

A Georgia man through and through, Jack-  
son Stone was born in Meigs, Georgia in 1941  
to the late Grady and Neda West Stone. He  
proudly served our nation in the United States  
Army, serving one tour in Okinawa, Japan.  
When Jack returned to the United States, he  
built a career in the auto sales business and  
became Co-Owner and General Manager at  
Albany Lincoln Mercury. He subsequently  
founded his own businesses: Quick Auto  
Sales, Creekside Auto Sales and Creekside  
RV and Mobile Home Park.

For Jack Stone, family and community took  
the utmost priority in his life. With this in mind,  
he sought to improve his community and  
serve his fellow citizens as District 6 County  
Commissioner in Dougherty County, Georgia.  
His leadership and work ethic were widely re-  
spected, resulting in his serving as County  
Commissioner for twenty-eight years. His long  
tenure makes it clear that Commissioner  
Stone was admired and loved by his constituents  
and countless others in Southwest Georgia.

In addition to his civic duties, Commissioner  
Stone also served as a member of the Albany  
Chamber of Commerce and several other public  
service organizations in Albany and Dougherty  
County.

In his spare time, Commissioner Stone and  
his family enjoyed RV camping. He also took  
great pleasure in managing his farm, tending  
his cows and riding around with his dog, B.J.

Commissioner Stone has achieved much in  
his life but none of this would have been possi-  
ble without the love and support of his wife  
of 52 years, Charlotte; his children, Jack, Blair,  
and Karen; his grandchildren, Ande, Lexie,  
Reverend Matthew, Taylor, Mark, Hannah,  
McKenzie, Shannon, and Josh; four great-  
grandchildren, Savanna, Lucas, Carson, and  
Brock; and a host of other family members  
and friends.

Mr. Speaker, my wife Vivian and I, along  
with the more than 730,000 residents of the  
Second Congressional District of Georgia, salute  
Commissioner Stone for his exceptional  
public service and everlasting commitment to  
his community. I ask my colleagues in the  
House of Representatives to join us in extending  
our deepest condolences to Commissioner  
Stone's family and friends during this difficult  
time. We pray that they will be consoled and  
comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy  
Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

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CODE OF ETHICS FOR THE  
AMVETS NATIONAL SERVICE  
FOUNDATION'S ATTORNEYS IN  
FACT

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**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2015

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I submit the  
following code of ethics for AMVET's At-  
torneys-in-Fact. AMVET is one of America's  
leading veterans' service organizations with  
over 250,000 members with a proud history of  
assisting veterans.

An attorney in fact is a person who is au-  
thorized to perform business-related trans-  
actions on behalf of someone else (the client),  
but not necessarily authorized to practice law.  
In order to become someone's attorney in fact,

a person must have the client sign a power of  
attorney document (VA Form 21-22).

RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Rule 1: All AMVETS attorneys in fact will be  
honest when dealing with veterans and sur-  
viving family members. They will do the same  
when dealing with Department of Veterans' Af-  
fairs (VA) employees and other officials.

Rule 2 AMVETS attorneys in fact will sub-  
mit quality claim packages for issues that may  
be granted; not sheer quantity to swell report  
numbers.

Rule 3: The attorney in fact claimant rela-  
tionship is confidential by law and VA regula-  
tion. It will be protected at all times. The man-  
date to protect privileged information continues  
forever and applies equally to any clerical staff  
assigned to the office.

Rule 4: The attorney in fact will pursue a  
course of continuing education. They must  
stay current with new laws, regulations, VA's  
policies and procedures as well as all  
AMVETS policies and procedures promulgated  
by the AMVETS national service director.

Rule 5: The attorney in fact will determine  
all issues that occurred in-service. This is  
done through discussions with the client and a  
review of their supporting documents and  
records.

Rule 6: The attorney in fact will not sign off  
on any rating decisions that do not fully ad-  
dress, or defer for additional development, all  
issues contained in the claim.

Rule 7: Hardship claims will be expedited  
and closely monitored by the AMVETS attorney  
in fact to ensure a rapid decision and re-  
lease of compensation and other benefits  
needed by the client.

Rule 8: AMVETS' attorney in fact will partici-  
pate in all VA staff/veteran service organiza-  
tion (VSO) meetings called by the VA if available.  
Additionally, they will request staff meet-  
ings if problems arise due to VA's internal pol-  
icy and procedures that need to be addressed.

Rule 9: AMVETS' attorney in fact will ensure  
VA examinations are complete, accurate and  
meet the current guidelines necessary for ac-  
curate rating decisions. Anything less than a  
complete examination may result in the client  
being denied benefits that are deserved under  
the current law.

