

HONORING MR. DOUGLAS WAYNE
SATTERFIELD

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Mr. Douglas Wayne Satterfield for his courageous service to our country. A resident of Palestine, Texas, Corporal Douglas Wayne Satterfield was honorably discharged from the United States Marine Corps on May 3, 1968.

Corporal Satterfield enlisted in the USMC out of high school and served in at least a dozen operations in the unfamiliar terrain of South Vietnam. Corporal Satterfield participated in one of the first major offensive campaigns, Operation Hickory, by the Marines in "Leatherneck Square." Satterfield was badly injured in combat during the assault at Con Thien as he crawled along the ground to their targets. Quick response and actions from his squadron leader and corpsman probably saved his life as they stabilized him before he was taken by Chinook to a medevac station to undergo emergency surgery. Corporal Satterfield received decorations that included the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal with device, M-14 Rifle Sharpshooter Badge and the Purple Heart Medal.

Humbly, I echo the words of President Ronald Reagan, "We will always remember. We will always be proud. We will always be prepared, so we will always be free." And humbly, I offer my sincere gratitude to Corporal Douglas Wayne Satterfield for his service and acts of bravery that allow us the freedoms we enjoy today.

LUCY LEE

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 Lucy Lee for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Lucy Lee is a 12th grader at Pomona High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Lucy Lee is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Lucy Lee for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

IN MEMORY OF MR. GENE
BECKSTEIN

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

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Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of Mr. Gene Beckstein of Gainesville, Ga. Mr. Beckstein, also commonly known as 'Mr. B', was an inspiration to the people of our community. In 1989, he founded a mission for the homeless known as "Good News at Noon". Good News at Noon provides meals for dozens of men, women, and children, while also providing beds for 20 homeless men in our community. This mission also operates as a food pantry, providing more than 100 boxes of food a week, and offers summer school programs for children. This faith based ministry depends purely on the generosity of others, and 'Mr. B' was a great servant of the Lord. He was a Christ-like man who loved everyone equally. His work with the homeless community inspired people across Gainesville and Hall County to volunteer. Mr. Beckstein creates a meals program, such as Good News at Noon, because he was once homeless himself. He turned his life around when his high school baseball coach convinced him to use the GI Bill to fund his college education. 'Mr. B' went on to attend New York University, where he earned two master's degrees and spent the next 37 years teaching in the public school system. After retiring from his teaching career, Mr. Beckstein and his wife Margie began serving food to the homeless and later founded Good News at Noon. 'Mr. B' will be remembered for his humble-spirit, his inviting loving personality, and his ability to fulfill people with hope.

RECOGNIZING THE BLUE SKY
FOUNDATION

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize the Blue Sky Foundation and their President and Executive Director, Dick Stockton, on behalf of the work they are doing for our nation's veterans and servicemembers.

Drawing on his background in tennis, Mr. Stockton started a program within the Blue Sky Foundation called Thanking our Troops through Tennis or "T3". The idea behind the program was to thank the members of the United States Military and their families for the sacrifices they make on a daily basis, using the game of tennis as the vehicle to do so. Blue Sky has been taking the T3 program to various military bases over the last four years and has offered free tennis clinics to active personnel, spouses, children, Veterans and Wounded Warriors.

The program has been well received, averaging 100 participants per event. Since July of 2013, Blue Sky Foundation has hosted seventeen events at different bases around the country, including Andrews Air Force Base, Fort Bragg, Fort Benning, Camp Lejeune,

Randolph Air Force Base and Fort Jackson, among others. It has been a successful program and has the ability to continue to grow and benefit many more members of the military and their families.

In appreciation of all they have done, Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking them for their efforts.

RECOGNIZING THE GARY NAACP'S
51ST ANNUAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP
BANQUET

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to stand before you today to recognize and commend the members of the Gary, Indiana, branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). On Saturday, June 4, 2016, the Gary NAACP held its 51st Annual Life Membership Banquet at the Genesis Convention Center in Gary, Indiana.

This annual event is a major fundraiser for the Gary NAACP. The funds generated through this event directly support the organization's many outstanding programs and advocacy efforts. Through its membership and the support of the community, the Gary NAACP is able to serve the people of Northwest Indiana and continue the mission started by the national organization in 1909 by working diligently to combat injustice, discrimination, and unfair treatment for all people in today's society. In addition, the banquet serves to update and keep the community aware of the NAACP's activities and to formally honor its new life members.

This year, the Gary NAACP honored the following outstanding civil, community, and religious leaders who have been recognized as life members. The Diamond Life members include: Father Pat Gaza, Cynthia Powers, and Mamon Powers Jr. The Gold Life members include: Stephen Mays, Nate Cain, Claude Powers, Charlie Brown, Dr. Stephen Simpson, and Gerri Simpson. The Silver Life members include: Charles Alexander, Sharon Chambers, James Muhammad, Larry Dillon, Sandra Dillon, Reverend Curtis Whittaker, Dr. LaShawn Whittaker, Reverend Anita Marshall, Rinzor Williams III, Esq., Alfred Holmes, Sharon Haney, Jeana Laurie Payne, Darian Collins, Braden Wilson, James Powell, Thomas Newsome, Ron Brewer, Linda Barnes-Caldwell, Marissa McDermott, Edward Lumpkin, Reverend Edward Turner, Roosevelt Haywood III, MacArthur Drake, Gordon Biffle, Richard Hardaway, Dolena Mack, Willie Miller Jr., Raymond Grady, Dr. Vincent Sevier, Dr. Angelique Brown, Shelly Majors, Matthew Doyle, Jana Bonds, Judge Clarence Murray, Vance Kenney, Tim Ceasar, Barbara Taliaferro, Minnie Carter, Wendell Price, Faye Barnes, Reverend Dr. Virgil Woods, Florita Brown, Roy Hamilton, Dr. Marlon Mitchell, Milton Thaxton, and Reverend Regan Robinson. The Youth Life members include: Bryce Carter, Brooklyn Carter, Justin Cain, Julian Powers, Nadia Baria, Isaac Baria, Willie Miller III, Valencia Miller, Curtis Whittaker Jr., Imani Powers, Michael Ayden Walden, Kendell Jackson, Deondra Ann Briggs, Jazmine Neal,

