

As I have said many times before, those who wear the badge—the shield over their heart—represent the best of our communities.

Our gratitude goes to Trooper Ponder for his selfless service both to our country and our community.

We continue to pray for police. They are the silent safe guardians who protect our cities, neighborhoods and schools. They are the men and women of the thin blue line between the law and the lawless.

And that's just the way it is.

BUILDING A BIGGER FORT BEND

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ryko Development for being recognized as Developer of the Year by the Texas Association of Builders.

Ryko Development earned this prestigious award because of its outstanding work establishing the Lakes of Bella Terra community. This community brings new families and businesses to Fort Bend County every day. Through Lakes of Bella Terra, Ryko Development created an ideal living environment for families and has earned a reputation as a premier developer in the Houston area.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Ryko Development for being named Developer of the Year. Thanks for bringing Lakes of Bella Terra to Fort Bend.

WELCOME, KATHERINE LEE WILSON

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to congratulate my daughter-in-law and son, Joy and Julian Wilson of Lexington, South Carolina, on the birth of their new baby girl. Katherine Lee Wilson who was born at 8:09 a.m., on Monday, September 14, 2015, weighing 8 pounds and measuring 20 and 5 inches long at Lexington Medical Center in West Columbia, South Carolina. Katherine joins an older brother, Jack Wilson, and older sister, Sally Wilson. She has been born into a loving home where she will be raised by parents who are devoted to her well-being and bright future.

I would also like to congratulate Sally's grandparents Gary Strickland and Sherry Strickland of Nichols, South Carolina, and my wife, Roxanne Wilson of Springdale, South Carolina. Additionally, are proud great-grandmothers, Martha Dusenbury, Lilly Strickland, and Sally Willoughby. I am so grateful for this new addition to the Wilson family.

CELEBRATING THE NINETIETH BIRTHDAY OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA'S BELOVED OAKLAND ARD

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor and pleasure to wish a very happy birthday to Northwest Florida's beloved Oakland Ard on the occasion of his 90th birthday and to congratulate him on his many achievements and recognize his service to Northwest Florida and our great Nation.

Born and raised in Geneva County, Alabama, Oakland answered the call of duty, while in high school, joining the United States Army in December 1943. After completing basic training, Oakland deployed to Europe, where he joined his brother as a member of the 2nd Armored Infantry Division, 41st Armored Infantry Regiment, seeing combat in France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany. While engaged in battle with German forces, Oakland's company came under heavy mortar fire, and his brother, Dalton, was tragically killed in action. Despite this devastating loss, however, Oakland continued to serve with honor and distinction until injuries sustained from severe frostbite forced him to be called back to the United States. After recovering from his injuries, Oakland continued to serve our Nation as a heavy machine gunner instructor at Fort Knox until his discharge on May 10, 1946.

Oakland's military career proved to be a harbinger of many more years of selfless service to the Lord, his family, friends, community, and Nation. Following his discharge, he returned home and started working as a farmer to help put two of his siblings through school, and when his brother, Herman, was called to active duty to serve in Korea, Oakland moved to Port St. Joe, Florida, to fill his brother's position at the St. Joe Paper Company. In Port St. Joe, Oakland met his first wife, Marian and remained in the area until his brother returned from his military duties.

In 1957, Oakland gained employment at the Container Corporation of America and settled in Jay, Florida. The Ards quickly planted strong roots in the Jay community, where they raised their two sons, Freddy and Ronnie. Oakland would remain at the Container Corporation for nearly four decades, until his retirement in 1996. While working, Oakland helped establish and lead several organizations including the Eastpoint Employees Federal Credit Union, where he served as both President and Vice President, and the Brewton CCA Federal Credit Union, where he served a term as president and many decades as a board member and treasurer.

Outside of his working life, Oakland was also a leader in his church and civic communities. As a longtime member of Jay First Baptist Church, he served in countless positions, including Sunday School Director, Training Union Director, Brotherhood Director, and Church Treasurer, among many others.

Oakland also contributed to the Northwest Florida community in myriad other ways. He was appointed by the Florida Legislature to the Board of Directors of Jay Hospital, served nearly two decades as a board member of the

State Housing Initiative Program, and was a longtime member of the Board of Directors of the Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce. In addition, the people of Jay also elected him to the Jay City Council, where he served for four years.

Still, all of these impressive accomplishments are only a small reflection on Oakland's selfless character and dedication to family, faith, and community. A dedicated family man, for more than 50 years, Oakland was a loving husband to Marian, until her passing from cancer. Today, Oakland enjoys spending time with his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and his wife, Jackie, and he has always been around to lend a hand to his neighbors in times of need.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am honored to recognize Oakland Ard on his 90th birthday. My wife Vicki and I wish him and the entire Ard family all the best.

FORT BEND CARES

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Fort Bend Cares for its dedication to improving the lives of the children in Fort Bend County.

Since the beginning, Fort Bend Cares has worked to improve the lives of our local children. Their latest project is a new playground located in Community Park in Rosenberg. Fort Bend Cares, with assistance from other local businesses, will work with a local playground manufacturer to ensure that the children of the community have a safe and fun place to relax and play. We are all looking forward to the playground's completion.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, thank you to Fort Bend Cares for leaving such a positive impact on the lives of so many children here in Fort Bend County.

HONORING THE DEDICATED SERVICE AND SELFLESS SACRIFICE OF CAPTAIN MATTHEW D. ROLAND

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with both profound sadness and deep gratitude that I rise to pay tribute to a fallen decorated American hero. On August 27, 2015, Captain Matthew D. Roland, who was assigned to the 23rd Special Tactics Squadron at Hurlburt Field, located in Florida's First Congressional District, tragically succumbed to wounds received during an attack the day prior while conducting operations in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel near Camp Antonik, Afghanistan. Captain Roland was 27 years old, but lived a lifetime marked by and full of service.

