

A TRIBUTE TO BONDURANT-
FARRAR SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Bondurant-Farrar School District for being named the 2016 Bondurant Organization of the Year at the Bondurant Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony on January 20, 2017.

The Bondurant-Farrar School District has been an integral part of the Bondurant Community for years. While its teachers have remained dedicated year after year in educating the area's children and preparing them for the future, administrators have worked hard in meeting the challenges and surpassing the educational needs of a growing population. I am immensely proud of the educators and administrators in our state that dedicate their lives to ensuring the success of our future generations.

Mr. Speaker, I'm honored to represent the Bondurant-Farrar School District in the United States Congress and commend them for their outstanding achievements in their community. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating the Bondurant-Farrar School District and in wishing them all nothing but continued success.

HONORING MOUNT SAINT DOMINIC
ACADEMY'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mount Saint Dominic Academy of Caldwell, New Jersey on the occasion of its 125th Anniversary.

Mount Saint Dominic Academy serves the surrounding community as an all-girls Catholic College Preparatory School dedicated to the education of young women from a variety of ethnic, religious, and economic backgrounds. The institution's goal of inclusivity aims to both inspire and empower students to realize their unique gifts and talents in an academic atmosphere fostering excellence, respect, and diversity while at the same time reinforcing the Christian-centered value of moral integrity.

The history of Mount Saint Dominic Academy began in 1892 with the Academy's founding by the Sisters of Saint Dominic. Although the Caldwell Dominican congregation was initially based in Jersey City, New Jersey, the municipality was ravaged by tuberculosis throughout the 1880s. With the threat of contracting the disease an everyday concern, Mother Mary Catharine Muth sought out a location for her ill sisters to recover. This refuge was found twenty miles west of Jersey City in the Borough of Caldwell. It was here where Mother Catharine purchased the Harrison Estate on Roseland Avenue, a plot of land comprising of a small home and garden where Mother Catharine taught day students and boarders, all the while, looking after her ill Sisters.

Over the next decade as the student body increased, so did the necessity for larger quarters. In 1893, the cornerstone was laid for a new Motherhouse convent and school in Caldwell. In 1903, with the increased demand in time devoted toward the education of New Jersey's youth, the sisters decided to renounce their cloistered lifestyle and become Third Order Dominicans.

By the late 1920s history repeated itself as the school saw a greater influx of new students. This influx led to renewed efforts to expand. Under Mother Joseph Dunn, the institute constructed a larger dormitory that came to encompass both the school itself as well as the residences for those boarding. More improvements and renovations were made under Sister Germaine in the 1950s to add additional classrooms, offices, and a larger library.

Recently, the academy has continued to improve upon the renovations that took place during the twentieth century by continuing to add more physical alterations and expansions to the campus. Among these expansions has been the construction of a new 19,000 square foot athletic center to accommodate the growth in participation within women's athletics. Furthermore, under the guidance of Sister Francis Sullivan, the school transformed its former gymnasium into the Doris M. Byrne Performing Arts Center which offers Broadway quality experiences for both performers and patrons. These installments not only serve to improve the experiences of students attending the Academy, but are also available to benefit the greater West Essex community as well. Mount Saint Dominic Academy remains today one of New Jersey's foremost educational institutions.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in congratulating Mount Saint Dominic Academy on its 125th Anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today regarding missed votes due to a funeral. Had I been present for roll call vote number 569, H.R. 3551 C-TPAT Reauthorization Act of 2017, I would have voted "yea." Had I been present for roll call vote number 570, S. 504 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards Act of 2017, I would have voted "yea." Had I been present for roll call vote number 571, Approval of the Journal, I would have voted "yea." Had I been present for roll call vote number 572, Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 577—The combined rule providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 469—Sunshine for Regulations and Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2017 and of the bill H.R. 732—Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act of 2017, I would have voted "yea." Had I been present for roll call vote number 573, Adoption of H. Res. 577—The combined rule providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 469—Sunshine for Regulations and Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2017 and of the bill H.R. 732—Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act of 2017, I would have voted "yea." Had I been present for roll call vote number 574, H.R. 2142 INTERDICT Act,

