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TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF RYLAND KELLEY

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an extraordinary American, Richard Ryland Kelley, who was born on October 2, 1925, in Palo Alto, California, and died on August 30, 2014. He was an energetic, creative, generous and poetic man, and was a central figure in the development of Silicon Valley.

Ryland Kelley was a graduate of Stanford University and served his country in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He joined his father in forming a real estate firm that became known as Hare, Brewer and Kelley (HBK). The firm developed many San Francisco Peninsula communities, including Ladera, Lindenwood, Atherton Heights and Hidden Valley in Woodside. HBK also built the Palo Alto Office Center, Mayfield Mall, Webster House, a retirement community in Palo Alto, and the Pajaro Dunes resort in Watsonville.

Ryland Kelley was a writer and a poet, who at the time of his death was planning to produce six one-act plays. He wrote seven plays and published three books of poetry. He was deeply involved in athletics since his days on the Stanford football and basketball teams, and tasted politics while helping Paul N. "Pete" McCloskey in his successful campaign against Shirley Temple Black for an open seat in Congress. He was a true renaissance man. Realizing that he was near death, he held a poetry reading for his closest friends at his son's home in June.

Ryland Kelley leaves his devoted wife of 65 years and my precious friend, Shirley Sneath Kelley; his son Rich and his wife Gina of Woodside; his son Tom of San Francisco; and his son Bruce and his wife Susan, of West Hartford, Connecticut; and four grandchildren.

I had the privilege of knowing Ry for over three decades. His friendship, sage advice and counsel, and keen observations enriched my life immeasurably. Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in expressing our deepest condolences to Ryland Kelley's family and to all those who knew, respected and loved him. I consider it a great blessing to have called him my friend, and his countless contributions to our community are eloquent statements about this uniquely gifted and giving man. Our country and our community were blessed by his life, and we are bettered having known him.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JOHN HEUBERGER, DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY DISTRIBUTION CENTER IN TOBYHANNA, PA

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. John Heuberger, who will retire on Friday, October 3, 2014 from his position as the Deputy Commander of DLA Distribution in Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Heuberger is a Vietnam Era Veteran, having served in the United States Navy from 1971–1974 as a Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class. He later spent three years in the Naval Reserve and began his career as a federal employee, where he continued to proudly serve our country.

As a federal employee, Mr. Heuberger worked at a wide range of facilities across New York and Pennsylvania. His assignments included the Veterans Administration Extended Care Center in St. Albans, New York, the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York, the Veterans Administration Center in Northport, New York, and as a General Supply Officer at Tobyhanna Army Depot in Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania.

Since 1992, Mr. Heuberger has served as Distribution Facilities Manager, DLA Distribution at Tobyhanna Army Depot.

Mr. Heuberger is the recipient of the Army Award for Civilian Service, the Department of the Army Certificate of Appreciation, numerous other awards, and has been honored by Vice-President Al Gore with the National Partnership for Reinventing Government Award.

Mr. Heuberger is a role model in the workplace—truly an individual other federal employees should seek to emulate. His hard work and dedication to all facets of our making our military the best it can be are overly commendable. During his Tobyhanna years, he drew on past experiences and relationships to hone his leadership skills, consistently sought to promote positive thinking, and provided invaluable guidance to his colleagues and fellow employees. The role Mr. Heuberger played in his years of service at DLA is an integral part of the critical mission to supply and equip our military. I am honored to recognize outstanding individuals engaged in this mission.

I extend my congratulations to Mr. Heuberger for a job well done in service to our nation. The Department of Defense and everyone at Tobyhanna will miss him, I'm sure, but I wish him well in retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF JOSE R. BALASQUIDE

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, to recognize Jose Balasquide. Born in Puerto Rico, Mr. Balasquide has been residing in Central Florida since 1993.

Mr. Balasquide has been active in the political, civic, and business communities in Cen-

tral Florida. As Governmental Affairs Director for the Puerto Rican Chamber of Commerce of Central Florida, he worked to promote the region's economic development.

