

were active in their community. Skarlatos moved to Oregon, but the trio stayed in touch. They were on a European vacation when the gunman burst into their cabin.

As an Oregon Army National Guardsman, Army Spc. Alek Skarlatos had recently returned from Afghanistan. He was first to sound the alarm, telling his friends, "let's go" as they moved to subdue the gunman.

Anthony Sadler, a senior at Sacramento State University, said his first instinct was to help and he rushed toward the man.

And Airman 1st Class Spencer Stone of the U.S. Air Force was the first to get to the gunman. He was slashed while trying to disarm the man. As a trained Emergency Medical Technician, his injury didn't stop him from administering care to some of the passengers who had been wounded. Stone has been nominated for the Airman's Medal, the Air Force's highest non-combat award.

These men were faced with a dangerous threat and in that moment chose to act. It is a testament to their bravery and their service to their country. It is my pleasure to formally recognize the actions they took to save others.

The parade in their honor will be held on September 11, 2015 in Sacramento. It's a fitting date to welcome them home and honor their heroism. The story of these three men is a reminder that everyone can be a hero. Thank you Alek, Anthony, and Spencer: you have made your hometown proud and inspired our country.

TRIBUTE TO MR. HUGH FLOYD WILLIAMS

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2015

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, Mr. Hugh Floyd Williams is celebrating forty (40) years of serving others in the Peace Corps as a volunteer for two years (1974–1976) and with the State Department for thirty-eight years (1977–2015); and

Whereas, Mr. Williams retired this year with the rank of Minister-Counselor from the State Department wherein under his guidance as a Foreign Service Officer, he has provided stellar leadership on an international level, he has enhanced the lives of many in Sierra Leone, Europe, Asia, Hong Kong, Canada, Malaysia, India, Indonesia, Belgium, Jamaica and the Americas; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious man is an ambassador of goodwill; he has given hope to the hopeless, fed the hungry and is a beacon of light to those in need; and

Whereas, Mr. Williams is a man of compassion, a fearless leader and a servant to all, but most of all a visionary who has shared his time and talent to promote diplomacy around the world representing our great nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mr. Hugh Floyd Williams as he celebrates forty years in service and to salute him as he retires from the State Department; A true Man of Excellence; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim July 23, 2015 as Mr. Hugh Floyd Williams Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 23rd day of July, 2015.

HONORING THE PERMIAN BASIN HONOR FLIGHT

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2015

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 93 Veterans from West Texas who will be visiting our Washington D.C. this week, sponsored by the Permian Basin Honor Flight. On behalf of a grateful state and nation, we welcome these heroes to the nation's capital.

The Veterans on this Honor Flight are: Clint Adams, Alberto Alavartez Jr., Clark Bagley, Joe Banks, Michael Barker, Victor Barros, James Bedingfield, Carlton Blackwell, Herbert Blankingship, James Block, Grady Blocker, Wilbur Boone, Thomas Bostick Sr., Raymond Boswell, Harold Brenner, Wendell Brown, Billy Brown, Mike Brown, Dr. Joseph Bruner, Daniel Bullen, Robert Cole, Jennifer Conkin, Richard Cortez, Doyle Dewayne Dobbs, Ernest Elkins, Ronald Emmons, Robert Fields, Daniel Fischer, Richard Galloway, Wade Gamblin, Ralph Gillette, John Graves, Eldon Griffis, Michael Henderson, Gary Hokerk, Wayne Hokerk, Rex Holland, Timothy Humpherys, Billy Hunte, Joe Jackson, Roger Johnston, Herman Jones, Bobby Kizer, Charles Linebarger, Teresa Lopez, Delfin Lopez, Michael Lopez, Raymond Lusk, Darcy Maloney, Robert Middaugh, Scott Morris Sr., Scott Morris Jr., Ira Overton, Carlos Padilla, Salvatore Pagano, Preston Parrott, Newton Peterson, Julian Pressey, TJ Price, Donald Price, Emil Raschke, Edward Reel, Winifred Richmond, Sifredo Rodriguez, Frank Rodriguez, Pedro Ruiz, Richardo Saldana, Thomas Salgado, Erene Sanchez, Simon Sanchez, Jerry Sides, Georgia Simcik, Claude Smith, Melvin Smith, Tommy Smith, Steve Stone, Rachel Stout, William Sudduth, Bobby Jean Swinney, William Tapley, Leslie Tidwell, Charl Trantham, Veron Trent, Teddy Trogdon, Henry Tuck, Randy Vest, Orlando Villanueva, Donald Waldrop, Gary Watkins, Mark Webb, David Whitten, Grady Wilkerson, Robert Williamson, William Wrenn.

