

1992: Dr. McAneny received the Ayerst-Wyeth Award for Medicine

1996: Dr. McAneny received the Governor's Award for Outstanding Women in New Mexico

1998: Dr. McAneny became Chair of Albuquerque Emergency Medical Services Authority

2000: Dr. McAneny became President of the New Mexico Medical Society

2001: Dr. McAneny became President of the New Mexico Medical Foundation

2001: Dr. McAneny became Chair of Chronic Disease Prevention Council

2002: Dr. McAneny was appointed by Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson to the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council

2002: Dr. McAneny became a delegate of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) to the American Medical Association (AMA)

2003: Dr. McAneny was elected to the AMA Council of Medical Service

2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009: Dr. McAneny received the Top Doc Award, Albuquerque Magazine

2009: Dr. McAneny joined the Community Oncology Alliance Board of Directors

2010: Dr. McAneny received the New Mexico Business Weekly Publication, Women of Influence Award

2010: Dr. McAneny received the ASCO Statesman Award

2010: Dr. McAneny joined the Board of Trustees for the American Medical Association

2011: Dr. McAneny became an Advisory Board Member to RainTree Oncology Services

2013: Dr. McAneny became a Board Member for the Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare/Committee on Operating Rules for Information Exchange

This year, Dr. McAneny was elected to become Chair of the AMA Board of Trustees, the nation's largest and most influential physician organization. There is no candidate more worthy of such an honor than Dr. McAneny, who has fought tirelessly on behalf of her patients.

In fact, Dr. McAneny will tell you:

I've learned a lot from my cancer patients, and every day I see their courage. There have been so many advances in the field and now we actually cure people all the time who years ago would have been lost. And there is a silver lining to cancer—you learn what is important in life, and not to sweat the small stuff.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Dr. McAneny on her election as Chair of the AMA Board of Trustees and her lifelong dedication to cancer research and treatment. Dr. McAneny is an inspiration for future generations of health care professionals across the country, particularly in our community in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Whether that is through her work with a clinic serving the Navajo Nation, and comprehensive efforts to improve telemedicine for these rural areas, to her work to help pass New Mexico's Dee Johnson Clean Indoor Act, which prohibits smoking in indoor public places and workplaces, Dr. McAneny has selflessly fought to improve the lives of New Mexicans.

Any New Mexican will tell you that in the hardest of times, in the deepest of struggles, Dr. McAneny has always been there with words of wisdom, a helping hand, and guiding heart. Dr. McAneny truly is a remarkable woman, and I am proud to call her a dear

friend. I have no doubt that Dr. McAneny will continue to blaze trails in her new role, and develop new ways to provide affordable, reliable, and accessible health care in our country.

REMOVING UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES FROM IRAQ

SPEECH OF

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2014

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of House Concurrent Resolution 105. From day one, I have used my voice and my vote to promote peace in Iraq. Now, more than ever, that country and its citizens deserve peace. Accordingly, any decision to escalate our military involvement in this war-torn country must be careful, deliberative, and include Congress. I was proud to be one of the first cosponsors of H. Con. Res. 105, which stipulates that "the President shall not deploy or maintain United States Armed Forces in a sustained combat role in the Iraq without specific statutory authorization for such use enacted after the date of the adoption of this concurrent resolution."

There is no question that sectarian violence in Iraq poses a grave danger to both the country and region's stability. But before military options are put on the table, we must exhaust every possible diplomatic solution. Diplomacy and debate leads to lasting peace and stabilization, and at this point, I do not believe that sending more of our brave women and men to Iraq will win the peace. And I know I am not alone in this call for peace. But while it is one thing to express the desire for peace, it is a perhaps more daunting task to do what it takes to achieve peace. Change is afoot in Iraq's leadership, and I am hopeful they can move swiftly towards a more inclusive government that reflects the diversity of religions and prioritizes the meaningful stability and security for all citizens.

I will continue to watch this situation closely and insist that Congress be consulted for any matter involving U.S. military involvement. The stakes are too high and the cost is too great. I strongly urge you to vote in favor of this resolution.

IN RECOGNITION OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL FRANK E. PETERSEN, JR.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 28, 2014

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Lieutenant General (LtGen) Frank E. Petersen, Jr., the first African-American to serve as a three-star general officer in the U.S. Marine Corps. At the time of his retirement after 38 years, LtGen Petersen was the senior ranking aviator in the U.S. Marine Corps and the U.S. Navy with the respective titles of "Silver Hawk" and "Grey Eagle". He will be honored on July 28, 2014 for his selfless acts and lifetime of dedication to the Marine Corps and his country.