A former Legislative Assistant to a Florida State Senator, Mr. Balasquide has remained politically active. He served as the Florida State Director of the Mi Familia Vota Educational Fund (MVEF), where he led campaigns to help increase civic engagement in the Latino community and build a new, influential community of voters. He has also directed Latino civic engagement efforts, and mobilized over 75,000 Latinos in Florida during the 2012 elections.

Mr. Balasquide is also a Member-at-Large for the Executive Board of the Central Florida Redistricting Council. In this capacity, he has been battling for the fair redistricting of the state of Florida.

Mr. Balasquide served as the Director of the Latino Civic Engagement Working Group, a platform for Latino civic organizations to develop a regional and state progressive civic engagement plan. In 2013, he served as the President of the Florida Democratic Hispanic Caucus and he is currently the President for its Osceola County Chapter. He is also a Partner at Business Entities Advisors LLC., a consulting company, and a Consultant with Beacon Solutions, LLC.

A graduate of the Interamerican University of Puerto Rico, College of Business Administration, Mr. Balasquide is a licensed insurance adjuster and a financial advisor.

I am happy to recognize Jose R. Balasquide, during Hispanic Heritage Month, for his contributions to the Central Florida community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE UNITED STATES-CARIBBEAN PARTNERSHIP ACT OF 2014

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, today, I am pleased to introduce the United States-Caribbean Partnership Act of 2014.

I ask my colleagues to imagine countries where tens of thousands of American citizens travel for pleasure or business; where thousands of American citizens go to school; where there is a constant concern about drug trafficking to the United States; but where the United States has no U.S. embassies. Surprisingly, there are five countries in the Caribbean—only a few hundred miles from the United States—where we have no physical diplomatic presence. My legislation will correct this problem by establishing U.S. embassies in the five countries in the Caribbean with which the United States has diplomatic relations but no permanent diplomatic presence: Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Currently, all diplomatic relations with these countries are run out of the U.S. embassy in Barbados.

While these countries are small, they must not be taken for granted. They are key voting members of the United Nations and other international organizations. As members of the Organization of American States (OAS), their

votes are extremely important, particularly as countries in the hemisphere choose a new Secretary General next May. We must work with our partners in the Caribbean to ensure that the next OAS Secretary General is committed to upholding the principles enshrined in the Inter-American Democratic Charter. Without a U.S. presence in these five countries, it is very difficult to conduct in-person diplomacy with our counterparts on a range of crucial international issues. These countries are also of profound interest and importance to the millions of Caribbean-American citizens in the United States.

Currently, in order to meet with local officials, the private sector or civil society, U.S. diplomats must fly in from Barbados (or Washington) on often expensive, infrequent flights, and stay overnight in often expensive island hotels. Close working relationships with key leaders cannot develop, because our diplomats are not there to establish them. And, our diplomacy is limited to phone calls, emails and faxes, even though we all know that the best interaction is carried out in person. In addition to our stymied diplomacy, U.S. citizens living in these countries do not have full consular services to assist in the event of emergencies.

This bill establishes new embassies in Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines while using existing funding. I authored an amendment to create these embassies in 2011 which was approved unanimously by the House Foreign Affairs Committee. I look forward to working with the Obama Administration to get this legislation across the finish line this time.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation.

RECOGNIZING THE IMMACULATA UNIVERSITY MIGHTY MACS 1972–1974 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAMS

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the players and coaches of the Immaculata University Mighty Macs 1972–1974 Women's Basketball Teams on the occasion of their enshrinement into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

Led by their young coach, Cathy Rush, the Mighty Macs won the first three women's college basketball championships in 1972, 1973, and 1974 and this performance is considered the birthplace of modern college women's basketball. Rush is a Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame Inductee, Class of 2008. In addition to the national championships, the Mighty Macs were the first women's team, along with the University of Maryland, to appear on national TV; first women's team, along with Queen's College, to play at Madison Square Garden, and the first women's college team to play outside the United States (Australia in 1974). Their inspirational story was made into a feature-length theatrical movie called *The Mighty Macs* and released by Sony Pictures in 2011.

The Mighty Macs are: Janet Ruch Boltz '73 of Glen Mills, PA; Denise Conway Crawford

'74 of Havertown; Janet Young Eline '74 of Gettysburg, PA; Theresa Shank Grentz '74 of West Chester, PA; Nancy Johnston '76 (deceased); Barbara Deuble Kelly '77 of White Bear Lake, MN; Tina Krah of Indianapolis, IN; Patricia Mulhern Loughran '77 of Broomall, PA; Judy Marra Martelli '75 of Media, PA; Maureen Mooney '73 (deceased); Sue Forsyth O'Grady '72 of Drexel Hill, PA; Patricia Opila Penater '72 (deceased); Rene Muth Portland '75 of Bloomington, IN; Betty Ann Hoffman Quinn '73 of Ardmore, PA; Cathy Rush (coach) of Sarasota, FL; Mary Scharff '77 of Audubon, NJ; Marianne Crawford Stanley '76 of Raleigh, NC; Maureen Stuhlman of South Lake Tahoe, CA; and Marie Liguori Williams '77 of Hollywood, FL.

Mr. Speaker, in light of their outstanding accomplishments, history-making seasons, and enshrinement in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing the players and coaches of the Immaculata University Mighty Macs 1972–1974 Women's Basketball Teams.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 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 \$17,741,170,643,844.86. We've added \$7,114,293,594,931.78 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$7.1 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF NASA AMES RESEARCH CENTER

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the scientists, engineers and staff of the NASA Ames Research Center for their legacy of contributions to our nation. For three quarters of a century NASA Ames has been a center of research, innovation, creativity and discovery.

NASA Ames was established on December 20, 1939, in Sunnyvale and Mountain View, California, and is now part of the 18th Congressional District of California which I'm privileged to represent.

Aeronautical researchers at NASA Ames constructed the world's greatest series of wind tunnels, improved the aircraft that led America to victory in World War II, and helped design supersonic jet aircraft.

Spacecraft engineers at NASA Ames played a major role in the exploration of space and continue to study human-machine interaction, fundamental space biology and biotechnology.

Information technologists at NASA Ames opened the fields of supercomputing, helped

lay the foundations of the commercial internet and network security, and serve as a conduit for the sharing of ideas between government and the firms of Silicon Valley. The planetary scientists of NASA Ames have inspired a sense of awe at the vastness, beauty and complexity of the universe through robotic missions to explore our solar system.

The earth scientists of NASA Ames helped bring better understanding to the environmental dynamics of our planet, and collaborated with scientists to develop new tools to fight fires, address the challenges of climate change, and make us better stewards of our ecosystems.

The educators of NASA Ames have inspired successive generations of young people to engage in careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

The government entrepreneurs of NASA Ames have done better science for less expense. NASA Ames builds, manages, and operates some of the most spectacular spacecraft that explore our solar system, as well as other solar systems, and it is a powerful and reliable source of employment and innovation with a highly skilled and motivated workforce.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in saluting the extraordinary contributions made by NASA Ames Research Center over the past 75 years to the history, economy, ecology and knowledge of our nation.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR AJ KUEN

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Major AJ Kuen, of the United States Army, for his extraordinary service to our nation. He served both Congress and the Army during his time on Capitol Hill with the Army's House liaison division. Major Kuen was recently assigned to continue his excellent work in the Army's chief of legislative liaison office at the Pentagon.

A native of Montville, New Jersey, Major Kuen graduated from the United States Military Academy with a Bachelor's Degree in Systems Engineering before reporting to the Army's prestigious aviation school. He excelled as a young lieutenant and completed the challenging qualifications for both the Kiowa and Blackhawk helicopters.

Major Kuen reported to his first duty assignment in Fort Polk, Louisiana to serve as a Blackhawk platoon leader for the Joint Readiness Training Center. His skills as both a leader and aviator were on full display while he trained units to conduct dangerous aviation missions in Afghanistan.

Major Kuen continued his great work during later assignments. He served with the 1st Cavalry Division in Fort Hood, TX where he ensured that the Lone Star State received immediate emergency air support from the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade during Hurricane Ike. Shortly thereafter, Major Kuen deployed to Iraq as the Headquarters and Headquarters Company Commander for the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade.

Major Kuen's exceptional performances as an Army officer allowed him to compete for