

of Bill Guthridge, long-time basketball coach at UNC-Chapel Hill, a skilled and dedicated mentor and leader on and off the court.

Bill is best remembered for his illustrious coaching career. He won two national championships in three decades alongside Coach Dean Smith, and he was an assistant coach on the gold medal-winning 1976 Olympic basketball team. After Dean retired, Bill was named head coach of the Tar Heels and took Carolina to two Final Fours in three seasons. All told, he played or coached in more Final Fours than anyone else in NCAA history.

Bill was content to operate behind the scenes, and he liked to tell the story that he and his wife Leesie enjoyed an anniversary dinner in Chapel Hill the night before he took over for Coach Smith without being recognized by a single student or basketball fan.

But anyone who knew anything about Carolina basketball understood the critical contribution that Bill made to the program, and his passing on May 12 has brought forth a torrent of fond memories and tributes.

Those tributes include an appreciation for the remarkable role Bill and Leesie have played in the community of Chapel Hill since their arrival in 1967. I have personally appreciated their encouragement and counsel, and my wife and I have admired the generosity with which they have extended themselves to support numerous good and visionary causes. As a former UNC student, I particularly appreciate their efforts to renovate and modernize the Undergraduate Library through the creation of the William W. and Elise P. Guthridge Library Fund.

I am not alone in appreciating Bill Guthridge's contribution to our community. Ask anyone who knew him—and many who didn't—and you will hear about his quiet devotion to the students he coached, his loyalty to his colleagues and friends, and his commitment to community betterment.

I feel very fortunate to have called Bill Guthridge a friend, and I am honored to pay tribute to his many contributions and the lasting impact they have made on the University and the community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for roll call votes 240 through 242.

Had I been present, I would have voted yes on #240, yes on #241, and yes on #242.

IN RECOGNITION OF 2015 EASTERN AREA CONFERENCE OF THE LINKS, INCORPORATED

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, from April 22nd through April 26th, 2015, The Eastern Area of the Links, Incorporated hosted their 43rd Eastern Area Conference at the elegant Foxwoods Resort and Casino in Connecticut. This year's

conference theme "Leveraging the Legacy of Friendship and Service" is apropos as we congratulate the 2015 Eastern Area Conference Co-Chairs Sister Links Price and Wilson for organizing this annual meeting. The Eastern Area of the Links is comprised of 73 chapters in the states of Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Virginia.

As one of the nation's oldest and largest volunteer service organizations of extraordinary women, the Links are committed to enriching, sustaining and ensuring the culture and economic survival of African Americans and other persons of African ancestry. With a membership of 12,000 professional women of color, which also includes my beautiful wife Alma Rangel and my daughter Alicia, the Links Incorporated has established 274 chapters in forty-two states and in three sovereign nations.

Throughout my public and political career, I have witnessed the astonishing work and outstanding community service provided by The Eastern Area of the Links, which has attracted hundreds of distinguished individual achievers and accomplished women of color, who continue to make a difference for our most vulnerable communities in the Eastern States of our Nation. Today, under the leadership of Eastern Area Director Dianne S. Hardison, the outstanding programming of the Eastern Area of the Links, Incorporated has five facets which include Services to Youth, The Arts, National Trends and Services, International Trends and Services, and Health and Human Services.

The Eastern Area of the Links initiated a Women's Issues Program, under the Chairmanship of Dr. Marcella Maxwell that evolved into a National Trends Facet Component. The focus of the Women's Issues Program for 2013–2015 was to honor and empower Women who have served in our Nation's Armed Forces as they transitioned from military life to civilian life. The Eastern Area Links initiated programs to mentor, educate, train, and employ women veterans as they transitioned from Combat to Corporate.

Partnering with Dress For Success, FedEx, Citi Corporation, Home Depot, Macy's, College and Universities; and veteran organizations such as the 369th Veterans' Association, New York City Mayor's Office of Military Affairs, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, Temple University, Syracuse University, Philadelphia Community College, Medgar Evers College, York College, and the Borough of Manhattan College of the City University of New York, the Eastern Area of the Links Combat to Corporate program has successfully given women veterans, many of whom are single mothers and homeless the opportunity to achieve the American dream and raise their families with dignity and resources.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my esteemed colleagues of the great Eastern States of our Union join me in recognition of the 2015 Eastern Area Conference of the Links, Incorporated, which has focused its mission to support Women Veterans From Combat to Corporate and Women in the Armed Forces that continue to serve our Country proudly and with distinction today.

REMEMBERING MAURIE BERMAN

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life of an important and respected member of the Chicago community.