Rule 10: It is not ethical for an attorney in  
fact to ask veterans to change their power of  
attorney (POA) from one VSO to another. Veter-  
ans represented by another organization  
should be referred to the organization that cur-  
rently holds the power of attorney. However, if  
a veteran has a valid claim and insists on  
AMVETS' representation, then the POA may  
be accepted.

Rule 11: It is highly unprofessional to make  
any derogatory comments about another VSO.

Rule 12: AMVETS attorney in fact will es-  
tablish rapport to educate and advise the client  
in the basics of VA law, policies proce-  
dures so they understand what documentation  
is required for their claim.

Rule 13: AMVETS will file an appeal only if  
the reason to appeal is based in fact (evi-  
dence contained in the client's record) or law  
(VA's failure to grant the benefit requested vio-  
lates provisions contained in 38 Code of Fed-  
eral Regulations). If a client wishes to file an  
appeal that the VA may never grant under the  
current law, then the AMVETS attorney in fact  
will not represent the claim since it has no  
merit.

Rule 14: Appeals should only be used as  
the last resort since they are a three to five

year process. Other avenues such as a re-  
quest for reconsideration based on overlooked  
evidence of record or new and material evi-  
dence should be used first.

Rule 15: An AMVETS attorney in fact will  
not tell a client that they may not file an ap-  
peal. However, they will explain to a client,  
based on current law, what they must do in  
order to win an appeal. If the client is unable  
to provide the necessary records then  
AMVETS will not represent that claim as an  
appeal.

Rule 16: Under no circumstances will an  
AMVETS' attorney in fact solicit or accept any  
monetary gifts, goods or products in apprecia-  
tion or compensation for their professional  
services.

Rule 17: AMVETS attorney in fact will never  
present a membership application to a veteran  
during the initial claim process. Doing so is  
akin to extortion. However, if a client requests  
a membership application, then they will be  
provided with one after they explain that mem-  
bership is not required for their services.

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60-YEAR CLASS REUNION OF THE  
1955 CLASS OF PAUL LAURENCE  
DUNBAR HIGH SCHOOL

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**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2015

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to  
ask the House of Representatives to join me in  
celebrating the class of 1955 of Paul Lau-  
rence Dunbar Senior High School in the Dis-  
trict of Columbia as it celebrates its 60-year  
class reunion Saturday, October 3, 2015, its  
reunion committee and particularly Donald R.  
Wines for his phenomenal leadership with the  
Dunbar Alumni Federation, and Dunbar High  
School itself in history and today. I am fortu-  
nate to be an alumna of Dunbar High School  
and a member of this distinguished class.

Dunbar High School, which started in a  
church basement, was the first public high  
school for African Americans in the United  
States and remained segregated until 1954,  
when the District of Columbia was one of the  
six Brown v. Board of Education jurisdictions  
that successfully challenged segregated  
schools in the United States. Dunbar was in-  
strumental in making the District of Columbia  
a bulwark of education for almost a century,  
attracting students from across the District,  
who were drawn by the school's excellent rep-  
utation. That same reputation was reinforced  
by Dunbar's remarkable record of graduating  
more distinguished African Americans than  
any high school in the country. Among them  
were Edward Brooke, the first Black popularly  
elected United States Senator; Robert C.  
Weaver, the first Black Cabinet member; Ben-  
jamin O. Davis Sr., the first Black general in  
the U.S. Army; Wesley Brown, the first Black  
graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy; Charles  
R. Drew, the discoverer of blood plasma; and  
Mary Jane Patterson, the first African Amer-  
ican to achieve a college degree. Dunbar also  
drew teachers with advanced degrees who  
would have been college professors but for  
segregation in higher education that persisted  
at the time.

The 60-year Dunbar High School class reunion is another occasion for pride in Dunbar High School today and in the class of 1955. Dunbar has been recently rebuilt into a state-of-the-art facility and became a neighborhood school following the Brown decision. Its storied history continues to inspire generations of students.

