

They met at Berea Summer Theatre, where Garry was helming "Carnival." With a keen eye for talent, Garry advised him, "to give up all this other nonsense," including those barbershop dreams, and audition for K. Elmo Lowe, then artistic director of the Play House.

Frazier did, appearing in some 50 productions, everything from Garry's rocked-out version of Aristophanes' "The Birds" to the Sam Shepard modern masterpiece "Buried Child." He was known, said managing director Kevin Moore, for his immense talent to create a wide variety of characters and as "a gregarious and loving gentleman."

In a short, poignant video shot during the 100th anniversary celebrations at Cleveland Play House in October 2015, Frazier recollected his almost 40 years as an actor there, holding the theater's Tony.

"I had great moments here," he said, surrounded by Garry and artistic director Laura Kepley, "too many to mention, so I just think this is the best moment of all," he said, spinning the little silver disc on the statuette.

After the first rehearsal of "Carnival," he asked to store some of his things at Garry's place for a weekend during a move. The stuff—and Frazier—stayed. "His timing," said Garry, "was always perfect."

Their sultanate of a condo in Bratenahl is legendary, a museum of artifacts from their voyages—elaborate masks and statuary and rainbows of wall hangings—and framed photos of the couple with friends they'd met: Patricia Neal, Rue McClanahan, Elaine Stritch, Tony Walton and Cliff Robertson. They threw Kitty Carlisle a birthday party when she turned 92 and swam laps with her in the pool. ("She won," Garry said.)

"He lived his life in Capital Letters . . ." Garry wrote in an email addressed to "Dear Family and Precious Friends" the morning of Frazier's death.

"... as Peter Bellamy, the PD Drama Critic said 'He brought fire from the sky.' I witnessed his life for 49 glorious years and I cherish every golden moment. David had an intensity and energy that infused everything he ever did. When he performed 'Irish Rascal' at The National Theatre of Scotland a critic said 'his towering performance grabbed the audience by the throat.' He grabbed my heart in the same way."

Though the pair married two years ago on March 18, they would have celebrated 50 years together on Aug. 1.

"David kept pushing to make plans but I knew we would never reach the date," Garry wrote.

"We lived our lives as one . . . we were singular. The first gift I gave David included a card which read 'You are the We of Me' and so he will remain."

"Brel, above all, is concerned with the power of love," wrote Bellamy of their most famous collaboration. "One of his lines is: 'Without having anything else but the strength of loving, you have in your hands the whole world.'"

That they did.

"Celebrating A Rascal," a memorial to David O. Frazier, will be held in the State Theatre on Monday, April 25 at 5 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

ESSAY BY SMRITI AHUJA

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to interact with some of the brightest students in

the 22nd Congressional District who serve on my Congressional Youth Advisory Council. I have gained much by listening to the high school students who are the future of this great nation. They provide important insight from across the political spectrum that sheds a light on the concerns of our younger constituents. Giving voice to their priorities will hopefully instill a better sense of the importance of being an active participant in the political process. Many of the students have written short essays on a variety of topics and I am pleased to share them with my House colleagues.

Smriti Ahuja attends Seven Lakes High School in Katy, Texas. In your opinion, what makes the political process in Congress so challenging?

From 5140 bills in Congress every year, less than five percent of them are passed and become laws. That is only 257 bills. The United States Congress has been known to be extremely slow in terms of passing laws, but what most people don't realize is that passing a law is harder than it sounds. There are many obstacles that result in the political process in Congress being so challenging.

First, the process to pass a law itself is extremely long winded. First, the bill is assigned to a committee for study. This study could take months in order to fully develop the bill completely. Then, if the committee releases the bill, it must be debated on, revised, and approved by a simple majority. After approval, it moves to the Senate where it is assigned to another committee, and another simple majority is needed for the bill to move to the joint committees of the Senate and the House to work out any tweaks that are necessary. Then, the resulting bill goes to the House and the Senate to be approved. Overall, this whole process could take months which is why the process is so challenging. Every single aspect of the process has to go smoothly in order for the process to flow well.

Second, Congress members must work together even with different opinions. Most Congress members are split between two political parties, Republican and Democrat. These two political parties tend to have opposing views which results in political polarization, and laws aren't able to be passed because of conflicting opinions. Even more than that, Congress members usually have their own opinions as well, that can also result in incompatible ideas between not just parties, but specific members. Also, Congress members are split between the House and the Senate, and these two parts of Congress have their own agenda. Since both houses must approve the bill, different agenda can lead to challenges and obstacles.

The political process in Congress is extremely challenging, with 535 individuals all debating and advocating for their own opinions. Hopefully, in the future, Congress can become less polarized and pass more laws for the benefit of the nation.

