

## TRIBUTE TO LISA RAWLINS

## HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 16, 2015*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lisa Rawlins, who is retiring as Senior Vice President, Public Affairs for Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc. after twenty-five years of exemplary service.

Ms. Rawlins, who holds a degree in cinema from the University of Southern California, began her career in story development for Ransohoff Productions and NBC. While working on film production issues and handling the press in former Governor George Deukmejian's office, Lisa saw the need to help combat the problem of runaway film and television production in California. In 1984, she established the California Film Commission, and in 1985, became the first Director of the California Film Commission, and served in that capacity for six years. During her time at the film commission, she wrote film-based legislation, streamlined the film permit process for state agencies, and developed a municipal filming ordinance for cities throughout California. In addition, Lisa founded the Film Liaisons in California, Statewide (FLICS), a network of dozens of local film offices throughout the state.

Lisa joined Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc. in 1990 as Vice President of Production and Studio Affairs, where she focused on local and state government relations and successful advocacy for television and feature film productions, balanced with consideration of production impact on local communities. During her tenure at Warner Bros., she created their environmental sustainability program, leading the industry in green production and building, conservation, and waste reduction. In her capacity as Senior Vice President, Public Affairs, she managed community affairs, corporate responsibility, government affairs, environmental sustainability and philanthropy.

A selfless and generous volunteer in the Burbank community, Lisa has served on the boards of several non-profit organizations including the Burbank Chamber of Commerce, Burbank YMCA, Project Restore, Coalition for Clean Air and the Burbank Unified School District's Partnership Advisory Council. An advocate for the creation of a one-stop film office for Los Angeles City and County, which ultimately became FilmLA, Ms. Rawlins currently serves as a member of FilmLA's Board of Directors.

A visionary in the television and motion picture industry, Lisa Rawlins has been an invaluable asset to the film and television field and has left a legacy that will be enjoyed and utilized by generations to come. I ask all Members to join me in thanking Lisa Rawlins for over three decades of distinguished service to the motion picture and television community and the greater Burbank region.

RECOGNIZING THE DREAM FOUNDATION'S "DREAMS FOR VETERANS" PROGRAM AND MR. GEORGE "RAY" WEST

## HON. LOIS CAPPSS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. CAPPSS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Dream Foundation's new "Dreams for Veterans" program. As we pause to commemorate Veterans Day, I would like to acknowledge their unique and invaluable service to terminally-ill military veterans.

Dreams for Veterans is dedicated to serving terminally-ill veterans during their time of greatest need. They are the first national program specifically serving and honoring these individuals by fulfilling their final dream. Over the past year, Dreams for Veterans granted more than 100 dreams to veterans and are on track to double that number this year.

This spring, the Dream Foundation, which is based in my Congressional district, helped my constituent George "Ray" West realize his final dream of traveling with his family to Yosemite National Park. I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. West at the "Dreams for Veterans" inaugural ceremony in Washington, DC earlier this year.

Mr. West is a U.S. Navy Veteran who served between 1944 and 1946. He was stationed first in Sampson, NY and later in Utah and Nevada. He eventually settled with his family in my hometown of Santa Barbara, CA.

Mr. West and his wife Jean first visited Yosemite on their honeymoon in 1950. The couple loved Yosemite so much that they have celebrated each anniversary by returning to the park. Ray had been diagnosed with heart disease and leukemia when he contacted the Dream Foundation to help his family travel to Yosemite at least one final time.

Each day, more than 1,800 of our nation's heroes die, accounting for nearly one-quarter of all American deaths. In addition to giving dream recipients and their families the opportunity to make the most of the time they have left, a final dream also improves their end of life care by addressing the emotional and psychological needs of terminally ill patients and those of their loved ones and caretakers.

The Dreams for Veterans program allows recipients the opportunity to reconnect with their former military service and provides a unique chance to reconcile memories and achieve a sense of closure. This one-of-a-kind program engages the military community by providing opportunities to refer applicants, contribute resources, or volunteer as Veteran Dream Hosts—volunteers who participate in Veteran-to-Veteran Dream deliveries.

The Dream Foundation is a leader in our community and has touched and inspired so many during its 21-year history of delivering final dreams to terminally ill adults. They fulfill more than 2,500 final dreams every year, working with hundreds of volunteers and more than 600 hospices and health care organizations nationwide.