The class of 1955 graduated the year following the historic Brown decision and has come together at important intervals to celebrate its class, the education received at Dunbar, and the school today. Keeping the class together did not take place spontaneously. This work has been a commendable team effort, but that team recognizes that the leadership of Donald R. Wines has been indispensable to its success. Donald has discouraged all acknowledgment of his extraordinary leadership on behalf of Dunbar and the class of 1955. However, the House of Representatives is free to commend and thank Donald for focusing his many talents, his organizational expertise, and the skills he honed as a Dunbar student to the class of 1955 Dunbar High School and the historic Dunbar tradition.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the 60-year class reunion of the 1955 class of Paul Laurence Dunbar High School and the Dunbar High School Reunion Committee and Dunbar High School itself. I ask the House to particularly commend the leadership of Donald R. Wines, whose indefatigable energy and wise guidance have been the essential ingredients to the consistency of efforts that have enabled the Dunbar class of 1955 to celebrate 60 years of continuing friendship.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF EDNA  
AND JOHN W. MOSLEY**

**HON. MAXINE WATERS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 1, 2015*

Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Edna and John W. Mosley, on the occasion of the grand opening of the school named in their honor in Aurora, Colorado.

Both Edna and John Mosley were trailblazers and public servants.

Lieutenant Colonel John Mosley graduated from Colorado State A&M College, where he participated in the Civilian Pilot Training Program during his senior year. In 1943, he completed the program, but was still denied the right to serve his country as a pilot due to his race. But John was not discouraged.

John and his family wrote letters to Congress and even the White House to petition for placement in the Tuskegee Airmen Pilot program, and due to his persistence and determination, he was finally accepted as a Tuskegee Airman. His accomplished military career spanned World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.

After retiring from the Air Force, John served our country at the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) in Washington, D.C., where one of his most important responsibilities was overseeing the newly formed Head Start Program in 1970.

John received numerous awards, among them, the Congressional Medal of Honor in 2007 for his service as a Tuskegee Airman.

Edna Mosley was a lifetime member of the NAACP, and worked to establish the organization's chapter in Denver. She served 12 years on the Aurora city council, becoming the first African American elected to the council in 1991. On the council, she championed important and pressing issues—civil rights, gender equality, veteran's interests, affordable housing, and educational opportunity.

Mr. Speaker, Edna and John Mosley embody what truly makes our country and communities great—a selfless commitment to our neighbors, and fighting for the common good. I extend my best wishes for the academic success of the future graduates of the school, and their commitment to carrying forward the amazing legacy of Edna and John Mosley.

**TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE  
JOHN M. McHUGH**

**HON. JOHN R. CARTER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 1, 2015*

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself, Congressman RUPPERSBERGER, and the House Army Caucus, I rise today to pay tribute to the Honorable John M. McHugh, former Member of the House, colleague, and friend, on the eve of his departure as one of the longest serving Secretaries of the Army in U.S. history.

After over 42 years of public service, Secretary McHugh leaves our Army and our Nation safer and more secure. His tireless advocacy and bold leadership for our Soldiers, Civilians, and their Family Members is legendary. From improvements in family and mental health programs to unprecedented strides to combat sexual assault and suicide, John has truly earned the reputation as "The Soldier's Secretary."

Having served as the House Armed Services Committee Ranking Member, Congressman McHugh's thoughtful, determined, and visionary leadership ensured the security of our Nation. As a Representative from New York's 24th and later the 23rd Districts, John ensured that cutting-edge facilities, upgrades, and programs directly supported our Warfighters. Fort Drum is but one example; it is truly the "House that McHugh Built." He ensured the 10th Mountain Division had all the tools required to be at the tip of the spear for our Nation's defense.

John made unprecedented strides as the Co-Chair of the Army Caucus for over 15 years and served as a critical member of the West Point Board of Visitors. He was a dynamic leader in this House, a trusted Representative of his constituents, and an amazing advocate for our Soldiers and our country's national security.

During his tenure as the second-longest serving Secretary in history, John was at the forefront of national and international strategy, military policy, and Soldier programs. His expert leadership, bold initiatives, and pragmatic management ensured that our Army remained the finest fighting force the world has ever known.

John presided over some of the toughest missions the Army has ever faced. He oversaw the largest retrograde in military history as our troops departed Iraq, held the Army together as it was hit by sequestration, and worked tirelessly to reorganize, revamp, and restructure our force. Secretary McHugh led these efforts with distinction as our Soldiers conducted simultaneous combat operations around the world.

Secretary McHugh's determination, devotion, and love of our Service Members also ensured that our most sacred and hallowed ground, Arlington National Cemetery, overcame years of neglect to become the epitome of a well-run and well-led resting place for our Nation's heroes. In fact, it is now the gold standard for cemetery administration because of his personal and unwavering commitment and leadership.

Mr. Speaker, our Nation is safe and secure because of the drive, determination, and leadership of Secretary John M. McHugh. Today, we join with all Americans in our profound admiration and deep respect for this true Patriot. We thank Secretary McHugh for his dedication and sacrifice and wish him the fullest measure of peace and happiness as he enters the next phase of his life.