

Known by all as Woody, he had a distinguished career in the military and has spent his life tirelessly helping veterans and their families. His service to America and West Virginia is unparalleled. I have known Woody for decades and am proud to call him not only a constituent but a friend. On January 14, 2016, Woody Williams receives another honor: a ship in the United States Navy will bear his name. I congratulate and commend Mr. Williams on a remarkable and admirable life. Woody Williams serves as a pillar for all Americans to aspire to, a brave man who put his fellow Americans before himself.

IN RECOGNITION OF PETTY  
OFFICER DERRICK SUBA

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Petty Officer Derrick Suba, who will receive the Air Medal from the United States Coast Guard for his lifesaving actions on February 15, 2015.

A native of Attleboro, Massachusetts, Petty Officer Derrick Suba is a proud alumnus of Bourne High School. After enlisting in the U.S. Coast Guard in 2002 and graduating from Basic Training in March 2003, Petty Officer Suba began his career in the Coast Guard aboard the Coast Guard cutter, USCGC *Spencer*. After a brief tour, he attended Aviation Maintenance Technician School and received orders to report to Air Station Elizabeth City, North Carolina. A devoted husband and father of two boys, Petty Officer Suba has also been stationed at Air Station Kodiak in Alaska and Air Station Cape Cod in my district in Massachusetts. In addition to his designation as a MH-60 helicopter Flight Mechanic, Petty Officer Suba also has received advanced qualifications as a Flight Mechanic Examiner and is qualified in Vertical Surface, External Load and Advance Rescue Swimmer Operations.

On the morning of February 15, 2015, the Coast Guard Rescue Coordination Center in Boston was alerted to a distress signal from the sailboat *Sedona*. Facing dangerous weather conditions, the onset of a severe winter storm, and no available escort aircraft for helicopter missions, the four-man crew of CGNR 6033 left Air Station Cape Cod to aid the *Sedona*. The pilot and copilot of CGNR 6033, Lieutenant John D. Hess and Lieutenant Matthew Vanderslice, expertly navigated despite deteriorating visibility, battling heavy snow, high winds, 25 to 35 foot seas, and severe thunderstorms to fly the over 300 nautical mile journey to and from the *Sedona*.

Hovering above the *Sedona*, Petty Officer Suba remained calm and professional in the face of life-threatening conditions and high-stake circumstances. Successfully, he hoisted his fellow crewman, Petty Officer Staph, seven times to rescue the two victims from the *Sedona*. His helmet visor became covered in snow and ice during the first hoist, so Petty Officer Suba continued to perform his duty without protective gear around his face despite gale force rotor wash and driving snow, sleet, and seawater.

During the third hoist, the hoisting system failed to function, forcing Petty Officer Suba to

execute an emergency procedure. This complicated and dangerous maneuver forced Petty Officer Suba and Lieutenant Hess to carefully coordinate a constant change in aircraft altitude in order to successfully retrieve Petty Officer Staph and the two survivors from the crest of passing swells. This extraordinary communication and concentration ensured that neither survivor spent more than three minutes in the frigid waters—saving their lives. Further, Petty Officer Suba administered first aid to his crewman, Petty Officer Staph, and the two survivors following injuries from the rescue and risk of hypothermia.

Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize Petty Officer Derrick Suba as he is awarded the U.S. Coast Guard Air Medal. I ask my colleagues to rise and join me in recognizing this distinguished member of our Armed Services and wishing him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE MACOMBER

**HON. ANN M. KUSTER**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I submit this obituary for George Macomber that appeared in the Boston Globe on December 20, 2015. George was a cofounder of Wildcat Mountain with my father and a lifelong friend.

GEORGE MACOMBER, 88; OLYMPIC SKIER, BUILT FANEUIL HALL SHOPS

(By Bryan Marquard)

Mr. Macomber was named to the US Ski Team for the 1948 and '52 Olympics. He was also president of the George B.H. Macomber Co. and a philanthropist.

George Macomber was the third generation to run the construction company founded by his grandfather, but the initial appeal of his family's business had as much to do with how much time he could spend racing down ski slopes.

In his 1997 memoir, "Plunging In," he wrote that the Macomber contracting firm "was the only company I could find that would let me take winters off! Otherwise I might never have been a builder—or a world-class skier."

He was both.

Competing in the upper echelons of both pursuits, often simultaneously, Mr. Macomber was named to the US Ski Team for the 1948 and '52 Olympics. And after succeeding his father as president at the age of 31, he led the company through major projects including Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Boston's Four Seasons Hotel, and Yale University buildings including the Center for British Art, and the hockey rink whose design inspired the Yale Whale nickname.

