

community and the game, Maraney is the 2015 inductee into the Roll Call Congressional Baseball Hall of Fame.

Maraney was working for the Clerk of the House in 1963, when he suggested to Yudain that someone should write about all the sports teams featuring congressional staff (baseball was just getting going then). “He said, ‘Ok, write it,’” Maraney recalls about the birth of Skip-along, which eventually expanded into an “around the Hill” beat and laid the groundwork for Roll Call’s current coverage of life in and around the Capitol.

From his perch, Maraney watched the game rise from the ashes after Speaker Sam Rayburn, D-Texas, shut it down in 1958. In 1961, members of Congress took part in a home-run contest and the next year the event became an actual game, played prior to a Washington Senators home contest.

“Sid had the idea of turning it into a party. The game had hot dogs, cheerleaders,” Maraney says. “Buses took everyone to the Stadium.”

Not only was Maraney providing pre- and post-game coverage, he was also calling the game. During those years, he got to see some of the greats of congressional baseball history: Indiana Democratic Sen. Birch Bayh (“He was sensational!”); former major league pitcher Wilmer “Vinegar Bend” Mizell, R-N.C.; Massachusetts GOP Rep. Silvio Conte (“He batted with a cigar and came out on crutches one year. And hit a double.”).

As the 1970s began, Maraney left the Clerk’s office and gave up the sports beat for a job with the National Star Route Mail Contractors Association, where he remains as executive director. While he obviously enjoys his job, there are some things he had to leave behind. As Roll Call’s sports and community columnist, “I got invited to everything.”

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#### HONORING JAMES PONCE

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#### HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate James Augustine Ponce of St. Augustine, Florida who turns 98 on July 19, 2015.

A native of St. Augustine, Florida, James Ponce was born on July 19, 1917. His relatives descended from the family of Juan Ponce de Leon.

Ponce grew up in the downtown area of St. Augustine, where his father owned R. Ponce Funeral Home. As a young boy he recalls his father burying American Tycoon, Henry Flagler, and other prominent figures of the community. In addition, Ponce has stated that his days at St. Joseph Academy afforded him the opportunity to learn about how Florida became a U.S. territory.

This early exposure to America’s Oldest City cemented his passion for the rich history that Florida boasts. Since that introduction as a child, Ponce has dedicated his life to preserving and sharing the histories of St. Augustine, the Breakers, and Palm Beach. Ponce also proudly served his country in the Navy during World War II and the Marines during the Korean War. Since the 1950s, he has called Palm Beach County home. During his time at the Breakers Hotel and Resort, Ponce worked at the front desk and eventually retired as an assistant manager. As of now, he conducts weekly walking tours of the Breakers.

Ponce is the official historian of the Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce and has also served as the President of the Historical Society of Palm Beach.

Throughout his career and retirement, Ponce has been recognized for his vast historical knowledge. In 1996 the Palm Beach Town Council named him “Palm Beach’s only two-legged, historical landmark.” He is the recipient of the Providencia Award from the Palm Beach County Convention and Visitors Bureau, which recognizes an individual or agency that contributes to the prosperity of the tourism industry in the county.

James Ponce is an exceptional man, and one whom I am proud to represent in Florida’s 22nd District. I know I join with his family and friends in celebrating this wonderful occasion. I wish him good health and continued success in the coming years.

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#### IN HONOR OF THE COMO HIGH SCHOOL, 1914-1971, 10TH ALL SCHOOL REUNION CELEBRATION

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#### HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Como High School’s 10th All School Reunion Celebration on July 2–5, 2015. This celebration is a milestone for the Como community as it recognizes its history and the impact Como High School had on its students.

From its inception, the Como community’s location left its primarily black residents walled in with a physical barrier separating Como from the surrounding neighborhoods. This physical separation prompted its residents to meet the needs of the community through their own initiatives. In the fall of 1914, Como residents felt an urgent need for a formal school to educate the black youth of the community. During its first year, Como Elementary School housed 11 students and employed one teacher by the name of Ms. Lucinda Baker.

Unfortunately, after two years the school was closed due to low enrollment and did not reopen for its second term until 1917. The school was ultimately reestablished the following year in 1918, where Mrs. Pearl Walker Connor served as the head teacher.

After World War I, the Como community began to grow rapidly. As more people moved into the community there was a greater need for a bigger and better school building. Under the leadership of Mr. R. N Riddles, the county superintendent, a building with two rooms was built on the southeast corners of Faron and Bonnell Streets.

