

HONORING THE LATE
CONGRESSMAN LOUIS STOKES

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, the late Congressman Lou Stokes loved life and loved his family. He loved Cleveland, and he loved the political process. He was a giant of a man who embodied a quiet dignity that still inspires me today to do more for those who don't have a voice.

It was my privilege to attend the funeral service of Congressman Stokes on August 25, 2015. While many family members and friends paid special homage to a great public servant, the remarks of Congresswoman MARCIA FUDGE rung particularly true to all who were able to hear them. It is those comments that I would like to share with you now.

EULOGY OF LOUIS STOKES

(By Marcia Fudge)

I rise today to perform one of the most heavy-hearted duties to which I have ever been assigned. Lou Stokes himself was the assigner. He asked me several weeks ago to, on behalf of the political community, to deliver a discourse in commemoration of his lifetime of public service. Lou Stokes was the first African American elected to represent this community in the House of Representatives. I was blessed to have first a mentor/mentee relationship. Later, he became my colleague and my friend. That friendship continued without interruption until the day of his death. Make no mistake, my friends, we mourn this day, the loss of no ordinary man.

Napoleon I as the story goes was crossing the Alps, when he saw a lone peasant woman along the side of the road. "Where are you going on this bright morning?" And she answered "I am heading through the pass to hopefully see the Emperor." It was obvious she did not know who he was, so he went on and said "why would you be interested in seeing the Emperor, than his majesty from the House of Bourbon. It seems to me that you have exchanged one politician for another." The peasant spent a few minutes and said, "The Bourbons were the rulers for the rich and famous. Napoleon is our ruler." In this holy place, we have assembled to pay respect to the cherished and honored Louis Stokes, because no matter how many degrees he possessed, no matter how many world leaders he knew by first name, no matter how many Presidents sought his counsel, he was the Congressman for the peasant, the pauper, the passed over, and yes the populate.

Louis Stokes, thank God, never embraced the shallow notion that he should be like everyone else. Had he done so, he would never have reached his extraordinariness. He was a gifted orator, a writer of atypical ability, a lawmaker with legendary legislative savvy, and a statesman of sterling examples of civility. As the drama of history unfolds, Congressman Stokes will be ranked as one of the all-time greats, and to be sure, his greatness will endure. Because of Louis Stokes' staying power, I make it a practice to never praise the one hit wonders. Such ephemeral leaders are like the meteors that flash across the heavens, just long enough to announce the dark oblivion into which they soar. I, perhaps like many of you, prefer stars that don't burn out so quickly. Lou's star still shines.

There are millions of things that do not last. Such things are magnificent for a mo-

ment, and then like a mighty gust of wind, they're gone. The majority of men and women who served in Congress served and never left a trace. Deft winds hold no such victory over Louis Stokes. He was a man of good works. Remember, good works are inspired by God, and receptive to his people. Eternal life is the fruitage of good works. Yes I'm saying that if Lou Stokes is not in heaven, most of us can forget about it. I'm not a preacher, or a theologian, so I can't present a picture of Lou in heaven—but in the vernacular of the House of Representatives—the gentleman from Ohio has been appointed to an unknown committee, holding hearings in an unknown location, but orchestrated by a well-known, all-knowing chair.

RECOGNITION OF GOLDEN GOOSE
AWARD RECIPIENT, DR. CHRISTOPHER SMALL

HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

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Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Golden Goose Award, which recognizes researchers whose federally funded research has returned significant benefits to society.

In particular, I rise to celebrate one of this year's Golden Goose Awardees and fellow alum of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, in my district: Dr. Christopher Small. With funding from the National Science Foundation, Dr. Small, an earth scientist, and his colleague, Dr. Joel E. Cohen, a mathematical population biologist, pursued what seemed like a simple curiosity: how many people live at any given altitude on Earth? The result was the first global map of how the human population is distributed in altitude—an important factor in our exposure to risk, our human health and even how computers function.

While Drs. Small and Cohen were particularly interested in populations near coastlines, where they are at risk from natural disasters and sea-level rise, companies like Intel, Proctor & Gamble, and Frito-Lay have all consulted with them about populations at high altitudes. In fact, Dr. Small got what he calls the "biggest surprise of [his] scientific career" when he received a phone call from Frito-Lay representatives, interested to learning if there was a sufficient high altitude market to justify designing packaging that could sustain large differences in pressure from sea level up to the Rockies or the Himalayas.

Beyond working with industry to examine the potential of high altitude markets, the two have worked with biomedical researchers and public health professionals to help them understand the magnitude of altitude-related impacts on human health.

