

IN HONOR OF MARGARET MORTON

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the tremendous work of my constituent Margaret Morton, a 2016 honoree at the Loudoun Laurels Gala. Ms. Morton exemplifies the very best of the traditions of public service, stewardship, and personal contributions to the life and history of Loudoun County. Her dedication to a high standard of conduct allowed her to remain honest and loyal while making a positive impact in the journalistic community.

Margaret Morton is a graduate of Edinburgh University in Scotland. She left her home in Britain to come to America in 1966. Twenty-six years later she entered the world of journalism when she joined the staff of Leesburg Today. Last year, she became a founding member of the writing staff of Loudoun Now, recently judged to be Loudoun County's best new business.

Ms. Morton has nearly a quarter century of experience, granting her the skills and style to serve Loudoun. Her writing illustrates both her intelligence and her deep understanding of the community she loves, and is similarly reflected in her meritorious career. Currently, Ms. Morton is the Dean of the Loudoun County Press Corps.

Serving on Loudoun County's first Historic Review Board, Ms. Morton is an active preservationist. She is an avid supporter of numerous community charitable activities, for which we readily commend her.

Mr. Speaker, I now ask that my colleagues join me in thanking Margaret Morton for the outstanding services she provided to our great Commonwealth throughout her long-lasting career. I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO PATTY AND JIM
COWNIE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

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Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Patty and Jim Cownie for being awarded the 2016 Robert D. Ray Pillar of Character Award, presented by the Robert D. and Billie Ray Center at Drake University. They were presented with the honor during the annual Ray Center's Iowa Character Awards in Altoona, Iowa.

Each year, a selection committee of 50 members selects recipients who have exemplified a life filled with volunteerism and sacrifice. The Cownies embody each of those qualities. Ever since the Ray Center opened its doors as Character Counts back in 1997, Patty and Jim Cownie have given their time and resources to make sure it was a total success.

Patty Cownie has always displayed a commitment to volunteerism throughout her life. From 1999 to 2014 she served on the Drake University Board of Trustees and now dedicates her time and expertise to the Iowa Board of Regents. She has also contributed

her time to organizations such as the Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation, Meals from the Heartland and Bravo! Greater Des Moines.

Recognized as one of the top businessmen in the State of Iowa, Jim Cownie has still found time to dedicate himself to causes and organizations of which he cares. Along with his wife, Patty, Jim has sacrificed his time and given his expertise to many charitable organizations throughout the state and continues to utilize his own resources to improve the lives of others.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Patty and Jim Cownie for receiving this esteemed designation. It is truly an honor to represent them in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them and in wishing them nothing but continued success.

HONORING ALICIA DICOCHEA**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Alicia Dicochea. Alicia is known throughout Merced County for her dedication and service to her community. She is retiring this year after serving as one of the founding members of the Board of Directors of Golden Valley Health Centers since 1971. Alicia has gone above and beyond in the effort to make her community a better place, volunteering her time in health care, education and church.

Alicia was born in Cutler, California. She is the youngest of five siblings, born to parents who immigrated to the Central Valley from Mexico in the 1920s. From an early age she learned the meaning of hard work, working in the fields with her siblings in order to help support the family.

In 1947 Alicia married Jesus Dicochea. The young family, along with their children moved to Los Banos in 1965 in order to pursue work opportunities, where they have lived ever since.

Alicia's involvement with Golden Valley Health Centers began when it was just a single clinic for farm workers. Today the medical center has 25 clinics and serves Merced and Stanislaus counties. Alicia has been an advocate for health care for the Valley's underserved since the beginnings of her involvement with Golden Valley.

Alicia has also been an advocate in education. She made the decision to play an active role in her children's school from the day the first of her ten children began school. She was selected to be a part of a group of parents and UC Davis students to assess the needs of the community in order to properly use funding available to local students and families. She was involved in Merced College's Los Banos campus from its beginnings. She taught Spanish and advised on the curriculum for English as a Second Language students.

Her strong faith has led to a natural involvement with her church. Alicia served as a delegate for the Guadalupanas Society in Los Banos and served as secretary for District 7, which includes Los Banos, Dos Palos, and Atwater.

Alicia's service to her community knows no limits. She has served on the Los Banos Planning Commission and as a member of the National Board of National Association of Farmworkers Organization. During the holiday season, she participates in initiatives to feed the homeless.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Alicia Dicochea. Her forty-five years of service on the Board of Directors of Golden Valley Health Centers, in addition to the wonderful work she has done in the community, should be commended. Los Banos will be forever grateful for the impact she has made in the community.

REMEMBERING LESLIE WITT
REICHENBACH

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

For nearly 40 years, she woke up generations of Chicago's WXRT listeners on weekend mornings. A native Chicagoan, she earned a bachelor's degree in communications and environmental science from the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Shortly after, she began her radio career as a disc jockey at a progressive rock station in Massachusetts. With her growing enthusiasm for radio, she returned to Chicago to work at WXRT 93.1 FM in 1977. Leslie was also a news reporter for WBEZ, Chicago's Public Radio station in the 1980s, while still DJ'ing on weekend mornings at WXRT.

Leslie, often referred to as "the overnight angel," was known for her kind smile and her ability to connect with others. Her sense of wonder was the source of her ability to communicate about the music with conviction. Leslie's dedication helped mentor many new D.J.'s who preceded her radio shift.

Sadly, Leslie passed away on July 17th, 2016 at age 63 in Riverwoods, Illinois after her battle with ovarian cancer.

Leslie bravely fought her illness by listening to new albums, attending concerts, and practicing ballet. Leslie's top priority was always her family, and the love and support they provided her was the most important thing in her life. Leslie is survived by her husband, Chuck Reichenbach and their adult children Kay and Kurt.

Mr. Speaker, may God bless the Reichenbach family and the memory of a woman who was truly loved by her friends, her community, and her family.

IN MEMORY OF SERGEANT
KENNETH D. JUMPER, SR.

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, South Carolina is paying positive tribute to the service of American Patriot Kenneth D.

Jumper, Sr., of Cayce, South Carolina. I especially appreciate his dedicated model of military service in the National Guard. He was an inspiration to me when we served together in the 218th Mechanized Infantry Brigade as he lived up to the highest standards of service by being the most patriotic, competent, and capable of citizens.

A thoughtful obituary was published in The State newspaper on August 27, 2016:

CAYCE.—Kenneth D. Jumper, 89, of Cayce, South Carolina passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Thursday, August 25, 2016. He was born in Swansea, South Carolina to the late Dewey and Myrtis Smith Jumper.

Kenneth retired from the State Highway Department and The SC Army National Guard as a Staff Sergeant. He was a member of Cayce First Baptist Church for over 60 years. He served several terms on the Cayce City Council. Kenneth coached Little League baseball for many years in Cayce and spent many days helping his neighbors. He will be long remembered for his Godly character, his acts of kindness and Christian faith. He will be missed by all.

Kenneth is survived by his sons, Kenneth D. (Sally) Jumper, Jr. of West Columbia, Keith (Emily) Jumper of Lexington, Karl Jumper of Cayce and Kim (Kimberley) Jumper of Lexington; his brothers, Conley (Joanne) Jumper of Pacolet and Coy (Esca) Jumper of Swansea; his sister, Orene Carter of Cayce; and his daughter-in-law, Lisa Jumper of Swansea. He also leaves behind his 11 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 60 years, Verna B. Jumper and his son, Kelvin M. Jumper.

The family will receive friends at Thompson Funeral Home of Lexington on Saturday, August 27, 2016 from 6-8 p.m. Funeral services will be held at The Harvest, 4865 Sunset Blvd., Lexington, SC on Sunday, August 28, 2016 at 2 p.m. Interment will follow in Southland Memorial Gardens.

The funeral services were lovingly conducted by his son, Pastor Kenneth D. Jumper, Jr.

BETTY MILLER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Betty Miller for receiving the West Chamber's 2016 Jefferson County Hall of Fame Award.

