

RECOGNIZING MR. WILLIAM R. HILTON

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2015

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize William R. Hilton, a U.S. Army veteran whose service during the Korean War earned him three Purple Hearts and one Oak Leaf Cluster.

Mr. Hilton was born and raised in Chester County, Pennsylvania. One of ten children, he began his military career at the very young age of 16 years old. Upon completion of basic training in 1950, Mr. Hilton was sent to the frontlines of the Korean War.

During his service, Mr. Hilton endured some of the most difficult and horrific conditions of the war. Through three injuries on the frontlines, he continued to fight and act as a leader in battle.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Mr. Hilton for his service and I thank him for the extraordinary sacrifices he has made for his country.

HONORING MR. TOM DEBLASS

HON. THOMAS MacARTHUR

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Tom DeBlass of New Jersey's Third Congressional District, and to express my sincerest commendation as to all of his accomplishments.

Mr. DeBlass has been named to the New Jersey Martial Arts Hall of Fame as a Grappler. He has won titles such as the Pan American and World Championships. Beyond his personal feats on the mat, Mr. DeBlass has devoted his time to giving back to his community by opening his own Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Academy.

Mr. DeBlass has used his expertise to produce his own world champion students. He has created a legacy of martial arts success in his community and has given young athletes the opportunity to develop and excel.

Mr. Speaker, the people of New Jersey's Third Congressional District are tremendously proud to have Mr. Tom DeBlass as an involved member of their community. It is my honor to recognize both his personal athletic accomplishments and his lasting contributions to our community before the United States House of Representatives.

RECOGNIZING MONSIEUR LOUIS SICOIT

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Monsieur Louis Sicoit, a man who has dedicated his life to honoring the American soldiers who liberated his village during World War II.

Monsieur Sicoit, a resident of Roynac, France, was just a young boy when his village was at the nexus of the Battle of Montelimar. As a result of witnessing the grueling battle and seeing those American soldiers who risked their lives to protect his village, Monsieur Sicoit built a remarkable museum filled with hundreds of photographs, pieces of memorabilia, weapons, equipment, and testimonials from survivors like him. Sicoit's museum attracts a variety of visitors and also opens its doors to local school children in order to educate them and to help honor the memory of those who helped rid France of the German occupation. Additionally, members of the U.S. Army's 173rd Brigade Support Battalion visited Sicoit's museum and bestowed upon him a Certificate of Appreciation.

Please join me in honoring Monsieur Louis Sicoit for his life-long dedication to paying homage to the brave American soldiers who risked and lost their lives in saving and liberating his village, and for helping to strengthen the bond between our two countries.

RECOGNIZING MR. CHARLES "BUD" BURNS

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Charles "Bud" Burns, a U.S. Navy veteran who served during the Second World War.

A South Philadelphia native, Mr. Burns enlisted in the Navy in 1946. After completing basic training, he was sent to Italy for his first tour of duty on the USS *Compton*. During his time overseas, Mr. Burns patrolled the Mediterranean Sea before returning to the United States and being honorably discharged in 1948.

Mr. Burns received the Good Conduct Medal and the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal for his admirable service.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Mr. Burns, and I thank him for his service and allegiance to his country.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO COLONEL GEORGE DEFILIPPI UPON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. BRADLEY BYRNE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Colonel George DeFilippi, USAF (Ret) as he prepares to fully retire after 46 years of faithful government service and extraordinary dedication to duty and to the United States of America.

George DeFilippi has had a fine career, including in his most recent role as Head, Congressional Support Branch in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Financial Management and Comptroller). I would like to share with you some highlights.

George DeFilippi graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1969. Following graduation, he honorably served his nation on

active duty for the next 30 years spanning many key leadership positions. From 1986 to 1991, George was the Commanding Officer of the 23rd Tactical Air Support Unit out of Davis Monthan AFB, where he was responsible for consolidating the forward air control training for all Air Force and Marine Corps operational units.

His next assignment was to serve as the Commander/Air Liaison Officer with the U.S. Army (XVII Airborne Corps) and Republic of Korea's Third Army, leading a 250-person unit integrating aviation assets into army operations. From 1993 to 1999 George reported to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition & Technology) and was responsible for the oversight of a \$4 billion tactical fighter and Unmanned Aerial Vehicle programs. He later went on to serve as the Chief of Staff within OUSD (AT&L) continuing to provide oversight for major defense acquisition programs.