During the time of expansion, Mrs. Gertrude Wilkerson-Starners was appointed head teacher with Mrs. Geneva Carrington serving as her assistant. Later Mrs. Jessie Raleigh and Mrs. A. Greenwood joined the staff and Mrs. M. L. Patterson came to the school as a teacher in 1931.

The men of the community initially supplied coal for heating and kept the grounds clean; but as the school began to grow, the need for custodial personnel became necessary. In 1933, Mr. John Atkins was hired as the first full time custodian.

Although no formal record exists, it is clear that the need for a high school naturally grew

as the community had more students to educate. Additional teachers were added in 1935, and the school moved to occupy Libbey, Goodman, Horne and Hollaran Streets. In 1935, Mr. J Martin Jacquet was hired as principal and served the institution for ten years with Mr. Oscar M. Williams succeeding him in 1946. The current building was erected in 1950 during Williams’ tenure as principal. Mr. Wilbur H. Byrd served as Como High School’s last principal from 1967 until the school’s closure in 1971.

Como Elementary School and Como High School grew from humble beginnings to a 33 room ultra-modern structure that housed an industrial arts room, a gymnasium, a 500 person auditorium; a chemistry lab, homemaking laboratories, a library, men’s and women’s lounges, and a group of offices for the administrative staff.

Between 1914 and 1965, Como Elementary and Como High School’s prestige increased as their academic excellence was recognized by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

In 1971, the sudden shift to integrate schools forced Como High School to close despite its growth. Although school integration caused the original Como High School to close, Como Elementary School and Como Montessori Magnet School carry on its legacy of community, unity and pride.

After Como High School’s closure the first annual school reunion was held in July 1983. Its subsequent reunions proved that the fond memories of the Como spirit remain in the hearts of former students and staff members forever.

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#### HONORING THE RAVENSBRUCK ARCHIVE PROJECT

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#### HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Ravensbruck Archive Project.

The Ravensbruck Concentration camp was the Nazi’s largest and central internment camp for women and children during the Holocaust. Between 1939 and 1945, over 130,000 prisoners passed through Ravensbruck and its satellite camps.

The Ravensbruck Archive is an international archive that provides a critical link to the history of the Holocaust. Many of the documents in the Archive have been hidden for the past 70 years, but now because of the Ravensbruck Archive Project, the material will be translated, digitized, and shared with the world via the web and a world traveling exhibit. The Ravensbruck Archive Project will preserve and make accessible this important piece of history for generations to come.

The Ravensbruck Archive is housed at Lund University in Sweden. The Archive includes more than 500 handwritten interviews with Ravensbruck survivors, taken at the time of their liberation in 1946. The Archive contains prisoners’ notebooks, diaries, letters, poems, recipes, photographs, drawings, and official Nazi documents from the concentration camp such as lists of prisoners, block books, and transcripts of protocols and original documents

from the Ravensbruck trial in Hamburg in 1946–1947.

Our community owes the Ravensbruck Archive Project and all those involved a debt of gratitude for their tireless hard work and dedication. I would especially like to commend my constituent, Robert Resnick, for his leadership in this Project. Mr. Resnick is the Chair of this important restoration endeavor.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Ravensbruck Archive Project.

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TRIBUTE TO THE ANKENY HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER TEAM

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**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Ankeny High School Girls Soccer Team for winning for the Iowa Girls 2A State Soccer Tournament.

I would like to congratulate each member of the Team:

Players: Mariah Anderson, Adrienne Beardsley, Morgan Bennett, Caroline Buelt, Molly Close, Lisa Dauterive, Jordan Enga, Ali Gibson, Kayla Heitz, Megan Henderson, Lizzy Humpall, Kelsey Laughman, Maddie Leever, Alexis Legg, Hannah McCann, Claire Netten, Aylssa Parker, Emily Schuhmacher, Jena Stevens, Tana Stevens, Kelsey Yarrow, and Taylor Young;

Coaches: Lacey Woolf Chelsea Cline, Kristen Boyer, and Ashlee May; and

Managers: Sahara Adamson, Allie Roode, and Malorie Strong.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by these students and their coaches demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent them in the United States Congress. I know all of my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating these young ladies and the rest of the team for competing in this rigorous competition and wishing them all continued success.

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CONGRATULATING JIM TUDOR ON HIS RETIREMENT

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**HON. TOM PRICE**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2015*

Mr. TOM PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to speak in honor of a good friend and policy advocate, Jim Tudor. Having known Jim for years, including back in my time in the Georgia State Senate, I know personally his hard work ethic and keen insight on public affairs.