Mr. Speaker, I am humbled to have the opportunity to meet these brave men and women who exemplify the best of our country. Their sacrifice and commitment to the duty to our nation can never be fully repaid, and I hope that when they visit our nation's monuments in Washington D.C., the gratitude and respect we have for them will truly be reflected.

Colleagues, please join me in thanking these veterans and their families for their exemplary dedication and service to this great nation. I would also like to extend a special thank you to the local communities, all of the volunteers, and Mr. Jeremy West and Mr. John West for their extensive work in organizing this Honor Flight. This trip would not have been possible without all the financial and emotional support of the people who have put in so much hard work and personal time to make sure this trip could be possible.

TRIBUTE TO THE WEBB-HUDSON FAMILY

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2015

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, the Webb-Hudson family lineage has blessed us with descendants that have helped to shape our nation; and

Whereas, the Webb-Hudson Family has produced many well respected citizens, and the patriarchs and matriarchs of the Webb-Hudson family are pillars of strength that have touched the lives of many; and

Whereas, in our beloved Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, we are honored to have members of the Webb-Hudson family such as Former Lithonia Mayor Marcia Hunter, Former Lithonia Police Chief Jerome Woods, former Lithonia Councilperson Barbara Lester, Rockdale County Sheriff Deputy A.G. Giles, DeKalb County Court Clerk Drucilla Woods and Mrs. LaVerne Woods Baker for they are some of our most honorable citizens in our District; and

Whereas, family is one of the most honored and cherished institutions in the world and we take pride in knowing that families such as the Webb-Hudson family have set aside this time to fellowship with each other, honor one another and to pass along history to each other through their family reunion in DeKalb County, Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Webb-Hudson family; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim July 11, 2015 as Webb-Hudson Family Reunion Day In the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 11th day of July, 2015.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD CAMPBELL

HON. JOHN R. MOOLENAAR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2015

Mr. MOOLENAAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Owosso Argus-Press editor and chairman Richard Campbell in recognition of his lifetime of contributions to Owosso, Shiawassee County and our great state.

A 1946 Owosso High School Graduate, Richard attended the University of Michigan and was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps. Richard's 20 years in the Marines included serving as a platoon commander during the Korean War, leading a battalion of Marines to Vietnam in 1966, and touring as a senior press officer of the Military Assistance Command-Vietnam.

After retiring as a colonel in 1972, Campbell returned to the family business in Owosso and started work at the Argus-Press. At the paper, he worked in advertising and news, before being named editor in 1973. Richard was known for his great attention to detail, his enthusiasm for pursuing stories, and the way he cared about his staff. He dedicated over 40 years to the Argus-Press and, though he attempted several times to retire, he always

came back to the office and the work that he loved.

In addition to his work as editor of the Argus-Press, Richard served as president of the Michigan Press Association, the Michigan Associated Press Editorial Association, and the University Press Club of Michigan. He was also a dedicated member of the Society of Professional Journalists (Sigma Delta Chi) and the National Press Club in Washington, DC.

On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Michigan, I am honored today to recognize Richard Campbell for his lifetime of service to our country and community.

TRIBUTE TO THE SHEPHERD FAMILY

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2015

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, during the mid-1800's, the union of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Shepherd in South Carolina began the Shepherd family lineage; since that time, the Shepherd family has blessed us with descendants across the country who have helped to shape and mold our nation; and

Whereas, today we honor all of the matriarchs and patriarchs of the Shepherd family, who are pillars of strength in our community. The Shepherd family helped to build and support Poplar Springs Baptist Church in Ellenwood, Georgia over one hundred forty-one years ago and continue to support this great institution today; and

Whereas, in our beloved Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, I am honored to have many members of the Shepherd family who are some of our most productive and community involved citizens; and

Whereas, family is one of the most honored and cherished institutions in the world, and I take pride in knowing that families such as the Shepherd family have set aside this time to fellowship with each other, honor one another and to pass along history to each other by meeting at this year's family reunion in Georgia's Fourth Congressional District; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Shepherd Family; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim, September 13, 2015 as The Shepherd Family Reunion Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 13th day of September, 2015.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 375TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF MARSHFIELD

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2015

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 375th Anniversary of the town of Marshfield, Massachusetts, a beautiful coastal haven on the state's historic South Shore.