Upon completing 30 years of active duty service within the United States Air Force, George retired from active duty but continued to serve his country through the civilian sector. From 1999–2010, he worked within the Cobham Life Support Division as well as Government Relations promoting life support products to the U.S. Armed Forces.

In 2010, George DeFilippi reported to his current assignment as Head, Congressional Support Branch, Navy Appropriations Matters Office where he helped the Department of the Navy achieve their financial and legislative goals. For five years, George DeFilippi has demonstrated exceptional leadership and foresight, engaging Members of the Appropriations Committee and its staff to provide information essential to resourcing the Navy for its role as the world's dominant sea power. In an increasingly difficult budget environment, George DeFilippi provided essential support in shepherding Navy budgets through the appropriations process. George served our nation with integrity, insight and dedication.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a grateful nation, I join my colleagues today in saying thank you to George DeFilippi for his extraordinary dedication to duty and steadfast service to this country throughout his distinguished career in the United States Air Force as well as his public service and we wish him and his wife Patricia the very best in his well-deserved retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE GARY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE 8TH ANNUAL LAKESHORE CLASSIC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

HON. PETER J. VISCOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2015

Mr. VISCOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with heartfelt respect that I recognize the Gary Chamber of Commerce as the organization celebrates the 8th annual Lakeshore Classic basketball tournament. In honor of this outstanding event, the Gary Chamber of Commerce will host a celebratory luncheon in Gary, Indiana, at the Majestic Star Casino on Tuesday November 24, followed by a basketball tournament at West Side Leadership Academy on Friday, November 27 and Saturday, November 28, 2015.

The theme for this year's Lakeshore Classic is "Salute to Youth Sports," bestowing honor on players and coaches who have dedicated their talents to youth sports in Northwest Indiana and made a notable impact on the region's sports programs. Along with the acknowledgment of these individuals, the Gary Chamber of Commerce has chosen an equally commendable speaker for their corporate luncheon. Mr. Lloyd McClendon has an extensive professional career in baseball. He is a former Major League Baseball player who played for the Chicago Cubs, New York Mets, Cincinnati Reds, Pittsburgh Pirates, and Cleveland Indians. Lloyd is also a former manager of the Seattle Mariners and the Pittsburgh Pirates. Originally from Gary, Indiana, Mr. McClendon played for the 1971 Gary team in the Little League World Series and earned the nickname "Legendary Lloyd" after he homered in five consecutive at bats. The 1971 team was the first all African-American team to make it to the final round of the Little League World Series. Lloyd went on to play baseball at Gary Roosevelt High School and Valparaiso University before his professional career. With his many contributions to sports in our region and across the nation, Mr. McClendon has proven to be an extraordinary example for youth involved in any sport, and he is worthy of the highest praise.

At this time, I would like to recognize the schools participating in the Lakeshore Classic basketball tournament. These schools are dedicated to achieving academic excellence and sportsmanship, and they are passionate in their efforts. The participating teams include the Gary West Side Lady Cougars, John Marshall Lady Commandos, Gary Roosevelt Panthers, East Chicago Central Cardinals, Thea Bowman Eagles, Wendell Phillips Wildcats, Gary West Side Cougars, and the Charles A. Tindley Tigers. These teams are comprised of student-athletes who serve as exceptional role models for the youth in their communities.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing the Gary Chamber of Commerce, the organizers and sponsors of the 8th annual Lakeshore Classic, and the dedicated honorees. Their perseverance, leadership, and commitment to our youth and Northwest Indiana are to be commended.

CONGRATULATING THE HELIAS CRUSADES FOR THEIR THIRD PLACE FINISH IN THE 2015 CLASS 1 GIRLS GOLF STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2015

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Helias Crusaders for their third place finish in the 2015 Class 1 Girls Golf State Championship.

This team and their coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home third place to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing the Helias Crusaders for a job well done.