On May 17th we lost a local legend. Mr. Maurie Berman, founder of the famous Superdawg passed away at the age of 89.

After serving his nation in WWII, Mr. Berman returned to Chicago to serve his community. His vision was to serve delicious Chicago style hotdogs without customers even having to leave their cars. In May 1948, Maurie and his wife, Flaurie, opened the first Superdawg at the end of the streetcar line at Devon and Milwaukee Avenues in Chicago. It would be one of the first drive-in restaurants of its time with Flaurie as the first car-hop.

Almost 60 years later, and countless hungry people fed, Superdawg has become a Chicago institution. The business has been passed down from generation to generation with Maurie's great-granddaughter putting in her first shift just a few weeks ago.

Mr. Berman was known not only for serving one of the best hotdogs, but also for being a truly caring person. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, friend as well as a highly respected member of his community. Maurie never missed an opportunity to help his employees in times of need.

I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating the life and accomplishments of Mr. Maurie Berman.

IN HONOR OF THE 2014 FAIRFAX COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION AND TREE PRESERVATION AWARDEES

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of Fairfax County 2014 Land Conservation and Tree Preservation and Planting Awards. Fairfax County is considered one of the best counties in the nation in which to live, work, and raise a family. One reason for this designation is the innovative environmental protection policies that have been implemented by the County and embraced by its business partners, and I was pleased to have led that effort during my tenure as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. These awards recognize the following developers, designers, and site superintendents, who have excelled in their stewardship of the environment:

LARGE COMMERCIAL: CINDER BED ROAD BUS DIVISION

Owner: Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

Project Manager: Fred Robertson

Superintendent: Denver Callahan

Contractor: Strittmatter Contracting, LLC

Engineer: Wendel

Site Inspector: Jim Getts

LARGE SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL: GAMBRILL POINTE

Owner: Brookfield Ridge Road, LLC

Project Manager: Scott Gookin & James T. Devine
 Superintendent: Donnie Stewart & Billy Huff
 Contractor: William A. Hazel, Inc.
 Engineer: Land Design Consultants, Inc.
 Site Inspector: Keith Anthony

SMALL SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL: ABBOTS WOOD

Owner: Palisades Development, LLC
 Project Manager: Mike Dropik
 Superintendent: Donnie Stewart & Billy Huff
 Contractor: William A. Hazel, Inc.
 Engineer: Walter L. Phillips, Inc.
 Site Inspector: Jim Getts

INFILL LOT: 9022 FALLS RUN ROAD, MCLEAN
 Owner: Joe & Sarah Shames
 Project Manager: Ross Richmond
 Superintendent: Rich Shaffer
 Contractor: Joy Custom Design Build, LLC.

Engineer: LS2 PC Engineering
 Site Inspector: Frank Degboe
 Outstanding Engineering Firms: Wendel (Cinder Bed Road Bus Division)
 Outstanding Superintendent: Clarke Newbill and Billy Huff (Gambrell Pointe)
 Outstanding Contractor: Strittmatter Contracting, LLC (Cinder Bed Road Bus Division)

Outstanding Developer/Owner: Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Cinder Bed Road Bus Division)

Certificate of Voluntary Merit: Jackson Ayers, Member of Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1539, Eagle Scout Service Project

Best Protected Environmentally Sensitive Site: Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Cinder Bed Road Bus Division)

Outstanding E/S Inspectors of the Year: Frank Degboe (North Branch), Jorge Tagle (Central Branch), Jim Getts (South Branch)

Outstanding E/S Plan Reviewers of the Year: Roshna Gafoor (North Branch), Jennifer Vargas (Central Branch), Ambachew Nigatu (South Branch)

TREE PLANTING AWARDS:

Project: Capital One—Rt. 123 Median and Tree Transplanting
 Developer: Capital One
 Design: William H. Gordon and Associates, Inc.

Landscaper: Ruppert Landscape, Inc. Davis/Gilford Construction

Project: East Market at Fair Lake, Phase III

Developer: Peterson Companies
 Design: Lewis Scully Gionet TWS Designs, Inc.

Landscaper: KT Enterprises

Project: Jennings Toyota
 Developer: Chesapeake Contracting Group
 Design: Walter L. Phillips, Inc.
 Landscaper: Live Green

Project: Newington DVS Maintenance Facility

Developer: EE Reed Construction
 Design: Adtek Engineers
 Landscaper: Blake Landscapes

TREE PRESERVATION AWARD RECIPIENTS:

Project: National Library for the Study of George Washington

Developer: Mount Vernon Ladies' Association

Engineer: Rummel Klepper & Kahl
 Tree Preservation Consultant: The Care of Trees

Tree Preservation Contractor: Bartlett Tree Experts

Project: The Preserve at Scott's Run
 Builder: Stanley Martin Homes
 Engineer: Land Design Consultants
 Tree Preservation Consultant: Zimar & Associates

Project: Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax
 Developer: UUCF
 Engineer: Bowman Consulting Group, Ltd
 Tree Preservation Consultant: Davey Resource Group
 Tree Preservation Contractor: The Care of Trees

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating these honorees. Fairfax County and its residents have benefitted greatly from the collaborative spirit that is represented by these awards today, and I thank each of the awardees for their efforts.