Without federal support, Drs. Small and Cohen may never have had the incentive to pursue their curiosity and develop game-changing insights into how the human population is distributed—insights that inform everything from microchip manufacturing to food production and packaging and from biomedical research to the treatment of human disease.

I rise today to congratulate my fellow Badger in receiving this important recognition and applaud those supporting the Golden Goose Award which continues to highlight the importance of federal investments in research.

These investments help grow our economy and improve the quality of our life and future generations.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BERNARD
T. GATES, JR.

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life of a special man from Kentucky's Sixth District, Bernard T. "Bud" Gates, Jr. Mr. Gates was a successful business owner and a leader in the automotive industry.

Mr. Gates was born in 1924 in Indianapolis, Indiana. He graduated from Indiana University, where he played football. Mr. Gates served his country as a member of the United States Army Air Corps. He was a well-known and successful race car driver. He was also a local television personality in Indianapolis.

Mr. Gates began his automotive career at the age of ten when he began working at his father's Chrysler-DeSoto dealership. He went on to own and operate Bud Gates Chrysler, Bud Gates Chevytown, one of the largest General Motors dealerships in the midwest, and Bud Gates Toyota, Indiana's first Toyota dealership. He was most recently an associate with his son Steve Gates at Toyota South in Richmond, Kentucky. Gates served on the National Automobile Dealers Councils for Chrysler, Chevrolet, and Toyota.

Bud Gates was a leader in the automotive industry and a great American. He died on September first. He will be deeply missed, especially by his daughter and two sons, his grandchildren, and his great grandchildren.

CONGRATULATING RAMER SCHOOL

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, James A. Garfield said that "Next in importance to freedom and justice is education, without which neither freedom nor justice can be maintained". Even though President Garfield's presidency was short, he proclaimed the value of and set standards for better education in our nation. Being a former teacher he valued the public education system.

A strong education base in Elementary, Middle and High School is essential for continuous growth. Educators, students, and communities who accomplish academic achievement and growth should be recognized. I am honored to congratulate Ramer School for being named a "Reward School" for the 2014-15 academic school year. To be one of only 5% in the state and one of only six in rural west Tennessee to achieve this status is an accomplishment for any school. And to make it more newsworthy, this is the second time in four years for Ramer to receive this award. We celebrate the hard work and dedication of your students, teachers, parents, and administrators.

Ramer School, you are building a great foundation in the lives of future contributing adults. I congratulate you.

TRIBUTE TO MAXINE LYON

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

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Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Maxine Lyon on her retirement as the organist at the First United Presbyterian Church in Atlantic, Iowa. Maxine recently retired after serving over 66 years as the church organist.

Maxine directed the children's choir, adult choir and bell choir for many years. She is well known in the Atlantic area for performing with other area musicians and accompanying community choirs. Maxine taught piano lessons for 40 years primarily to advanced students. After graduating from Parsons College in 1939, she began a distinguished career teaching music in several different school districts. Maxine and her husband, Walt, moved to Atlantic in 1948 and raised two daughters, Pat and Judy.

Mr. Speaker, I commend and congratulate Maxine for her many years of dedicated and devoted service to the First United Presbyterian Church and to the Atlantic community. I am proud to represent her in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Maxine and wish her and her family nothing but the best moving forward.

HONORING STEVEN HALL

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Patterson Fire Department and West Stanislaus Fire District Chief Steven Hall, who announced his retirement after serving 25 years in Patterson.

Chief Hall's career in firefighting started in 1990 when he came on as a volunteer firefighter. He worked full-time at Costco throughout his 11-year tenure as a volunteer for the Patterson and West Stanislaus fire departments. During that time, he took emergency medical technician training, served as an engineer and became the local training officer. In 1998, Hall became the area's first sworn-in arson investigator, which was still a volunteer position at the time.

During Steven's 11 years as a volunteer firefighter, he was also earning an education. He obtained his associate's degree in fire science from Modesto Junior College and, shortly after, attained his bachelor's degree in occupational studies from CSU Long Beach. Through the Grand Canyon University in Arizona, Steven earned a master's degree in leadership, with an emphasis in emergency preparedness and executive fire leadership.

In 2001, Hall finally accepted a paid position with the Patterson Fire Department as the Fire Marshall/Division Chief. At that time, then-Chief Richard Gaiser, Division Chief James Kinnear, and Hall were the only career staff of the West Stanislaus district and Patterson Fire. The Patterson department later doubled in size in 2005 when Mike Ambrosino and Mi-

chael McLaughlin joined as the first career firefighters.

