIAN SCHOOL GIRLS

HON. GREGORY W. MEEKS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2014

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, this week marks 3 long months since nearly 300 Nigerian school girls were kidnapped and have since been held captive by Boko Haram. One day is too long, but yet 3 months have dragged on since this unconscionable crime and these families are still broken. I stand here now—with as much urgency as ever—with Nigerians, with the girls' parents, and with the rest of the world asking please bring back our girls.

We must not lose focus, we must send a clear message that these acts will not be tolerated and we will join on a multi-national front in order to reunite these girls with their families. As a father of 3 young women I can only imagine the heartache and pain of the affected parents and communities and the terror felt by the girls, it is for them that I stand here today. This unthinkable crime is not only an unconscionable act against humanity but also against international law and we must stay vigilant until Boko Haram is brought to justice.

I am encouraged by the leadership of President Obama and Secretary of State John Kerry in their commitment of resources to help find these girls. I will continue to support any action that the U.S. can take to ensure their safe return. I stand strong with Nigerians, and those protesting internationally, to bring back our girls and make sure their deplorable captors are brought to justice.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2014 UNITED HEALTH FOUNDATIONS DIVERSE SCHOLARS

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2014

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, continuing to modernize the health care system requires improving the quality and delivery of health care, the backbone of which is the health care workforce. I am pleased to have the opportunity today to talk about a group of students from across the country who represent some of the brightest individuals preparing to enter the health care workforce. This year's United Health Foundation Diverse Scholars Initiative scholarship recipients represent 28 states. They are working hard in their undergraduate and graduate programs—whether they are studying to be doctors, nurses, dentists, pharmacists, public health specialists, or technicians—to increase the number of skilled professionals entering the health care workforce.

Beyond their academic achievements, I would also like to recognize their commitment to making the health care system more culturally relevant and their dedication to improving the health outcomes of the individuals they will one day serve. Research shows that when people are treated by health professionals who share their language, culture, and ethnicity, they are more likely to accept and receive medical treatment. This will be a great asset to our nation's health care system.

Next week, these scholars will be joining us in Washington, DC to examine some of the nation's most pressing health care problems and potential solutions as part of the United Health Foundation's Annual Diverse Scholars Forum. Since 2007, the United Health Foundation has helped more than 1,400 multicultural students from across the country realize their dream of pursuing careers in health while focusing on the needs of local communities through the Diverse Scholars Initiative.

To these exceptional scholars, congratulations and best wishes for success in all of your future endeavors. I know that our nation's health care system will benefit from your hard work and talent.

Jason Russell, Alabama's 2nd Congressional District; Cadijah Allen, Arizona's 1st Congressional District; Mycolette Anderson, Arizona's 1st Congressional District; Carlene Black, Arizona's 1st Congressional District; Tierra Jishie, Arizona's 1st Congressional District; Wayne Nez Jr., Arizona's 1st Congressional District; Lavalerie Tsinnajinnie, Arizona's 1st Congressional District; Fallon Yazzie, Arizona's 1st Congressional District; Miranda Yellowhorse, Arizona's 1st Congressional District; Danelle Cooper, Arizona's 9th Congressional District; Brian Daniel, California's 11th Congressional District; Bonnie Chen, California's 12th Congressional District; KaiShan Li, California's 12th Congressional District; James Salazar, California's 12th Congressional District; Rebecca Sedillo, California's 12th Congressional District; Lois Chen, California's 13th Congressional District; Hector Zamudio, California's 13th Congressional District; Qianwen (Polly) Zhang, California's 13th Congressional District; James Yang, California's 16th Congressional District; Monserrat Baeza, California's 19th Congressional District.

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