Born December 24, 1987, at Ellsworth Air Force Base, Rapid City, South Dakota, Captain Roland is described as an avid outdoorsman, who enjoyed hiking, camping, and fishing, as his childhood saw him following his father's Air Force career across the country. After graduating high school, he continued in his family's footsteps of service and entered the Air Force Academy, graduating in 2010. Upon his commissioning, then-Second Lieutenant Roland entered the Special Tactics Officer Program attached to the 23rd Special Tactics Squadron and served as a team leader.

Among his qualifications, Captain Roland was a military static line jumper, free fall jumper, an Air Force combat scuba diver, and a joint terminal attack controller. His military career would include leading his teams on three deployments, two to Afghanistan and one to Africa, and by all accounts he fulfilled his duties with the utmost selflessness. Among his many awards and accolades are the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force Organizational Excellence Award, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border.

As exemplified by his extraordinary heroism, Captain Roland's life stands as a testament that freedom is not free, and his legacy will echo in time as an example of the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom. My wife, Vicki, joins me in praying that God is with Matthew's parents, Mark and Barbara; his sister, Erica; his niece, Willamina; and all of his family and friends during this time of great mourning, and we ask that God continue to bless them and the United States of America.

MUSIC TO OUR EARS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Seven Lakes High School's Symphony Orchestra for being selected as the 2016 Honor Full Orchestra by the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA).

The Seven Lakes Symphony Orchestra received this recognition because of its ability to master some of the most advanced music literature. This is an especially high honor for Seven Lakes High School, which is only 10 years old. This achievement would not have been possible without the dedication of all of the talented musicians and their directors, Desiree Overree and Damon Archer. We all look forward to hearing the Symphony Orchestra perform at the TMEA Convention in February.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the Seven Lakes High School Symphony Orchestra for being selected as the 2016 Honor Full Orchestra.

HONORING DR. JOHN C. WARMAN

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, the raucous Gonzaga fight song was sung quietly for the first time in a long time on Tuesday, September 1st when Dr. John C. "Doc" Warman's coffin was borne from a packed St. Aloysius church in Washington, DC where men and women met to mourn the passing of a legend.

A lover of the classics, a supremely gifted musician, and a director of plays and musicals at Gonzaga College High School, Warman began teaching Latin and Greek at the all-boys Catholic institution on Eye Street and North Capitol, just a few blocks from the Capitol, in 1967.

Born to Frank and Louise Warman on October 18, 1939, Warman began playing the piano when he was still in diapers and could quote the classics from memory by the time he was seven years old.

Warman's recitations from the classics could bring a dead language to life. "Arma virumque cano," he would begin before launching into Virgil's Aeneid. For those who don't know, that means "I sing of arms and of a man," in other words, a Warman.

Warman was the valedictorian of his class at Gonzaga in 1957 and later graduated from Georgetown University with honors. He became "Doc" in 1986 when Georgetown conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

"Doc's sense of optimism would lift us up when times were tough," said William J. Wilson, Jr., both a student and colleague of Warman's, of the Gonzaga he knew as a student—a school of dwindling enrollment in the late 1960s and early 1970s, threatened with potential closure.

The 1968 riots in DC following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. had left many parents worried and looking to other schools outside of the city to send their children. Doc's dedication to Gonzaga and support of his students helped usher the school through this difficult time.

Warman was also well known for his formal dress in and out of the classroom. Students at Gonzaga testified that they had only ever seen Doc dressed in a suit and tie or the tuxedo he would don during his theater performances.

"Sometimes I wondered whether Doc was born wearing a suit," said Wilson.

It was in a suit and tie that he passed quietly of heart failure before classes began on August 25, 2015.

While the Gonzaga community mourns the passing of Warman, over these past weeks many kind and joyful memories of Doc have been shared by students, colleagues, family, and friends. The legacy of Doc Warman lives on through the indelible impression he left on the entire Gonzaga community.

The back wall of Gonzaga's Sheehy Theater, which is nearly 120 years old, is spattered with graffiti, and among the etched-in autographs there, "Warman '57" looms large—"the heart of the Gonzaga stage" that bears his name. He piloted more than 350 performances from the pit piano where he was a fixture, and he served as a producer, associate producer, director, or musical director in 83 productions.

"Gone, but not forgotten," said Ra'Mond Jamar Shephard Hines. Hines, a recent student from Gonzaga's class of 2014, said at the funeral that "The way the Latin and the Greek flowed off his tongue was like poetry in and of itself."

Warman never married, and having no biological children, he instead devoted his life to his "Men of Eye Street." All classes were canceled on the day of his funeral—a beloved teacher, colleague, mentor, and friend's last gift to his students.

REACHING MARS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Carlos Gonzalez of Katy, Texas for being selected a NASA High School Aerospace Scholar.

Carlos, a student at Seven Lakes High School, was one of only 261 high school juniors from across Texas selected to participate in this elite NASA program. As a High School Aerospace Scholar, Carlos completed various assignments throughout the school year. He was then invited to Johnson Space Center for a one-week summer internship where he and his fellow scholars worked with NASA scientists and engineers to plan a mission to Mars. Carlos certainly makes his parents, teachers, and the rest of our community proud. We look forward to seeing all he accomplishes in the future.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations to Carlos for being named a NASA High School Aerospace Scholar. Shoot for the stars, Carlos.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2015 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's Record.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 22

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine United States Middle East policy.

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