IN SUPPORT OF THE TOM LANTOS FOUNDATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ANNUAL SOLIDARITY SABBATH

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Tom Lantos Foundation for Human Rights' annual Solidarity Sabbath. Held on May 22, 2015, this trans-Atlantic event provides a timely and unique framework within which leaders here in the United States and Europe can express solidarity with the Jewish community at a time when acts of social cohesion are more urgent than ever.

The Solidarity Sabbath encourages leaders of all faiths, races, and backgrounds to band together in support of Jewish communities across North America and Europe by participating in a range of Sabbath services and related activities. In the current geo-political climate, where we have seen the ugly resurgence of anti-Semitism and Holocaust denial, particularly in Europe, it is imperative that we unite against intolerance and baseless hatred. I urge leaders both at home and abroad to participate in this important event and stand up for tolerance, peace and co-existence. When leaders of diverse backgrounds come together in defense of fundamental human rights, all of our communities are the beneficiaries.

Indeed, this Solidarity Sabbath initiative is most timely. Sadly, in the past few months we have witnessed a dramatic surge in anti-Semitic incidents across Europe, including the January murders of four Jewish customers at a kosher supermarket in Paris, and the murder of a Jewish man guarding a synagogue in Copenhagen in February. Painful, vivid memories are being resurrected as Jewish communities around Europe are once again living under the cloud of social hostility, embarrassment and violent threats.

It is imperative that we stand with the Jewish community and demand that our European allies work diligently and without delay to confront and put an end to these heinous acts. Hatred and persecution based on race or religion have no place in our world. Each and every one of us has the responsibility to make our own communities safer and more tolerant.

For this very reason, I am pleased to have recently introduced a bipartisan resolution with Representative ROBERT DOLD of Illinois to combat the rise of anti-Semitism in Europe, which encourages our European friends to counter this disturbing trend while also committing the United States to abetting this effort in every way possible.

Mr. Speaker, the power of togetherness cannot be overemphasized. Indeed, it is the bond shared by those of us dedicated to love and tolerance that will form the basis upon which we will defeat bigotry and demagoguery in all of its forms. I urge my colleagues to stand with me in this important expression of tolerance and co-existence.

TRIBUTE TO SHERIFF MICHAEL "MIKE" SCROGGINS

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Sheriff Michael "Mike" Scroggins, a devoted civil servant and long-time political leader in Delaware County.

Mike is a lifelong Hoosier and leaves behind a legacy of public service in our state. After nearly 30 years as a police officer, including 11 years as a Uniform Division Commander, he ran successfully for Delaware County Sheriff in both 2010 and 2014. He is also a proud graduate of the respected FBI National Academy.

He devoted his entire adult life to protecting and bettering his community and for that he will always be remembered. Sheriff Scroggins was a member of Whitney Lodge #229, the Indiana Sheriff's Association, and the Mt. Olive Community Church. He was also actively involved with the Delaware County Council, making public appearances regularly to advocate for his officers and his department. In his free time, Mike enjoyed fishing trips and spending time with his family.

Today, it is my privilege to honor the life of Mike Scroggins. My thoughts and prayers go out to Mike's family, and may God comfort those left behind with his peace and strength.

TRIBUTE TO VICTIMS OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to memorialize and record a courageous story of survival of the Armenian Genocide. The Armenian Genocide, perpetrated by the Ottoman Empire from 1915 to 1923, resulted in the death of 1.5 million Armenian men, women, and children. As the U.S. Ambassador to the Ottoman Empire, Henry Morgenthau documented at the time, it was a campaign of "race extermination."

The campaign to annihilate the Armenian people failed, as illustrated by the proud Armenian nation and prosperous diaspora. It is difficult if not impossible to find an Armenian family not touched by the genocide, and while there are some survivors still with us, it is imperative that we record their stories. Through the Armenian Genocide Congressional Record Project, I hope to document the harrowing stories of the survivors in an effort to preserve their accounts and to help educate the Members of Congress now and in the future of the necessity of recognizing the Armenian Genocide. Below is one of those stories: