

Motown classics like "My Girl" and "Dancing in the Street." As a Jazz Ambassador, Marcus Belgrave carried his American sound to Latin America, Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East.

But he was not just a musician, not just a composer—he was a mentor of the highest order. He taught Jazz to some of our greatest contemporary artists, including Geri Allen, Regina Carter, Kenny Garrett, Robert Hurst, and Karriem Riggins. Virtually every Jazz artist to come out of Detroit in the past 50 years was influenced by Marcus. Though he may be gone and his trumpet is finally silent, his talent and voice will continue to inspire new generations through the lives he helped shape. His shadow will loom large over every Detroiter who picks up the trumpet.

He will also live on through the institutions of Jazz that he founded, chartered, and fostered. He was an original member of the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra. He established the Jazz Development Workshop and Jazz Studies program at the Detroit Metro Arts Complex. He served as a Professor of Jazz at Oberlin College in Ohio. Motown would not have been the same without him. Detroit's place in Jazz history would not be the same without him.

The world lost a living legend last week, and Detroit lost a champion. But Mr. Belgrave lived his life in such a way that he will be remembered forever. I offer my heartfelt condolences to his wife Joan, his children, and all the family, friends, and fans who mourn the passing of a legend.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE C.K.
MCCLATCHY GIRLS BASKETBALL
TEAM

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the C.K. McClatchy High School Girls Basketball Team for winning the 2015 Division I State Championship. As the team's players, coaches, student body and faculty look back on this terrific season, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the team for its remarkable success.

The 2014–2015 McClatchy Lady Lions are comprised of an excellent group of student-athletes who play a tenacious, gritty brand of basketball that energized not only the school, but the entire Sacramento community. Their selfless play and team spirit exemplified the best that high school athletics has to offer.

The Lady Lions culminated their brilliant season on March 27, 2015 by defeating Serra of Gardena 65–61 in double-overtime to win the California Interscholastic Federation Division I State Championship. Their state championship is the first for McClatchy High School in any sport, and also was the first in Sacramento City Unified School District history.

McClatchy's victory is a fitting conclusion to the season for a group of players who have demonstrated tremendous skill, perseverance, and effort throughout the year. Each player, whether senior, junior, or sophomore, exhibited a steadfast commitment to the team. The Lady Lions outstanding roster includes Lauren Nubla, Destiney Lee, Jordan Cruz, Kelsey

Wong, Kristi Wong, Alex Washington, Sara Shimizu, Ka'maree Donald, Haley Arakaki, Jade Fonseca, and the Sacramento Bee's 2014–2015 Basketball Player of the Year, Gigi Garcia.

In addition to their talented roster, the McClatchy team also benefitted greatly from the tutelage of one of the best coaching staffs in the area. Head Coach Jessica Kunisaki and her able assistant coaches, Jeff Ota, Que Ngo, and Carlos Vicenty cultivated a spirit of camaraderie and hard work under which the players thrived.

Mr. Speaker, as McClatchy's 2014–2015 school year concludes, I am honored to pay tribute to the exemplary members of the C.K. McClatchy High School girls basketball team, who have brought so much enthusiasm and pride to McClatchy and the Sacramento community. Their success this year is highly commendable and I am pleased to have the opportunity to recognize their accomplishments. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating the C.K. McClatchy girls basketball team on a wonderful season and wish them continued success in future years.

HONORING CAPTAIN SCOTT
BIERWILER

HON. RICHARD B. NUGENT

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. NUGENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the life of Captain Scott Bierwiler, a fellow colleague of the Hernando County Sheriff's Department, a dedicated husband and father of three, and my good friend.

Captain Bierwiler met his untimely death in an automobile accident that devastated the community. The sadness and grief felt upon hearing the news of his passing still stings fresh in my mind, even though risk is an inherent part of the law enforcement description. As sheriff, it was a day that I always feared and hoped I would never have to face. Yet I found myself mourning my friend.

It is tough to recall the days that followed and how full they were of tears, sorrow, and disbelief. However, the memories of Captain Bierwiler quickly came to light and the transition from sadness to acceptance began. As if it were from a page in his own book, the focus of his early death quickly became more about the celebration of his life and the impact he had on so many.

I first met Scott through his parents, who are family friends, and I immediately recognized the potential he radiated even as a young man. After graduating from the police academy, Scott joined the Hernando Sheriff's Department where he served proudly for twenty-three years. He was a hard worker and was dedicated to his job, his fellow officers, and the community where he lived and worked.

His work ethic was unlike any other. No matter how big or small the task, nor noteworthy or publicly known the result. And his determinations didn't go unnoticed. Scott was awarded the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Medal of Valor, the Hernando County Ribbon of Commendation, the New Jersey State Medal of Valor, the Meritorious Service Award from Bergen County Prosecutors Office, and the Combat Cross. But above all accolades,

there was not one person who didn't have the upmost respect for Captain Bierwiler. Respect was mutual and he made sure that it was always known. There was no question that Captain Bierwiler would have made an honorable and just sheriff for Hernando County.

He was a quintessential family man—loving, dependable, and as devoted as they come. There was never a question that his children were his sole purpose in life and his greatest achievement. He would tell stories of the moments of laughter they would share, the times spent together boating on the Gulf of Mexico, and the hopes he had for their futures. He gave all that he had to his family and I can only hope that as his children grow, they flourish in the love that surrounds them from their father.

On Thursday, May 28, 2015, the Hernando County Sheriff's Department unveiled a memorial for Captain Scott M. Bierwiler. It will never be easy to look back on the day that Scott was taken from his family, his friends, and the Hernando community. But my hope for the memorial sign dedicated in his honor is to allow us to remember the times we shared with him, the happy and blessed life he lived, and the legacy he left behind. I am humbled and will forever be thankful to have been a friend of Captain Scott Bierwiler and I will continue to remember his memory fondly.

HONORING COLONEL GREG
SCHANNEP, USA, RETIRED

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel Greg Schannep, USA, Retired. As a man of deep faith, he knows that scripture tells us, "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." Greg has brought these powerful words to life throughout his career as a servant of God, the Army, and his fellow man.

Greg was born in El Segundo, California and first served in the U.S. Army from 1965 to 1967. He was among the elite Special Forces at Fort Bragg before being honorably discharged at the rank of Sergeant. Education was next on his agenda. While he holds a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing from Northern Arizona University, Greg's lasting faith led him to pursue a Master's Degree in Theology from Fuller Theological Seminary in California.

Greg couldn't resist the call to serve and, after completing his education, returned to active duty in 1977 as an Army Chaplain. There are no closed doors to a chaplain in the military and Greg was as welcome among his fellow officers as he was among the enlisted. His life experience, Special Forces background, and pastoral skills made him a blessing to the Army family. He served as a Chaplain for twenty-nine years, retiring in 2004 at the rank of Colonel.

Most would use the passing of one career as an opportunity to enjoy a well-deserved rest. Yet Greg's need to serve led him to, within days of his military retirement ceremony, start a new career as my liaison to Fort Hood. It's a role he is uniquely suited for as he understands both the importance of the

mission at The Great Place and the unique culture that sustains our warriors there. He's been a steady, calming presence through times both good and bad for the thousands of brave warriors stationed at one of the world's largest military bases.

Greg's genial nature is equaled only by his hard-earned wisdom from years of ministry. He knows there are two sides to every story and that everyone deserves to have their voice heard. This has proven invaluable as he's worked tirelessly on behalf of his beloved Fort Hood and the people of Central Texas. His patient and positive attitude remains a source of strength and inspiration for both friends and colleagues.

Yet through it all, family remains the center of his life. He is married to the former Martha (Marty) E. Haley. Greg's six children know him has a devoted and loving dad to them and a proud grandfather to his seven grand children.

Greg Schannep signs all his emails with the stirring words Pro Deo et Patria ("Still Serving God & Country"). All who've been blessed by his presence know that to him this isn't a meaningless expression but a deep and lasting creed that has been the guiding force of his life.

Greg's been a trusted advisor, superb public servant, and vital part of Team Carter. I join my staff in wishing him a well-deserved retirement and nothing but the best in the years ahead.

HONORING DAVID JOHN GOTAAAS

HON. ROBERT J. DOLD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of David John Gotaas, a resident of Northbrook, who passed away on May 23, 2015.

Born in Chicago to Lois and David S. Gotaas on March 2, 1951, David was raised a missionary child in Venezuela until his family returned to the Chicago area where David attended New Trier High School (1968), Wheaton College (BA, Economics, 1972) and Northwestern University (MBA, 1974). Although he began his career as a Certified Public Accountant, David was an entrepreneur at heart, and gladly traded corporate pursuits for self-made ventures in real estate, which he viewed as both business and ministry.

In 1978, David married the love of his life and best friend, Sally Slingerland, who attended Winnetka Bible Church where his father pastored. David and Sally settled in Northbrook where they raised four daughters.

David's childhood on the mission field marked him with a passion to serve others around the world. An active member of the Winnetka Rotary Club, David helped initiate the first Rotary Club in the country of Kosovo in 2005. David's involvement in Kosovo also included service on the Advisory Board for the Kosovo American Education Fund and the Board of Trustees for the American Councils for International Education.