A Topeka, Kansas native, LtGen Petersen enlisted in the United States Navy in 1950 as a Seaman Apprentice where he served as an Electronics Technician. One year later, he entered the Naval Aviation Cadet Program, earning his commission and the rank of Second Lieutenant with the U.S. Marine Corps upon the completion of flight school in 1952. LtGen Petersen served during the Korean War, where his first tactical assignment was with Marine Fighter Squadron 212. After flying over 64 combat missions, he earned the Distinguished Flying Cross for his combat leadership and bravery on June 15, 1953. He also flew 250 combat missions during the Vietnam conflict, receiving the Purple Heart after enemy anti-aircraft fire brought down his F-4B over the demilitarized zone. In addition, the Marine Corps Aviation Association honored his Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 314 (VMFA-314) with the inaugural Robert M. Hanson Award for best fighter attack squadron during the Vietnam conflict.

LtGen Petersen was the first African-American to command a Marine Fighter Squadron, a Marine Air Group, a Marine Aircraft Wing, and a major Marine base. On February 23, 1979, he was promoted to Brigadier General, becoming the first African-American general of the Marine Corps. Prior to his retirement, he served as the Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff and Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command in Quantico, Virginia.

Upon his retirement from the Marine Corps on August 1, 1988, LtGen Petersen concluded a military career of remarkable "firsts". He commanded at every level of command and stood as a trailblazer for all Marines. His autobiography, "Into the Tiger's Jaw", is known as the story of the modern U.S. Marine Corps, providing vital insight into the history of Marine aviation as well as the racial integration of the Marine Corps. Throughout the book's narrative, LtGen Petersen reflects on key moments that defined his life's sacrifices, triumphs, and key personal moments in addition to unequivocally chronicling the racial integration of the Marine Corps.

Throughout his career, LtGen Petersen confronted racism inside and outside the Marine Corps. Nevertheless, as he reflects in his book, the Marine Corps ethos enabled Marines to ultimately triumph over racism. Indeed, his life's commands illustrate the Marine Corps' triumph. In 1970, as deteriorating race relations threatened to rend the nation asunder, LtGen Petersen became the Special Assistant for Minority Affairs to the Commandant of the Marine Corps. His guidance to the Commandant of the Marine Corps, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Secretary of Defense served the Marine Corps and the country well during this challenging period.

LtGen Petersen spent his civilian years as vice president of corporate aviation for DuPont DeNemours, Inc. He was also appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Education to serve as a Board Member of the Educational Credit Management Corporation.

LtGen Petersen's personal awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal; Legion of Merit with Combat "V"; Distinguished Flying Cross; Purple Heart; Meritorious Service Medal; Air Medal; Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V"; Air Force Commendation Medal; Robert M. Hanson Award for the Most Outstanding Fighter

Squadron while assigned in Vietnam, 1968; Man of the Year, NAACP, 1979; Honorary Doctorate, Virginia Union University, 1987; and the Gray Eagle Trophy, August 21, 1987–June 15, 1988.

LtGen Petersen has certainly accomplished many things in his life but none of this would have been possible without the love and support of his wife of 39 years, Alicia, and his children; Frank III, Gayle, Dana, Lindsey, and Monique.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me, the United States Marine Corps, and all Americans, in extending our sincerest appreciation to Lieutenant General Frank E. Petersen, Jr., an pioneering leader who, in addition to achieving the distinction of a number of “firsts” for African-Americans, has the respect, admiration, and affection of his fellow Marines and leaves behind an outstanding legacy of service and leadership in the Marine Corps of the United States of America.

THE 24TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 28, 2014

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, this weekend we celebrated the 24th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, signed into law by President Bush on July 26, 1990. Twenty-four years later, the ADA remains one of the most significant and comprehensive civil rights laws of our time. Its enactment affirmed our collective belief in America’s fundamental promise of equality and opportunity for all. Today, the ADA and the subsequent ADA Amendments Act—which I was proud to help pass in 2008—continue to open doors and ensure greater access, inclusion and justice for millions of people living with disabilities.

On this anniversary, we honor the civil rights pioneers who championed the ADA and express our sincere gratitude to those who continue the fight to fulfill its promise and expand opportunities for the entire disability community. As someone who has lived with the challenges of a disability since the age of 16, I know firsthand the positive impact the ADA has had on everyday activities for countless Americans. It has broken down barriers to education, employment and technology. It has made public transportation more accommodating, improved voting accessibility, and reduced the prevalence of discrimination throughout communities nationwide. I am proud future generations will live in a world that is more inclusive, more accessible, and increasingly recognizes the unique talents and abilities of individuals with disabilities.