When Betty Miller moved in 1959, Jefferson County gained a selfless public servant who had a significant impact on the community until her death in January of 2012. Betty began her involvement by volunteering with both the local League of Women Voters and PTA, and later turned her attention to resolving school finance and county zoning issues until her election to the Colorado House of Representatives in 1964. In that role, she helped establish the City of Lakewood, and served on the first Lakewood City Council from 1965 to 1975.

The Lakewood Sentinel recognized Betty's hard work and awarded her Outstanding Woman of 1972 and the Jeffco Board of Realtors named her Citizen of the Year in 1977. Betty continued her commitment to Jefferson

County as Director of Colorado Local Affairs under Governor Dick Lamm and as Chief Administrator for Senator Tim Wirth, where she famously helped shut down Rocky Flats. Betty was named the Leo Riethmayer Outstanding Public Administrator in 1980 and recognized for her "outstanding achievement and distinguished service" as Regional Administrator of HUD under President Jimmy Carter. In 1992, Betty was elected Jefferson County Commissioner, where she helped inspire and lead Jeffco's first long-term planning efforts that helped make our community what it is today.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Betty Miller's family for this well-deserved recognition by the West Chamber.

IN HONOR OF THE LADIES BOARD
OF INOVA LOUDOUN HOSPITAL

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

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Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the Ladies Board of Inova Loudoun Hospital, which is commemorating over a century of nursing in the Leesburg emergency room. I would like to personally commend these unselfish women who inspire others through their dedication and generosity in service to their neighbors, friends, and strangers. These commendable citizens embody the very best of this nation's values through their service to our community and exemplary performance in healthcare practice.

The Ladies Board of Inova Loudoun Hospital has been "the heart and soul" of the hospital since 1912, when it was formed simultaneously with Loudoun's first healthcare center. Ever since, it has been raising money to support the hospital in renovations and supplies, and has been consistently rated in the top one percent of patient satisfaction in the nation. Even more recently, the board gifted one million dollars toward the renovation at the Leesburg campus, which was completed three years ago and continues to make important strides for the betterment of our Commonwealth. This is a clear testament to the outstanding work which is conducted by these exemplary individuals every day and they are deserving of recognition.

Mr. Speaker, it brings me immense pride to recognize such a fine group, and I sincerely hope that we all can live up to their tremendous example. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Ladies Board. I wish them good luck and hope that they continue to better the future of Loudoun's exceptional healthcare.

TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT JARED
KAUFMAN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jared Kaufman of Council Bluffs, Iowa for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Jared is a member of Boy Scout Troop 550 in Council Bluffs.

The Eagle Scout designation is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Approximately five percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. Jared's Eagle Project involved community service at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs. Jared led a team of scouts who collected donations and built carts to hold entertainment supplies such as books, magazines, and puzzles for the patients confined to the hospital. The work ethic Jared has shown in his Eagle Project and every other project leading to his Eagle Scout rank speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by Jared Kaufman and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent Jared and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in congratulating him on obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking, and I wish him continued success in his future education and career.

HONORING MS. KATHERINE
SCHACK FOR RECEIVING THE
PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE
IN MATHEMATICS
AND SCIENCE TEACHING

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of mine, Ms. Katherine Schack. She has been selected to receive the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. This is a prestigious award that will be presented in Washington, DC at the Daughters of the American Revolution Constitution Hall. In addition to Ms. Schack having the opportunity to attend various recognition events and development activities, she will also receive a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation. A citation from President Obama will be presented as well. Ms. Schack is one of only one hundred and eight teachers to receive this award for the 2014-2015 school year.

Ms. Schack is receiving this award for her work at Lakeview Elementary where she taught 2nd Grade. During her twelve years as an educator, she has taught first and second grade in the Wentzville School District at Lakeview Elementary School. In 2014, Ms. Schack became the first K-8 Mathematics Coach/Content Lead in her district.

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching was established by Congress in 1983. This award is the highest honor bestowed by the United States Government specifically for educators that teach mathematics and science. Since the establishment of the program, over 4,600 teachers have been recognized for their contributions to their students and school districts.