In 2011, Steven was promoted to Fire Chief. As Chief, he helped guide the department from a fully volunteer organization to one that now has both career and volunteer men and women. His priority as chief has been personnel development as well as establishing a new way of promoting the men and women from within the department. Under Chief Hall, Patterson Fire Department has seen many advances such as its first strategic plan which instituted a community emergency response team and fire prevention programs, all while staying under budget for the last four years. With the advancements and improvements of the Patterson Fire Department, the city's public protection classification has been reduced from a Class-4 to a Class-2, with a Class-1 being the best, by the Insurance Services Office.

Chief Hall may be resigning from the Patterson Fire Department but his career is far from over. He has accepted the assistant fire chief position at the Central Fire Protection District in Santa Cruz County. This move will give him and his wife April, the opportunity to spend more time with their children and new grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending the outstanding contributions made to the Patterson Fire Department and West Stanislaus Fire District by Chief Steven Hall and hereby wish him continued success.

TRIBUTE TO INTERSTATE 35
TELEPHONE COMPANY**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Interstate 35 Telephone Company of Truro, Iowa. The company has reached an important milestone this year and I join them in celebrating their 50th anniversary of providing communication services to Iowa's 3rd Congressional District.

The Interstate 35 Telephone Company was incorporated in 1965 when Dale Mauer repurchased the Truro exchange from Continental Telephone Company. In 1965, St. Charles was added to the exchange, and in 1970, St. Mary's was added. Changes have been constant in this company since then as digital service, cable services and cell phone technology has improved. As a result, the number of employees has increased from 6 in 1980, to over 50 today. In many of the small towns they serve, the telephone company is one of the main businesses and a hub for a number of community projects.

Mr. Speaker, it's an honor to represent Interstate 35 Telephone Company and its hard working employees in the United States Congress. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on their 50th anniversary and wish them nothing but continued success.

HONORING AND CELEBRATING
JAZZ LEGEND LUQMAN HAMZA
ON HIS 84TH BIRTHDAY**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, the 1930s and 1940s produced the names of jazz legends like Count Basie, Charlie Parker, Miles Davis, Dizzy Gillespie, and Mary Lou Williams, who either began their careers or played in Kansas City's storied 18th & Vine District, which I proudly represent. Among those legends was Luqman Hamza, who honed his musical skill listening and playing alongside these extraordinary musicians.

Originally born in St. Louis, Missouri on September 15, 1931, Hamza's mother passed away when he was only 6 years old. He was blessed to have been raised by foster parents, Isaiah and Elizabeth Cummings, a Christian minister and his wife, in Kansas City, Missouri. Hamza once related how impactful his foster father was, comparing his life to a history book. Cummings' father had been a slave and his mother a Native American Indian, which helped shape Hamza during his formative years.

Hamza grew up in Kansas City's 18th and Vine District, surrounded by music. Just a stone's throw away lived Charlie Parker and dozens of clubs were located within the district's six-block area. Hamza began singing for pocket change around his home when he was only a young child. From age 11 until he was 17, Hamza studied voice and piano under the Reverend John S. Williams. Williams, a minister and choir director at the Bethel Church, was also a music teacher at Lincoln High School and is known to have helped educate many of Kansas City's finest musicians. At the age of 12, Hamza, along with boyhood friends Sonny Kenner, Lucky Wesley and various other artists, formed a group known as the Four Steps and later renamed to the Five Aces. This group would play at several clubs in the 18th and Vine District, including Scott's Theater and the Chez Paris. The young band won a statewide high school talent contest in 1948, which allowed them to play on the Bob Hope show at Municipal Auditorium Music Hall. They would also land a live radio broadcast on KIMO every Sunday for several weeks. Hamza co-wrote his first chart-hitting release, When You Surrender, with Ted Battaglia when he was only 19 years old.

Hamza's experiences included playing with Charlie Parker when he was in town, and later with Miles Davis. By 1954, Hamza would venture out of Kansas City to continue his professional development. He returned to St. Louis, where he found work at the Glass Bar and the Toast of the Town. He then moved on to Chicago, where he thrived while the jazz scene was at its zenith. He lived and "gigged" in Chicago for over a decade, playing at numerous established clubs, such as the Black Orchid and the Playboy Club.

Although Hamza was raised in a Christian household, he began to explore Islam while in Chicago and became a Muslim in the mid 1960's. He grew up with the name of Larry Cummings, but adopted the name Luqman Hamza during this time. He held that name in