As we celebrate progress, however, we must also acknowledge areas where we have not yet accomplished our goals. Equal employment opportunities and fully integrated community living has not been fully realized; recent data shows 31 percent of disabled individuals live below the poverty line and less than 34 percent are fully employed. It is more important than ever that we educate businesses and connect them with proper resources to create more employment opportunities. We must ensure that transportation is

available and accessible to everyone so they can get to their job, the doctor, or the grocery store. We must also address changes that accompany the modern age, such as fully accessible internet services. And we must ratify the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to reaffirm our country’s longstanding role as a leader in global disability rights.

Clearly, our work is far from done. As we approach the silver anniversary of the ADA, I look forward to reaffirming our commitment to equal opportunity, full participation, independent living and economic self-sufficiency for people with disabilities everywhere.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 28, 2014

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,613,901,518,929.04. We’ve added \$6,987,024,470,015.96 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.9 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OAKDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 28, 2014

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the firefighters and residents of Oakdale, Minnesota on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Oakdale Fire Department.

The department was started in 1964 in the garage of local resident Mr. Dean Arnt in what was then the undeveloped community of Northdale. Beginning with a volunteer staff of twelve people, an old Jeep, and an early 1950s model Ford fire truck, what the department lacked in physical resources, it made up in generosity and hard work. Thirteen local residents used their own money to send letters to residents getting the word out about the creation of the department and to ask for donations to build a fire station. A small station was finally built by the volunteer firefighters in 1967, and the department responded to 24 calls during its first year.

The area served by the Oakdale Fire Department has doubled in size since 1964 and the department has expanded with it. Now operating out of two, much larger fire stations, the department employs 40 paid-per-call and eight full-time firefighters. Many of the staff are trained as emergency medical technicians or paramedics who provide support 24 hours. The department now responds to more than 2,000 medical, fire, and rescue calls per year.

Despite its impressive growth, the Oakdale Fire Department still retains its commitment to

the community and stands as an example of the very best in public services funded by taxpayers. Mr. Speaker, the valuable efforts of the Oakdale Fire Department during the past five decades are commendable and worthy of recognition. In honor of many people who have built the success of the Oakdale Fire Department, it is a privilege to submit this statement in honor of its 50th anniversary.

HONORING JAMES RODARTE

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 28, 2014

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the contributions of the late James Rodarte, a lover of music and photography, and a passionate community leader in Southwest San Antonio. Mr. Rodarte served his community through his vocal advocacy for transportation solutions in Southwest San Antonio.

Mr. Rodarte was born August 12, 1959, to James and Anita Rodarte. He inherited his witty sense of humor from his mother and the two were often caught laughing at their own private jokes. He was adored by his sisters Debra, Diane, Denise, and Dori. Mr. Rodarte attended Ivanhoe and David Crockett Elementary Schools, Edgewood Middle School, and graduated from Kennedy High School in 1978.

Mr. Rodarte had a lifelong passion for music and photography. Every Christmas growing up he turned the family living room into a photo studio, sweetly providing a family portrait as his yearly gift. As an adult he volunteered his time taking pictures of Edgewood High School activities and received particular joy from taking photos of all athletic teams.

A talented musician, Mr. Rodarte played the trombone, drums, and bass guitar. He particularly enjoyed playing his five-string bass with conjuntos. Mr. Rodarte played with the legendary San Antonio Marching Band, and though diabetes may have prevented him from marching, he didn’t let his condition stop him from participating. He would drive the “chase vehicle” behind the band. Whenever a musician tired, they could pull out of the ranks and get into his vehicle to rest for a while.

Mr. Rodarte combined his love of music and photography by taking pictures and videotaping Tejano performances, especially during San Antonio’s yearly Fiesta celebration. He would upload performances to YouTube for the local community to enjoy.

The legacy that Mr. Rodarte will most be remembered for was his dogged campaign to provide relief for the citizens living in the Zarzamora Street and Frio City Road area from traffic delays caused by train traffic. These daily delays forced the community to wait longer than 30 minutes while the trains inexplicably stop in the middle of this residential neighborhood.

Mr. Rodarte spearheaded the community’s demands for a solution. He was a constant presence at City Council and Commissioners Court meetings, presenting a plan to build an overpass to provide relief to the community.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have had this time to recognize the life of James Rodarte, a lover of music and photography, and a dedicated community leader.