Jim graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 1972 and spent two years in the Army. Having worked for Georgia Association of Convenience Stores since January 1987, Jim has been recognized by James Magazine as one of the Top Ten Lobbyist or trade organizations for the last three years and has received various Pigeon Awards from the Pigeon Community. Jim is highly active in the community, including his church, the Covington Rotary, the Georgia Youth Assembly and the YMCA.

Mr. Speaker, Jim recently announced his retirement after 29 years of work at the Georgia Association of Convenience Stores. After having done such wonderful work for so long, I am sure it will be a distinct, but well-deserved, change of pace. Though the Association will miss him, I know how excited his wife Sarah, his four children, and five grandchildren must be. Jim looks forward to roaming the countryside with Sarah in their retro-style 2015 Mel-Low Yellow Winnebago. On behalf of the Sixth District of Georgia, I congratulate Jim and thank him for all he has done enriching our community.

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CONGRATULATING THE UNITED STATES WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM ON WINNING 2015 FIFA WORLD CUP

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**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2015*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the United States Women's National Team for their victory at the 2015 FIFA World Cup, their third championship, and first since the legendary 1999 championship team.

The teamwork, individual skills of the players, and sportsmanship displayed by these great athletes shined through as they moved through their bracket and then the knock-round and finally the epic championship game where they defeated the valiant and talented Japan National Team 5–2 in the highest scoring championship game in the history of the World Cup.

One nation. One team. Twenty three women. Twenty three girls who grew up to become role models for women and girls everywhere and captured the hearts of all Americans.

I would like to congratulate each and every one of these tremendous women for their dedication to the sport and to each other.

It is a matter of special pride to me and the constituents of the 18th Congressional District that three members of the remarkable Women's National Team come from Houston's local club, the Houston Dash: Meghan Klingenberg; Morgan Brian; and the tournament's top player and winner of the Golden Ball Award, Carli Lloyd.

As these women return to Houston this week, I know my constituents will be there cheering as hard as ever for their favorite players.

Meghan, Morgan, and Carli are an inspiration for the young women in my district—a district full of girls with the potential to succeed in sports, academics, and anything they set their minds to achieve.

The incredible victory of the 2015 Women's National Team is further proof that making the necessary investments to provide equal academic, athletic, and economic opportunities to girls and women yield substantial tangible and intangible dividends to our nation.

Mr. Speaker, women and girls are the biggest untapped resource in the world; in too many places they have been denied access to education, fair pay, and opportunities for so long—but that is changing.

After a weekend of celebration, I think it is safe to say that when women succeed, America succeeds.

And you know what? America can succeed much more.

Now, more than ever, I applaud the provisions like Title IX which have made it possible for girls to take part in sports and school activities.

However, there is more work to be done.

But today is a day to celebrate and salute the remarkable women athletes of the victorious 2015 National Women's Team which will live on in history as one of America's greatest team and in the achievements to come of girls and boys who were inspired by their devotion to their sport, their team, and to each other.

When girls succeed, women succeed. And when women succeed, America succeeds.

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THANKING ALLEN KING FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2015*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank Allen King, a resident of Maryland's Fifth Congressional District, for his service to this House. He retired on June 30, 2015, after more than thirty years in various positions with the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer.

For the past twelve years, Allen has served as the Supervisor for the Central Receiving and Warehousing, Logistics, and Support Department. He began his career with the House with the Labor Department and Property Supply under the Clerk's office, and for many years he worked directly under Cosmo Quattrone and Tom Van Dyke in the Furnishings Department. Following a reorganization of the CAO, the Department was renamed Logistics and Support, where Allen worked with former Deputy CAO Walt Edwards and former Chief Logistics Officer Jerry Bennett.

Some of his most memorable experiences during his time working for the CAO include contributing to the setup for the Congressional Iran-Contra hearings in 1987 as well as the 2001 anthrax scare, when the House of Representatives had to convene in a temporary location. Allen and his team, along with other CAO staff, set up an alternate House chamber as well as temporary offices and provisions for Members and staff off campus.

One of Allen's favorite moments on the job occurred in 1981 when he witnessed a marching band performing through the halls of the Cannon House Office Building, in town for the Inauguration of President Ronald Reagan. Allen was also on hand to witness the lying-in-state of President Reagan's casket in the Capitol Rotunda years later.

In retirement, Allen intends to enjoy more fishing and visits with old friends and co-workers. I congratulate him on his years of service, and I wish him and his family all the best as Allen begins a new chapter in his life. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Allen King for his distinguished service, contributions, and commitment to this House and to our country.