RECOGNIZING THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY AS THEY MARK 31 YEARS OF THE RELAY FOR LIFE

## HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 16, 2015*

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the American Cancer Society as they mark 31 years of the Relay For Life and bringing hope to communities across the country in the face of cancer. The American Cancer Society does lifesaving work and I join the organization in celebrating the progress it has made in the fight against cancer.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life was first started in 1985 when Dr. Gordy Klatt ran and walked for 24 hours around a track in Tacoma, Washington to make a statement about cancer awareness. Dr. Gordy Klatt's efforts helped the American Cancer Society fight the nation's biggest health concern, and now, the Relay movement includes 3.5 million people around the world. The Relay For Life is now in more than 5,200 communities and 20 countries around the world. The Relay For Life brings together cancer survivors, caregivers, and all those touched by cancer. It gives everyone a chance to remember those who have lost their battle with cancer and empowers those who must continue the fight.

The Relay For Life began in Guam in the early 1990s and has steadily grown with most teams returning every year. 79 teams made up of families and businesses, and 280 cancer survivors and caregivers participated in the 2015 Guam Relay For Life. Together, the teams raised \$470,000 and Guam Relay For Life was recognized for raising the second highest amount in the High Plains, South Territory which includes Guam, Hawaii, Texas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Nebraska. Though Guam is a small community, it continues to be recognized on the national level based on its achievements and commitment to the fight against cancer.

Cancer does not discriminate. It touches all of our people, young and old, and the people of Guam stand behind the American Cancer Society, and has taken an active commitment to join the cause of fighting cancer. The Relay For Life is celebrated annually throughout the world and survivors and caregivers proudly wear the color purple to symbolize royalty as they are honored during the Relay For Life. This year, the Guam community is beginning its 2016 Relay For Life festivities with "Paint Guam Purple" week from November 8 to November 13, 2015. The goal of the "Paint Guam Purple" campaign is to make a visual statement of how the Relay For Life brings hope to a community and help increase participation, fundraising and volunteerism. Groups and individuals are encouraged to wear purple, decorate the town purple, and participate in activities to engage others to become involved.

On behalf of the people of Guam, I join the American Cancer Society in honoring cancer survivors, caregivers, those who have lost the battle to cancer and all those touched by the disease by pledging to "Paint Guam Purple" through the week of November 8 to November

13, 2015. I congratulate the American Cancer Society Relay For Life and I look forward to their future contributions and success.

HONORING JEWISH WAR VETERANS, MAURICE KUBBY POST 749

**HON. BETO O'ROURKE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2015

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to recognize the Jewish War Veterans, Maurice Kubby Post 749, as a distinguished Veteran Service Organization in El Paso, Texas. The Post has been active in our community since April 1965 and was named in honor of fellow El Pasoan, Maurice Kubby. Kubby was an Army veteran and founding member of Post 749, and served several times as the organization's Commander.

As one of six posts in Texas, Post 749 serves El Paso and Las Cruces area veterans of the Jewish faith. One of the most important efforts undertaken by the Jewish War Veterans is their dedication to combatting anti-Semitism and bigotry. The organization works diligently to eradicate these negative sentiments and foster a stronger American-Israeli relationship through sponsored trips to Israel each year.

The organization is well recognized in our community for supporting veteran, civilian and Jewish religious activities. Jewish War Veterans Post 749 works to provide assistance to all veterans and their families in our area. The Post volunteers with local organizations such as the Fisher House to help veterans and their families and participates annually in Fort Bliss's Veterans Week, which aims to raise awareness for Veteran Service Organizations throughout the country. Post 749 also offers scholarships to students and is actively involved in youth outreach through the Boy Scouts.

Jewish War Veterans, Maurice Kubby Post 749 is an asset to our community and I thank them for their commitment to honoring our veterans and promoting tolerance as one of their core values within our El Paso community.

HONORING TYLER DODD

**HON. JASON SMITH**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2015

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Tyler Dodd of Rolla, Missouri on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. This award is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America, with only a small percentage of its members reaching this achievement.

Tyler has demonstrated a true enthusiasm towards service and spent countless hours helping others as he advanced through the ranks of the Boy Scouts. Tyler has held several leadership positions, such as Patrol Leader, during which he used his skills and knowledge to help younger scouts with their own progression through the Boy Scouts. His achievements extend outside of the Boy Scouts as well; Tyler is a member of the Na-

tional Honor Society—Rolla Chapter and a section leader in the Rolla High School Marching Band.