While the town was officially incorporated as a separate town from Plimoth Plantation in 1640, the area that is Marshfield today has been inhabited by Native American tribes, including the Wampanoag Tribe, for thousands of years. When early English settlers came to the area known as Missacautucket by the Wampanoag, they found roads already well-established by the tribe—some of which are still in use today.

Established as part of the 'New Colony of New Plimoth in New England' in 1620, this small colony grew from being predominantly cattle farmers to including commercial fishing, salt marsh haying and shipbuilding by the start of the 19th century.

Marshfield and its residents retain a storied place in our nation's history. Many of the town's colonists fought in several early American wars, including taking an early stance against the British on December 19, 1773—years before the official start of the Revolutionary War. At midnight, the Marshfield Patriots confiscated tea from the old Ordinary in the town as a protest against the Crown and a display of solidarity with those who took part in the Boston Tea Party, which took place only three days prior.

Perhaps Marshfield's most famous son is Daniel Webster, the former Senator and Secretary of State in the years leading up to the American Civil War. Though a national figure, this gifted orator and celebrated statesman was known in his time as "the Farmer of Marshfield".

Since its historic beginnings, Marshfield has grown into a vibrant and active community of over 25,000 residents. Today, the town attracts visitors from all over the country as a popular summer destination. This scenic town is also known for hosting an annual agricultural fair, attracting crowds from all over the region.

Mr. Speaker, the 375th Anniversary of Marshfield is an opportunity both to reflect on the significance of this prominent town and look ahead to its future as a pillar of the South Shore. Marshfield's past embodies the richness of American history and the indomitable spirit of the American people. May this historic Massachusetts town flourish for many years to come.

HONORING THE LIFE OF THE HONORABLE RAYMOND L. BRAMUCCI

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2015

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with the deepest respect and the heaviest of hearts that I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend and outstanding political leader, Raymond L. Bramucci. His passing marks the end of an era and leaves a legacy of public service to which we should all strive.

Born in Ludlow, Massachusetts, Ray's story is one so many children of immigrants share. His success was built on hard work and community service. One of four children of an Italian butcher who lost everything during the Great Depression, Ray worked a variety of factory jobs as a boy to help his family survive. He dropped out of high school at age 17 and entered the United States Air Force where

he served for four years with honor and distinction.

After finishing his service in the Air Force, Ray moved to New York City where he joined the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union. Rising through the ranks, he became a senior director widely respected for championing fair play by both workers and employers. This commitment to balance earned Ray a distinguished reputation among all those he worked with.

Senator Bill Bradley chose Ray to lead his New Jersey office, a post he held for more than twenty years before he was tapped by then Governor Jim Florio to serve as Commissioner of New Jersey's Department of Labor. His political acumen and policy prowess once again earned him the respect and admiration of all those who worked with him. As Commissioner, Ray left an indelible mark on public policy with one of his signature achievements—the passage of the Workforce Development Partnership Act, which trained unemployed workers in high-tech, emerging trades.

Ray later served as the Executive Director of the Scion Hall University Institute on Work, a not-for-profit organization advocating workplace equity. He was also an arbitrator on the New Jersey Board of Mediation, a Special Advisor to the President of Montclair State University, and an adjunct professor of political science at Rutgers University. Ray ascended to the national stage in 1998 when then President Bill Clinton asked him to serve as Assistant Secretary of Labor at the United States Department of Labor. He oversaw the administration of national Youth Opportunity grants and became a driving force in employment and training nationwide. He also supervised job training across the country, including more than 100 Job Corps Centers.

Even after his service at the United States Department of Labor concluded, Ray remained active as a consultant on worker training, labor issues, conflict resolution and arbitration for public and private sector clients. Throughout his life, Ray demonstrated a unique commitment to public service. He fought hard for policies that strengthened the American workforce in immeasurable and innumerable ways.

On a more personal note, I will always be grateful to Ray for his friendship, support, and guidance. He was not only a good friend but, like for so many others, a mentor. I am honored to stand today to pay tribute to Raymond L. Bramucci for his many contributions to our nation and to extend my deepest sympathies to his wife, Sue; his sons, Michael and Dante; as well as his many family, friends, and colleagues. I consider myself fortunate to have called him my friend and he will be deeply missed by all of those fortunate enough to have known him.

COMMEMORATING THE KATYN FOREST MASSACRE

HON. ALBIO SIREs

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2015

Mr. SIREs. Mr. Speaker, as we commemorate the tragic events that took place on September 11th, 2001, we pause to remember all those that innocently lost their lives on that day.