"My goal was to make a mark by building prestigious buildings," he wrote, adding that the company cemented a reputation as "the architects' contractor" through its can-do approach. "The George B.H. Macomber Company didn't say, 'Oh, you can't do that.' We said, 'Let's try it.'"

Mr. Macomber, a US Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame member whose philanthropy reached from the slopes to Judge Baker Children's Center and cardiovascular research at Massachusetts General Hospital, died in his sleep Monday in his Westwood home. He was 88.

As a Massachusetts Institute of Technology student, Mr. Macomber envisioned a career at companies such as Lockheed or

Boeing, writing that his passion "was for all things theoretical, things mechanical." Ultimately, that formed his intellectual path into George B.H. Macomber Co.

"Figuring out problems was what drew him to his life work," his son John of Cambridge said. "For him, the construction business was about building things. He liked figuring out multidimensional problems."

One of those dimensions was the boardroom, where proposals were conceived, bids prepared, deals sealed.

"He was one of those people who knew how to make a decision and knew how to make it stick," said Tom Cornu, a longtime friend and real estate development partner. "He was a very bright businessman. I sat in development meetings with him where he had his slide rule—before we had calculators—and he could evaluate a real estate transaction quicker than anyone else in the room. He was just brilliant at it."

Cornu, who served with Mr. Macomber on the board of trustees at Judge Baker Children's Center, added that "George was a man with a huge heart" who applied his business acumen to philanthropic ventures. "He was very careful and precise about where he chose to spend his business time and where he chose to spend his volunteer time, so not a minute was wasted. It all went in the right places for the right reasons."

Through personal example, Mr. Macomber also was an inspirational figure on and off the ski slopes, said US Representative Ann McLane Kuster, a New Hampshire Democrat and longtime friend whose father and Mr. Macomber were among the four founders of the Wildcat ski area in Pinkham Notch, next to Mount Washington.

"It was just always a thrill to be with him on the mountain and to ski with him," she said. "To be with him, you felt like a million dollars. You felt like you could do anything. I'm blessed to have known him. He was a mighty, mighty man."

Mr. Macomber was born in 1927 on the day of the funeral of his grandfather George B.H. Macomber, who founded the family business in 1904. "This coincidence left some members of the family touched by the thought of one spirit leaving and another arriving in its place," he wrote.

He was the older of two children born to the former Jane Eaton and Charles Clark Macomber, who had been an All-American football player for Harvard College, playing offense and defense.

Mr. Macomber wrote that he was "a sickly child—asthmatic, and allergic to almost everything." Winters, free of pollen, provided a respite, and he learned to ski on the hill beside the family's Winchendon home.

He refined his skiing skills while attending Eaglebrook School in Deerfield, for which he later was a lifetime trustee, and Newton High School. His ski racing career blossomed during and after his years at MIT, from which he graduated in 1948 and where he would later endow a professorship. Though named to successive US Olympic ski teams, he was unable to participate in either Olympiad because of injuries. Mr. Macomber won national titles, however, and the prestigious Silver Belt race at Sugar Bowl Ski Resort in California. Decades later, he carried the Olympic Torch in 1984 on the leg through the Faneuil Hall Marketplace his company had built.

In 1947, he met Ann Drummond Leonard, who attended Smith College with his sister, when Ann visited the Macomber family's vacation home in Wolfeboro, N.H. They married in May 1953.

Three years earlier, in "the summer of 1950 I got a closer look at what building was all about when I took part in the project that had a lot to do with reawakening the George

B.H. Macomber Company from its wartime doldrums: Shoppers' World in Framingham."

From that beginning, through the expansion Mr. Macomber led after taking over as president, the company was the contractor for some of the most recognizable projects in Boston and elsewhere, including the MIT biology center, the Harborside Hyatt at Logan Airport, the 775-unit Mission Park affordable housing development, and Robert Frost Library at Amherst College.

Then in 1987, a week before he planned to step aside as president of the company, L'Ambiance Plaza in Bridgeport, Conn., collapsed during construction, killing 28 workers. The Macomber company was a joint venture partner in the project, and the resulting settlement cost the firm millions.

Though the tragedy was heartbreaking, "George was absolutely about personally leading the investigation into what happened and what caused this unusual structural failure—being there himself and looking at the engineering reports, standing up and saying, 'My name's on the door. This is what you do,' his son John said.

He added that from his father's life, "the biggest lesson was: 'Here's how one should be. Here's how one should conduct oneself.'"

In addition to his wife and son, Mr. Macomber leaves a daughter, Grace Macomber Bird of Boston; another son, George of Park City, Utah; a sister, Gail Deaver of Stuart, Fla.; and eight grandchildren.

The family will announce a public service in the spring.

"The biggest thing my father and I ever built was a reputation for absolute integrity, from the top of the company to the bottom," Mr. Macomber wrote in his memoir, but he added that he "measured success a bit differently."