Tyler possesses the important values such as honesty, loyalty, and civility that inspire others. His commitment to good citizenship, physical fitness, and education is an asset to our community, as well as the nation. Tyler is a role model for young and old alike, and it is my pleasure to recognize his achievements before the United States House of Representatives.

HONORING THE GRAYSLAKE CENTRAL BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

**HON. ROBERT J. DOLD**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2015

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Grayslake Central's boys cross country team on their first place finish at the 2A state championship. This victory marks the first time in the school's history that the boys cross country team has won state.

Consistently strong all year, the Rams won conference, regional, and sectional championships. This hard work culminated at the state championship, where, led by Coach Jimmy Cantella, six out of seven runners achieved their personal best time. Junior Jack Aho won the race with a time of 14:25, followed by junior Matt Aho in seventh place. Other all-state athletes include senior John Girmscheid who came in twenty third and sophomore Eli Minsky who rounded out the top twenty five. The final three competitors who helped Grayslake cinch the tide were seniors Jack Battaglia who came in twenty sixth, Danny Vincent at fifty first, and Alden Aaberg at one hundred and eighth.

Mr. Speaker, the Grayslake Central boys cross country team is an inspiration to the school and community, and I am proud to recognize these young men for demonstrating the power of teamwork and perseverance.

HONORING DANNY TRULL, SR.

**HON. MARC A. VEASEY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2015

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Danny Trull, Sr., on his retirement as the United Auto Workers Union's (UAW) Assistant Director for his service to the men and women of the United Automobile Workers, and for his years of service on the Texas State Democratic Executive Committee. Mr. Trull's well-deserved retirement comes after a forty-two year tenure in organized labor. During this time, Mr. Trull has been dedicated to advocating for worker's rights, promoting the values of the Democratic Party, and supporting the local, state and national labor movement.

During his years of work with the labor movement, Mr. Trull has made a direct impact on his community through his numerous roles at UAW and with the Democratic Party of Texas. Mr. Trull began his career at UAW on

July 9, 1973, when he started working for Tyler Refrigeration and became a member of Local 514. Upon the closing of Local 514, he became a member of Local 276 and went on the International Staff in 1987, working in the Time Study Department. In 1996, he transferred to Region 5 as a Service Representative based in the Dallas office and continued to serve Region 5 out of the Dallas office when he was transferred to the National CAP Department in 2007. He was appointed to his current position of Assistant Regional Director in 2012, from which he is retiring at the end of this year.

Aside from his work with UAW, Trull has continued to be a community leader as a delegate to state and national Democratic Conventions, and as a State Democratic Executive Committee member in 2002. Mr. Trull is a well-known champion for Texas jobs and workers, coordinating UAW political activity in the state and region and fighting for higher wages and benefits for hardworking Americans. The automobile industry is a powerful economic engine in the 33rd Congressional District and will continue to be for years because of Mr. Trull's lifelong commitment to his community and the people who live and work there. I wish him all the best.

In honor of Mr. Trull's retirement and his dedication and leadership within the public service community, this statement will be submitted on Monday, November 16, 2015.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PFC. MARK JOSEPH ALLSTOTT

**HON. TODD C. YOUNG**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pfc. Mark Joseph Allstott, of French Lick, Indiana.

I ask you all to join me in honoring the life of a fellow Hoosier veteran.

Allstott enlisted in the United States Army two short months after high school graduation. As a United States Infantryman, Allstott personified bravery and dignity while serving with his fellow Wolfhounds in the 27th Infantry Regiment.

Before deploying to South Vietnam, Allstott told his sister of foreboding premonitions that indicated he would not return home from the war. Rather than respond with fear, Allstott gave away all of his earthly possessions and went to serve his country.

Fellow Wolfhounds developed a great level of respect for Allstott's fearlessness. In correspondences to his family, soldiers spoke of Allstott's bravery in the face of peril, his easy-going manner, and his warmth to fellow comrades.

Allstott's true character is best summarized by one Wolfhound brethren who wrote, "... his mind was always on another buddy and the job to be done for the honor of his country instead of his own being. Not only did your son not turn his back on any of us in any fire-fight. All of us knew we could depend on him."

Allstott was a true American hero and it is a privilege to stand here today in celebration of his noble life, which ended on the battlefield in South Vietnam in February of 1968.

On that day in February, as the Wolfhounds maneuvered to capture an enemy position, it