IN HONOR OF LEEANNE  
HASBROUCK

**HON. DONALD NORCROSS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Leeanne Hasbrouck on her retirement from my Congressional Office and to thank her for nearly 26 years of

dedicated service to the people of the First Congressional District of New Jersey.

Leeanne began her career working for the First District in December of 1990 for my predecessor, then newly elected Congressman Robert Andrews. She quickly rose through the ranks to become his Director of Casework, a capacity in which she still serves. Caseworkers are the heart and soul of Congressional offices. They advocate on behalf of constituents and help navigate the maze of agency bureaucracy to deliver life changing assistance. Over the years, Leeanne has helped thousands upon thousands of our friends and neighbors obtain social security benefits, get the care they earned at the VA, and access emergency aid programs in the wake of disasters like Super Storm Sandy. These are only a few of her many accomplishments. It takes a huge amount of love and patience to do casework. Fortunately for my office and the constituents we serve, Leeanne has an abundance of both.

For Leeanne, serving our community was not merely a day job, it was a calling. When she wasn't working, she was an active member of the Gloucester County Parks and Recreation Commission, where she acted as Chairwoman of Scotland Run Park; she served as the President of the Friends School Mullica Hill PTA, chairing the school's annual fundraising auction and annual Art and Craft Fair; and she was the Vice President of both the Greater Woodbury Area Junior Woman's Club and the Woodbury Old City Restoration Committee. Leeanne was even the President of the Woodbury Soccer Club and found time to coach her children's soccer teams.

Active in local politics, she also served as a member of the Gloucester County Democratic Committee and as Chairwoman of the Woodbury Democratic Committee, where she left a legacy of success and service.

Born in New Milford, Connecticut, Leeanne graduated from Champlain College in Burlington, Vermont, with an Associate's Degree in Science. Married to Bruce Hasbrouck for 37 years before his passing in 2015, they have three children, Ethan, Seth, and Heidi and three grandchildren, Tyler, Dylan, and Francis.

Mr. Speaker, Leeanne Hasbrouck exemplifies the sort of dedication and selfless service that makes America great. She will be sorely missed by not only my staff and I, but also the countless constituents whose lives she touched. I join my staff, our community, and all of South Jersey in thanking her for her outstanding service and wishing her well in her retirement.

96TH ANNIVERSARY OF TURKISH  
NATIONAL DAY

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call our attention to the 96th anniversary of Turkish National Day on April 23rd, 2016. On this day 96 years ago, the Grand National Assembly was established, which led to the founding of the modern Republic of Turkey and the election of the first President, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. I am pleased to join my colleagues in recognizing

the unique contributions to America's culture from those of Turkish and Turkish-American decent.

As you may know, the Republic of Turkey has been paramount in its stride towards secular democracy since 1920. Turkey is the first secular democracy with a predominantly Muslim population in the world. As a key ally to U.S. for over 60 years, Turkey is a critical U.S. partner in countering terrorism, security and defense, trade, education, science, and innovation. Turkey has been invaluable in its role of hosting over 1.7 million Syrian refugees during the largest humanitarian crisis since World War II. Turkey also stands as a vital NATO ally in a region with escalated accounts of violence and tension and has been a partner in pushing back ISIL's control of certain territories.

Since 1927, Turkey has also designated April 23rd as Children's Day to signify the role of future generations in the modern Turkish statehood. Turkey commits every year by emphasizing the important role the younger generations have in succeeding their predecessors. As I and many of my colleagues acknowledge, children are the future of our nation. On this day, children from all across Turkey come together and take over the Grand National Assembly to voice their concerns.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate that the Congress has set aside this national day of celebration again in 2016. Turkish-Americans have left a unique imprint that has positively contributed to America's diverse cultural spectrum. Each year, it seems, we have a greater appreciation for the remarkable contribution of Turkey to our American values and democracy. We stand in deep appreciation and gratitude with our ally, Turkey on this Turkish National Day.

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. JANET HART HEINICKE

#### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Dr. Janet Hart Heinicke of Indianola, Iowa, as a 2016 Artist Art Within Everything Award winner.

Dr. Heinicke has been an artist and educator all of her life with her artwork on worldwide display. She exhibits her work internationally and has been a visiting artist in Vietnam, China, Tanzania, Malaysia, Philippines, Russia and Africa. Simpson College students have benefitted directly as she developed their full potential as artists. Dr. Heinicke holds a Doctorate of Education and Master of Science in Art Education from the University of Wisconsin and a Master of Fine Arts from Northern Illinois University.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Janet Hart Heinicke is an Iowan who has made its citizens very proud. She has dedicated her life to teaching, and creating art for the world. It is with great honor that I recognize her today. I ask that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in honoring Dr. Heinicke for her work, and wishing her continued success in all her future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF FRANCIS E. CIRILLO  
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#### HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

Ms. ESTY. Mr Speaker, last weekend, the State of Connecticut lost a true champion, and I lost a friend, with the unexpected passing of Francis E. Cirillo III. A lifetime Waterbury resident, Frank passed away just days before his 56th birthday.