Amya Myanna Luz Aviles, Marrell Tyler II, and Kelechi Greene.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the newest life members of the Gary branch of the NAACP, as well as Stephen Mays, the current Gary NAACP president, Cynthia and Mamon Powers Jr., who are Honorary Chairs, and all members of the organization for their extraordinary efforts and tremendous leadership. These outstanding men and women have worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for all residents of Indiana's First Congressional District, and for that they are to be commended.

HONORING ANDREW "ANDY"
HYMAN

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Andrew "Andy" Hyman of Marin County, California, for his selection as the Trustee of the Year at the 2016 Golden Bell Awards Ceremony, presented by the Marin County Office of Education in collaboration with the Marin County School Board Association and other local civic organizations. A member of the Dixie School District Board of Trustees, Mr. Hyman has spent more than a decade advocating for and advising the district and its students.

As a member who served two terms as president of the Dixie School Board, Mr. Hyman has devoted thousands of hours on vital committees and efforts. He led a district-wide transportation committee to lower home-to-school transportation costs, and helped initiate green purchasing and recycling policies. Additionally, he led efforts to create the first district-wide anti-bullying policy, and has worked to improve nutrition in school lunches.

Mr. Hyman has been a consistent leader in our community across a range of issues affecting our schools. From organizing rallies to working with local legislators, he has been a consistent and effective voice for our students and their opportunities for success.

The Golden Bell Awards celebrate public education in Marin County by recognizing outstanding teachers and supportive community partners. Each year, they select an exemplary educator, classified employee, teacher, and trustee for recognition.

Mr. Speaker, it is therefore fitting that we honor and thank Andrew "Andy" Hyman for his contributions to students and public education in Marin County and California.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MIKE
PONTIUS

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the passing of Michael "Mike" Pontius, who served the city of Freeport, Illinois, as a firefighter for nearly 14 years before retiring due to injuries sustained on the job.

A dedicated firefighter and a loving husband and father, Mike had a warm and outgoing presence in his community. In addition to serving as a firefighter, he gave back to his alma mater, Aquin High School, throughout his life. When Mike wasn't cheering for the Aquin Bulldogs, he was rooting on the Chicago Cubs and the Chicago Bears. He is survived by his wife, Dawn, and his children, Josh, Jerek, Jordan, and Kirsten.

Mr. Speaker, as the wife of a sheriff, I know how important it is to support our first responders, and I am forever grateful for the service Mike provided to the Freeport community. While we commemorate Mike's life, and his dedication to his family and community, my thoughts and prayers are with his loved ones during this difficult time.

TRIBUTE TO CALVIN W. MCELVAIN

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 Calvin W. McElvain of Des Moines, Iowa for earning the Gold Medal of Achievement Award of Iowa's Royal Ranger Outpost Number 35. The Gold Medal of Achievement designation is the highest advancement rank in the Royal Ranger Outpost based at Christian Life Assembly of Des Moines.

To earn this Gold Medalist rank, Calvin McElvain completed 47 skill merits, 213 Bible lessons, and 35 hours of community service. Beyond those opportunities, Calvin also completed a service project by transforming the Christian Life Assembly Church's modest fire ring into a first rate campsite with a mason fire ring and anchored benches.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family and community demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent Calvin McElvain and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives will join me in congratulating him on obtaining the Gold Medal of Achievement ranking, and I wish him continued success in his future education and career.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 229 on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 4889, the Kelsey Smith Act, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted NO.

Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 230 on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3998, the Securing Access to Networks in Disasters Act, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YES.

Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 231 on ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 743, the

rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5055, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017; I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YES.

Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 232, on adoption of H. Res. 743, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5055, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017; I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YES.

Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 233, Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 742, the rule providing for consideration of House Amendment to Senate Amendment to H.R. 2576, TSCA Modernization Act of 2015 and H.R. 897, Zika Vector Control Act, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YES.

Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 234 Adoption of H. Res. 742, the rule providing for consideration of House Amendment to Senate Amendment to H.R. 2576, TSCA Modernization Act of 2015 and H.R. 897, Zika Vector Control Act I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YES.

Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 235 on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 5077, the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YES.

Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 236 on Motion to Recommit with Instructions H.R. 897, the Zika Vector Control Act, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted NO.

Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 237 on passage of H.R. 897, the Zika Vector Control Act, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YES.

Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 238, on concurring in the Senate Amendment with an Amendment to H.R. 2576, the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YES.

HONORING REVEREND PHARIS D.
EVANS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand before you and my colleagues today to congratulate Reverend Pharis D. Evans on his 55th anniversary as Pastor of Clark Road Missionary Baptist Church in Gary, Indiana. For his lifetime of leadership and tireless dedication to his congregation and to the community in Gary and beyond, he is worthy of the highest praise. In his honor, a celebratory banquet hosted by Clark Road Missionary Baptist Church will take place on June 13, 2016.

Pharis Evans graduated from Haywood High School in Brownsville, Tennessee. As a young boy, his passion for theology grew from the church services he attended, and he knew early on that he was destined to be a preacher. He studied theology at Chicago Baptist Institute and continued his studies at Calumet