TRIBUTE TO KEVIN CARTER

HON. JASON CHAFFETZ

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CHAFFETZ. Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank Mr. Kevin Carter, an outstanding citizen and leader from the State of Utah. I thank Mr. Carter for his exemplary service as Director of the Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA). Mr. Carter served as Director for nearly 12 years. In this capacity, Mr. Carter oversaw the management and administration of approximately 4.4 million acres of land for various beneficiaries, primarily public education. Under Mr. Carter's leadership, SITLA earned over \$1.3 billion and helped the Permanent School Fund grow to over \$2 billion. I thank Mr. Carter for his dedication and his impressive contributions to our State.

EMILY CURRAY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2015

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Emily Curray for receiving the West Chamber's 2015 Celebrate Women Award. This award celebrates local women leaders with drive, perseverance and service to their community.

As an alumna of the University of Colorado School of Law, Emily has been practicing immigration law since 1996, with a focus on business immigration. Currently, Emily is managing partner of the woman-owned immigration firm Stern & Curray where she helps make the American Dream a reality for clients. Emily's passion for immigration resulted in her current role on the board of the I Have a Dream Foundation—Colorado chapter and serving as past chair of the Colorado Lawyers Committee Immigration Task Force for more than 10 years.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Emily Curray for receiving the 2015 Celebrate Women Award. Thank you for your leadership and service to the community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA'S BELOVED GLENN DOUGLAS DENNY

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2015

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with both profound sadness and deep gratitude that I rise to honor Glenn Douglas Denny, of Milton, Florida who passed away on November 9, 2015.

Glenn was born in Stillwater, Oklahoma to Raymond and Mary Denny. While growing up in Stillwater, Glenn displayed exceptional athletic prowess in baseball and basketball, becoming a star at Stillwater High School, where he graduated from in 1958. His athletic ability was recognized, and he received a scholarship for both basketball and baseball to Baylor

University. After one year at Baylor, he returned to Oklahoma to continue playing the sports he loved at Oklahoma Baptist University. In 1963, he graduated with a degree in mathematics and secondary education.

Upon his graduation, Glenn answered the call of duty, completing the U.S. Navy Officer Candidate School, serving on active duty for seven years with a tour in Vietnam as Commanding Officer of a barracks ship in DaNang Harbor, and serving in the Navy Reserves, retiring at the rank of Commander. Eventually, his naval career would bring him to Florida's First Congressional District, which he would call home for the remainder of his life.

In 1969, Glenn began working as a math teacher and coach at Woodham High School in Pensacola, Florida, and in 1972, he became the basketball coach and math teacher at Pace High School in Pace, Florida, while also earning a Masters of School Administration. Glenn's leadership skills and commitment to education led his selection as the first Community School Director for Santa Rosa County, Assistant Principal, and Principal of Pace High School, as well as Director of High School Education for Santa Rosa County Schools—a position he held until his retirement in 1997.

Glenn's retirement years were filled with quality family time, cross country travel in his motor home, and golf outings with family and friends. Glenn was also a man of faith, and was a long time member of the First Baptist Church of Milton.

To some Glenn Denny will be remembered as a patriot and veteran who served our Nation with honor and distinction, to others he will be remembered as an educator who used his passion for sports and commitment to education to serve the students of Northwest Florida, to his family and friends, Glenn will always be remembered as a loving and devoted husband, father, and grandfather. His impact on Northwest Florida was immense, and his legacy will live on forever.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the House of Representatives, I am proud to honor the memory of Glenn Denny. Vicki and I will keep his entire family, especially his wife of 54 years, Joanne; his son, Scott and daughter-in-law Cathy; his son Bryan and daughter-in-law Flavia; his grandchildren, Matthew, Brittany, Michael, Gabriel, Mateus, and Stella; as well as his brother Paul and sister-in-law Kathy in our thoughts and prayers.

EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH REMARKS

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2015

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, November is National Epilepsy Awareness Month. Epilepsy affects more than 2.8 million Americans, almost 10,000 of whom reside in my home state of Rhode Island. For the majority of those diagnosed with this condition, there is no known cause. Furthermore, one-third of people living with Epilepsy have seizures that can't be controlled with current treatments.

Richard and Deb Siravo tragically lost their five-year-old son Matty to Epilepsy in 2003. However, they chose to turn their tragedy into