A graduate of Wilby High School, Frank proudly served our country in the U.S. Navy during the Cold War. He served aboard the USS *Ranger* from 1978 to 1982 and earned the rank of Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class. He was awarded the Naval Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Navy Expeditionary Medal, Navy Good Conduct Medal, and National Defense Service Medal.

After his military service, Frank returned home to Waterbury where he began his civilian career at Connecticut Light and Power (now known as Northeast Utilities). Frank fell in love with Milena, his wife of 31 years, and together they raised a wonderful family, which he was immensely proud of—as anyone who spent time in Frank's office immediately learned through photos and mementos.

After 20 years at Northeast Utilities, Frank became a full-time union official in March 2004. He was famous and admired for his strong advocacy for the members of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 420 in Waterbury. Frank's outspokenness and passion served him well in his positions with the CT AFL-CIO, the Western CT Central Labor Council, the New England Utility Council, and the Local 420's COPE. His commitment to working families helped ensure that they received the services, benefits, and recognition they deserved. In 2013, he received the Paul A. Loughran Memorial Award for Outstanding Leadership.

Frank was frequently recognized for his hard work and community service. He was actively involved in civic and charitable organizations, serving as Waterbury's Good Jobs Liaison Commissioner, a member of the Waterbury Democratic Town Committee, and a member of Waterbury's American Italian Civic Club. He was honored in 2014 by the Waterbury Veterans Memorial Committee for his outstanding service to the city, state, and nation.

And I also note that Frank was frequently "recognized" as Al Pacino—his resemblance to the famous actor was so striking that Frank proudly hung a large Godfather poster behind his desk. Frank will be sorely missed by all those who were fortunate enough to know him. His contributions to the City of Waterbury and the State of Connecticut will not be forgotten. My heart and condolences go out to his family and friends as we remember the legacy and the glorious life of Frank Cirillo.

On a personal note, I will miss Frank's friendship, his directness, his guidance, and his love of life. He inspired and challenged me in all the best ways. And it simply will not be October without chilly Saturday morning door knocking with Frank. It's hard to imagine that Frank is not still with us—passionately advocating for working families, cracking jokes, and freely offering his assessment of anyone who he believed to be "full of it."

I have no doubt that Frank is stirring things up in heaven, letting St. Peter know exactly what he thinks.

HONORING LILLIE V. DAVIS

#### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Lillie V. Thompson Davis.

Mrs. Lillie V. Thompson Davis, a life time resident of Quitman County, MS, has a strong belief in God; she is a friend to education, a retired school teacher of 42 years, and lives in Marks, MS. She has a teaching experience of more than forty-two years which include seventeen years as assistant principal, Adult Education teacher, teaching in the prison system, and in the state of Indiana. She is a graduate of Rust College Holly Springs, MS and earned a Master of Education from the University of MS Oxford, MS. She was one of the first of four teachers who taught in an integrated school system in an all white school in Marks, MS. Mrs. Davis is an advocate for education and has tutored students in reading and math without a fee, and made generous donations to an educational program. She is sustaining her teaching career as an advanced adult Sunday School teacher at her membership church in Marks, MS.

She initiated the idea to build a much needed gym for the Quitman County Middle School, by the passing of a bond issue. The first attempt to pass the bond issue failed by 23 votes November of 2013, but because of her fervent prayers, profound determination, and help of many dedicated hard working individuals, the bond issue of four million dollars was tried a second time and passed in November, 2014. She has been a member of the Quitman County School Board since 2006, and has worked untiringly trying to bring about positive changes for the boys and girls of the Quitman County School System. And also since she wanted to share her knowledge of some undocumented history of the early life of Blacks in the Delta, she wrote a book entitled "Drifting Into Falcon."

Mrs. Davis is the mother of three daughters: Pamela, Jamesetta and Wanda, who is deceased. She has five grandchildren: Larry, Brandon, Darnell, Steve and Ashley; and four great grandchildren: Debrisha, Marian, Lauren and Laila.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Lillie V. Davis because she is definitely the epitome of an unsung hero.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained yesterday during the last series of votes. Had I been here, I would have voted in the following manner:

Roll Call Vote No. 155, I would have voted NAY.