"I decided early on that I was going to do my best to balance family, business, and community service—in that order of priority. I did not want to be the biggest contractor in the city, because I couldn't do that without losing sight of my priorities."

#### TRIBUTE TO SALLY CARLSON

##### HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose commitment to the Corona, California community is truly exceptional. Next week, on January 21, 2016, Sally Carlson will be honored as a recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Corona Chamber of Commerce. Sally has dedicated herself to the Corona community.

At her core, Sally prioritizes community service and her work. Sally is a mainstay at the Settlement House and has continually shown leadership and compassion to the many families who frequent the Settlement House. Many with whom Sally has worked have described her as a faithful servant that has been determined over the years to ensure children and families are clothed, fed and cared for. Additionally, through her work with Settlement House she has become involved with other similar local organizations to assist local families.

Sally's tireless passion for the families she serves and community outreach has contributed immensely to the betterment of the com-

munity of Corona, California. I am proud to call Sally a friend, fellow community member and great American. Today, I add my voice to the many who will be congratulating Sally for achieving the Lifetime Achievement Award.

#### TRIBUTE TO DEBORAH RUSHER

##### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate Deborah Rusher of Council Bluffs, Iowa, for being honored by AARP for her service as a family caregiver during the National Family Caregivers Month. She is the only Iowan to receive this recognition in 2015.

Deborah serves as a professional and family caregiver. She started her career working in a nursing home at the age of 16. She then became a nursing assistant before continuing her education at Iowa Western Community College in nursing. Her training has been vital in providing hospice care for her mother. Currently, Deborah is caring for her 87-year old Father, Carl Belt. Deborah sees her work as a wonderful way to help loved ones and embraces her role as a family caregiver.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Deborah for earning this special recognition. It is because of Iowans like her that I'm proud to represent our great state. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Deborah for receiving this outstanding recognition. I wish her nothing but continued success and the very best moving forward.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF PETTY OFFICER EVAN STAPH

##### HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Petty Officer Evan Staph—the recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross for his heroic actions on February 15, 2015.

It came as no surprise to those who know him, when Petty Officer Staph enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard in the fall of 2007. A native of Dana Point, California, Petty Officer Staph was drawn to the water at a young age. Trained by his older brother, Brad, to swim in the ocean and surf before he could walk, he went on to excel on land—cross country and track and field—in high school and throughout his college career. The commitment and discipline he exhibited toward his athletic achievements strongly foreshadowed the determination Petty Officer Staph embodied when he joined the Coast Guard.

Petty Officer Staph transitioned to the U.S. Coast Guard airman program after a year aboard the Coast Guard cutter, USCGC *Maple*, where he graduated in 2010 with orders to report to Air Station Savannah, Georgia. Over the course of his four year tour, Petty Officer Staph flew more than 800 hours in the MH65 helicopter—saving numerous lives as an expert Rescue Swimmer. It was

also during these four years that he met his wife, Kayla, whom he married on November 15, 2014.

Soon thereafter, Petty Officer Staph was relocated to Air Station Cape Cod. While stationed in Massachusetts, Petty Officer Staph has devoted much of his free time to spiritual pursuits and organizes frequent Bible study sessions. He also finds time to give back to his community as an active member of the Big Brother Big Sister program and mentors his "little brother," Jamie. It is this strength of spirit and resolve that served Petty Officer Staph well nearly one year ago.

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Hovering above the *Sedona*, Petty Officer Staph was lowered into the water to retrieve the survivors when the primary hoist unit failed—forcing the crew to use a backup hoist and dangerously complicating the rescue mission. During this extended process, static electricity on the rescue basket from the helicopter, weather, and lightning reached life-threatening levels. Before the basket was lowered to retrieve the remaining men, the crew struggled to discharge it against the water. Yet the buffeting winds blew the basket toward the second survivor. Heroically, Petty Officer Staph held himself between the victim and charged basket—and was struck by the static electricity with such intensity that he was knocked unconscious. Throughout the ordeal, Petty Officer Staph never let go of the survivor and completed his duty in rescuing the two mariners.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Petty Officer Staph for his exemplary dedication to his duty. I ask that my colleagues rise and join me in thanking him for his selfless actions and for his service in keeping our nation's citizens safe at sea.

#### CONCUR IN THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3762—RESTORING AMERICANS' HEALTHCARE FREEDOM RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2015

##### HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my strong opposition to the Senate amended budget reconciliation bill.

This vote represents House Republicans' 62nd attempt to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA). It's also the 11th vote to attack women's health care in the 114th Congress alone. This reconciliation package will undermine important patients' rights and take away critical benefits from Americans.