David's travels brought him not only to Kosovo, but to over 80 countries around the world. A member of the Circumnavigators Club of Chicago, David's favorite travel destinations were far from the typical tourist trail,

including recent trips to Myanmar and Bangladesh, where he purposefully sought out the humblest accommodations to connect with locals and practice simplicity. Despite the breadth of his adventures, perhaps his favorite destination was Yosemite National Park, where he enjoyed bringing anyone willing to keep up with him. Wherever he traveled, David was known to share his adventures via postcards to family, friends and acquaintances.

David will be remembered for his passionate love for Jesus Christ, love for family, integrity, thoughtfulness and generosity. He is survived by his wife, Sally, and his four daughters, Anne, Kathryn, Mary and Laura. In his final years, perhaps David's greatest joy was his grandchildren: Nathan, Nora, Kate, Silas and a fifth due in September.

HONORING COMMUNITY CHAMPION YVONNE CLARK

HON. MIKE KELLY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize one of my constituents from Western Pennsylvania, Yvonne Clark. Yvonne, the Director of Walker's Neighborhood House in Lawrence County, has served both her family and community with excellence, leaving behind her a legacy of compassion and integrity that has impacted many.

The seventh of sixteen children, Yvonne worked for both American Cleaners and First National Bank before putting her professional ambitions on hold in order to raise her family. She has been happily married to Robert Clark for forty-seven years, and together they have three children: Robert Jr., Adella, and Aaron. Yvonne and Robert are also blessed to be the grandparents of nine grandchildren.

In 1979, Yvonne enrolled in the Pittsburgh Beauty Academy in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania and graduated with honors shortly thereafter. Under the mentorship of a respected and accomplished local salon-owner, Yvonne learned the skills of the trade and eventually opened her own salon in 1984. When health issues demanded a change of course, Yvonne worked as a family service worker and then a job coach before returning to school at Midwestern Baptist School of Ministry. Again, she graduated with honors and received her Associate's Degree in Women's Ministry in 2006. Additionally, valuing her role as mother and grandmother, Yvonne became the primary caregiver for her three grandchildren when her daughter was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis.

It was around this time that Walker's Neighborhood House, a division of the Gussie M. Walker Community Outreach Organization, was established. The mission of this after-school program is to empower youth and families to be the best they can be by obtaining a better education, while also learning that with God all things are possible. By providing both tutoring and structured recreational opportunities for local youth in an area where 85% of the population is considered low-income, Walker's Neighborhood House is breathing life back into the community and empowering our next generation of leaders. Under Yvonne's

devoted and impassioned leadership, over 2,500 students have walked through its doors and left changed for the better.

In serving her family and community, Yvonne has shown herself to be a leader in the truest sense of the word and a role model for the many who are privileged to know her. Furthermore, her dedication to directing the St John United Holy Church Choir for thirty-five years gives evidence to the core Christian values that inform her experiences. On behalf of the Third District of Pennsylvania, I would like to express sincere gratitude and appreciation to Mrs. Yvonne Clark, a true Community Champion.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NJROTC AWARD WINNERS

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, it's with a profound sense of pride that I rise today in recognition of our nation's Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) program, its cadets and the excellent cadre of leadership that instructs and guides these future naval officers. Our nation is defended by a military that is second-to-none, but it's no mistake that the quality and pedigree of our nation's armed forces is beyond comparison. Training is only part of what makes a good military leader. The principles of commitment, organization, teamwork and respect are not always learned—in many ways, they are innate, and those who serve in the NJROTC program show a level of talent and dedication that consistently demonstrates why our military—and our Navy, especially—possesses so many first-rate leaders.

Most recently, a national competition was launched to determine the 2015 Navy League Most Improved Unit and the 2015 Most Outstanding Unit. Most improved honors went to the Pearl River Central High School in Carriere, Mississippi. The Most Outstanding Unit award was given to the Allen D. Nease High School in Ponte Vedra, Florida. Two impressive units, Mr. Speaker, and both showed strong attributes in their respective award areas. There was plenty of competition, and every unit gave their best—and for that, both the award winners and the entire field of competitors can take great pride in their accomplishments.

Receiving a top award is really quite an honor, Mr. Speaker. In fact, awards often reflect years of hard work and development, even though awards are given yearly. The award criteria is exhaustive—evaluating participation in the classroom, physical fitness and extracurricular activities. Cadets even participate in community service projects—with one unit, Pearl River, completing more than 5,000 hours of community service alone. However, Mr. Speaker, as we extend our congratulations to the cadets, I would be remiss if we didn't recognize the amazing work of the many program instructors. In particular, I want to recognize Naval Science Instructors Col. Todd Ryder and Chief Ron Hazlewood, whose leadership, professionalism and knowledge have been integral to successful mentorship in the NJROTC program at Pearl River. And I know