

Hymie owned Metropolitan Furniture with his brothers, where he worked on developing advertisements, design and even helped with the construction of the building. Despite everything Hymie and Mittie had in common throughout life, they chose different career paths. But that didn't come between them in any way. Both businesses were down the street from each other on Jensen Drive, and the best friends managed to eat lunch together almost every day.

The year 1953 would change both Hymie and Mittie's lives. It was the year they both met their wives, Blanch and Sally. These two women not only brought the two men closer but the two couples became best of friends. They did everything together from bowling leagues every week to traveling the country.

Five years ago, Hymie and his wife, Blanch, moved to the Hampton Post Oak. Sure enough, 2 years later, Blanch convinced Mittie to move there as well. Up until yesterday, Mittie and Hymie spent their days playing Texas Hold'em with their friends at The Hampton on Post Oak.

On March 10, 2014, Mittie went to be with the Lord. We are forever indebted to men like Mittie and Hymie for their service to America. They are the rare, special breed that has shaped our country into the great Nation we are today. They are the Greatest Generation. And that's just the way it is.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF CHARLES D. MCCRARY AS PRESIDENT AND CEO OF ALABAMA POWER

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 11, 2014*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, with my Alabama delegation colleagues ROBERT ADERHOLT, SPENCER BACHUS, MO BROOKS, BRADLEY BYRNE, MARTHA ROBY, and TERRI SEWELL, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize Charles D. McCrary. Mr. McCrary is retiring March 2014 from Alabama Power as the president and Chief Executive Officer.

Mr. McCrary has served since October 25, 2001, as the 10th president and CEO of Alabama Power, which provides electricity to 1.4 million customers in Alabama. He joined Alabama Power during the summer of 1970 following his freshman year at Auburn University and has held various positions of increasing responsibility within Southern Company, including vice president for Southern Nuclear Operating Company, and later held the positions of president of Southern Company Generation, chief production officer of Southern Company and president of Southern Power Company.

Mr. McCrary was born in Birmingham in 1951. He graduated from Shades Valley High School and earned his Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering from Auburn University, followed by a Juris Doctor from Birmingham School of Law and was admitted to the Alabama State Bar in 1979.

Mr. McCrary is married to the former Phyllis Brantley of Birmingham and the father of two sons, Doug and Alex.

Mr. McCrary has been an active leader in the community and state of Alabama while

serving as chairman of the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama and on the boards of Regions Financial Corporation, Mercedes-Benz U.S. International Inc., Protective Life Corporation, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Southern Research Institute and the Auburn University Board of Trustees.

Mr. McCrary has been a coalition builder and a leader in economic development for the region and state through his vision and commitment calling for greater cooperation between cities, counties and business leaders. He was instrumental in bringing several large industries, to Alabama, including automotive, aerospace and steel manufacturers.

He implemented Target Zero, a safety program to ensure employees are properly trained and equipped to do their jobs safely, and the program has become a model for the utility industry. Mr. McCrary led the company and its customers through some of its greatest natural-disaster challenges, including Hurricane Ivan in 2004, which caused the largest number of outages in company history (825,701); Hurricane Katrina in 2005 with 636,891 outages; and the tornado disaster on April 27, 2011 with 412,000 outages. He made the decision to publicly announce restoration commitments after storms, a move that allowed the company to communicate to customers when they could expect to have power restored, making that practice standard today.

Mr. McCrary worked closely with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and managers to strengthen the relationship between the IBEW and management. He helped change the culture so management and labor have a mutual respect, creating a united front on behalf of all employees for various initiatives, including safety, employee morale and customer satisfaction and providing a business model throughout the industry.

Mr. Speaker, please join me and the entire Alabama Delegation in thanking Charles McCrary for his tireless dedication to Alabama Power. His service to our state is an inspiration. We wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. GENE GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 11, 2014*

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I was not able to be in Washington on March 4 through March 6, 2014 for votes because of the inclement weather and meetings in the district with the Secretary of Energy and EPA Administration.

If I had been here, I would have voted as follows:

On passage of the Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act, as amended, I would have voted "yes."

On passage of the resolution supporting the people of Venezuela as they protest peacefully for democratic change and calling to end the violence, I would have voted "yes."

On the Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule for H.R. 3826, the Electricity Security and Affordability Act, and H.R. 4118, the SIMPLE Fairness Act, I would have voted "no."

On H. Res. 497, the resolution providing the rule for H.R. 3826 and H.R. 4118, I would have voted "no."

On the U.S.-Israel Strategic Partnership Act, as Amended, I would have voted "yes."

On the Motion to Recommit H.R. 4118, I would have voted "yes."

On passage of H.R. 4118, I would have voted "no."

On passage of the Energy Efficiency Improvement Act, I would have voted "yes."

On the Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule for H.R. 2824, the Preventing Government Waste and Protecting Coal Mining Jobs in America Act, and H.R. 2641, the RAPID Act, I would have voted "no."

On H. Res. 501, the resolution providing the rule for H.R. 2824 and H.R. 2641, I would have voted "no."

On the Smith of Texas and Schweikert Amendment, I would have voted "no."

On the Capps/McNerney Amendment, I would have voted "yes."

On the Schakowsky/Lowenthal Amendment, I would have voted "yes."

On the Waxman Amendment, I would have voted "yes."

On the Motion to Recommit H.R. 3826, I would have voted "yes."

On final passage of H.R. 3826, I would have voted "no."

On the Motion to Table H. Res. 504, I would have voted "no."

On the Jackson-Lee Amendment, I would have voted "yes."

On the McKinley Amendment, I would have voted "no."

On the Nadler Amendment, I would have voted "yes."

On the Johnson of Georgia Amendment, I would have voted "yes."

On the Motion to Recommit H.R. 2641, I would have voted "yes."

On final passage of H.R. 2641, I would have voted "no."

On passage to provide for the costs of loan guarantees for Ukraine, I would have voted "yes."

BROWN'S 250TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 11, 2014*

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Brown University's 250th birthday.

Since 1764, the crown jewel of Rhode Island's higher education has been turning out scholars, thinkers, researchers, and leaders. Few of the sixty original signatories to the Brown charter could have conceived of where the university would stand today. Brunonians today lead the world in particle physics, neurology, renewable energy, and many other disciplines that two and a half centuries ago seemed beyond human comprehension.

As a lifelong citizen of Rhode Island, I am especially proud that our values of intellectual freedom and religious tolerance are reflected in Brown University. The mission of the university remains as relevant as ever: "To serve the community, the nation and the world by discovering, communicating and preserving knowledge in a spirit of free inquiry, and by educating and preparing students to discharge the offices of life with usefulness and reputation."

Perhaps inspired by these heady words, many graduates have chosen a life of public service. This includes Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen; Secretary of Labor Thomas Perez; Governors Maggie Hassan, Jack Markell, Bobby Jindal, and Rhode Island's own Lincoln Chafee; as well my colleague, Congressman CICILLINE.

In addition to the many individual contributions Brunonians have made to the civic community, Brown has been, itself, a leader among institutions of higher education. The New Curriculum is a model for academic exploration that encourages students to take intellectual risks and reflect deeply about their scholarly choices. These values can be seen in the exemplary Program in Liberal Medical Education, an innovative synthesis of traditional and professional courses of study, and in the University Steering Committee on Slavery and Justice, which examined the connections between the school's namesake family and the slave trade.

For the past 250 years, Brown has stood as a shining example of the success of free inquiry and the powers of creative discovery. Under President Christina Paxson's leadership, Brown is continuing to build on her past successes and remains a global leader in education. Just as her founders could not have envisioned the breadth of research being done today, I am excited to see what new fields Brown will lead in the future.

I join all of my Rhode Island colleagues in wishing Brown well on her 250th Birthday, as we all look forward to even greater things to come.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BEURT R. SERVAAS, M.D.

**HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 11, 2014*

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Beurt R. SerVaas of Indianapolis, Indiana. He passed away on February 2, 2014, at the age of 94. Beurt was an exceptional civil servant, businessman and philanthropist who was devoted to bettering the city he loved. He served both Indianapolis and his country with integrity and honor.

A lifelong Hoosier and resident of Indianapolis, Beurt graduated from Shortridge High School and later from Indiana University. After completing his degree, he bravely served in the United States Navy during the Second World War as a member of the American Intelligence Command's Office of Strategic Services in China. He later continued his service to

our nation as a member of the newly formed Central Intelligence Agency.

Returning to Indianapolis, Beurt began his storied career as a businessman in 1949 when he purchased his first company. Over the following decades, he would buy and sell nearly fifty businesses in Indiana and around the world, including the venerable Saturday Evening Post. An avid learner, he obtained his M.D. in his forties from the university he helped create, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI). Beurt SerVaas exemplified the best of the Hoosier spirit: hard work, determination and entrepreneurship.

Beurt was not only a business leader, but also a civic leader whose work fundamentally shaped the city of Indianapolis. Along with then-Mayor Richard Lugar, he was instrumental in the creation of Unigov, the government consolidation that expanded the boundaries of Indianapolis to include all of Marion County. After the transition, Beurt served on the City County Council for forty years, including twenty-seven as the president, and served under four different mayors. I was immensely proud to work with Beurt during my time as Deputy Mayor of Indianapolis. He was always kind and generous, and he provided invaluable guidance on how to keep the residents of Indianapolis safe and secure.

Dr. Beurt SerVaas is an irreplaceable pillar of the Indianapolis community whose legacy will continue to inspire Hoosiers for generations to come. Without his tireless devotion and visionary leadership, Indianapolis would not be the world-class city it is today. He brought the world's attention to his beloved hometown and helped Indianapolis compete on the global stage. My condolences and well wishes go out to his wife, Cory Jane SerVaas, his five children, his nineteen grandchildren, and his two great-grandchildren. My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time.

SUSPENDING THE INDIVIDUAL  
MANDATE PENALTY LAW  
EQUALS FAIRNESS ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. ERIK PAULSEN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 5, 2014*

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, the more we learn about the President's healthcare law, the more the facts show it's hurting more than it's helping.

The President said premiums would go down by two thousand dollars, but instead his chief actuary finally admitted that premiums will go up for two-thirds of Americans working for small businesses.

While the administration continues to provide delay after delay, admitting that the law is unworkable, they continue to let the individual mandate take effect. Millions of people will be hit with a mandate and new financial penalties, while losing the coverage they like, not being able to see the doctors they want, and facing higher premiums and out of pocket costs. Why is the administration willing to give big businesses a delay but not do anything to help hardworking Americans? Today, we have an opportunity to also delay the individual mandate in order to protect all Americans.

Minnesotans needed genuine healthcare reform before President Obama signed his healthcare law—and they still do now. It's time to act and spare the American people of Obamacare's costly and burdensome mandates and enact true, bipartisan healthcare reform that improves quality, increases choice, and reduces costs.

CONGRATULATING THE ROCKFORD  
RESCUE MISSION ON THEIR 50TH  
ANNIVERSARY

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 11, 2014*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Rockford Rescue Mission in Rockford, Illinois, on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

Rockford Rescue Mission first opened in 1964 with a sign on the door reading "All are welcome here. The alcoholic, the addict, the stranger, the sojourner, the pilgrim, the poor. There is hope for all who enter here." Over the last 50 years, Rockford Rescue Mission has continued to open its doors to those in our community who need help, operating 24 hours a day and 365 days a year. The Mission offers meals, short term housing, and prevention and recovery services for addictions, abuse and destructive relations.

In one year, Rockford Rescue Mission provides almost 60,000 nights of lodging and over 160,000 meals, as well as more than 10,000 counseling sessions to people all across northern Illinois. The Mission relies on private donations and support from over 500 volunteers annually providing almost 45,000 hours of service.

Mr. Speaker, I again congratulate Rockford Rescue Mission for reaching this impressive milestone. I want to thank them for their incredible efforts over the past 50 years and their continued dedication to providing services to those in need in our community.