as amended, I would have voted "yea." Had I been present for roll call vote number 575, Cohen (D-TN) Amendment No. 2—Exempts settlement agreements based on race, religion, national origin, or any other protected category, I would have voted "nay." Had I been present for roll call vote number 576, Johnson (D-GA) Amendment No. 3—Exempts settlement agreements that direct funds to remediate the indirect harms caused by the manipulation of emissions standards in automobiles, I would have voted "nay." Had I been present for roll call vote number 577, Jackson Lee (D-TX)—Amendment No. 4—Exempts settlement agreements that pertain to providing restitution to a State, I would have voted "nay." Had I been present for roll call vote number 578, Cicilline (D-RI)—Amendment No. 5—Exempts settlements that resolve predatory or fraudulent conduct involving residential mortgage-backed securities, I would have voted "nay." Had I been present for roll call vote number 579, Conyers (D-MI)—Amendment No. 6—Exempts settlement agreements that direct funds to remedy indirect harm resulting from lead in drinking water, I would have voted "nay." Had I been present for roll call vote number 580, Passage of H.R. 732—Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act of 2017, I would have voted "yea." Had I been present for roll call vote number 581, Passage H.R. 3898 Otto Warmbier North Korea Nuclear Sanctions Act, as amended, I would have voted "yea."

A TRIBUTE TO ELDORA GOWING

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Eldora Gowing of Shenandoah, Iowa, on the very special occasion of her 100th birthday.

Our world has changed a great deal during the course of Eldora's life. Since her birth, we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television, cellular phones and the internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism and witnessed the birth of new democracies. Eldora lived through eighteen United States presidents and twenty-two governors of Iowa. In her lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to represent Eldora in the United States Congress and I'm proud to recognize her today on this momentous occasion. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating her on reaching this milestone and in wishing her nothing but the best.

HONORING THE LIFE OF VAN
MICHAEL

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, on October 11, a great Tennessean and very

patriotic American, Van Michael, passed away at the age of 82.

Van was a longtime friend and supporter of both me and my late father.

He was a lawyer, successful businessman, and served as City Judge for Sweetwater, Tennessee.

He also enjoyed his work in Washington as the lobbyist for the National Christmas Tree Growers Association.

Van was the primary developer of a popular Tennessee tourist attraction called the Lost Sea, an amazing body of water in an underground cavern in Monroe County.

I still remember riding in a boat with my dad at the Grand Opening of the Lost Sea.

He also was a leader in bringing about Cherohala Skyway, one of the Nation's most beautiful scenic highways.

Van was a very well-informed conservative with strong views on the great issues of the day.

As Sweetwater Mayor Doyle Lowe said, "Sweetwater and the County will miss him. He was a large part of the community."

Van Michael touched thousands of lives in good and positive ways. This Country is a better place because of the life he led.

I would like to include in the RECORD the following article about Van Michael from the Monroe County newspaper The Advocate & Democrat.

[From the Advocate and Democrat, Oct. 15, 2017]

LOST SEA DEVELOPER VAN MICHAEL DIES AT 82

(By Michael Thomas)

A man who helped bring The Lost Sea to prominence among many other life accomplishments died Oct. 11 at the age of 82.

Van Reeves Michael was known for a lot of things throughout his long life, but it was his part in the development of the former Craighead Caverns into the Lost Sea that will mark his legacy.

"I can't think of anyone that knows more about The Lost Sea than him," said Lisa McClung, director of The Lost Sea. "I used to get him to come out and talk to the new tour guides and share some of the history of it with them so they would know it firsthand. He was a wonderful person. He stopped by to see us frequently and tell us stories about The Lost Sea. I can't believe he's gone. We will definitely miss him."

McClung said she did not know anyone who loved The Lost Sea more than Van Michael.

"He was passionate about it becoming an attraction and he worked relentlessly in the early 60s to get it open," she said. "He kept on and on until he was able to see it become reality. He said he would stand on Main Street and count the car tags of people who were coming through going to Chattanooga or Knoxville and he knew if it were open to the public, they would stop and see it."

In a story commemorating the 50th anniversary of The Lost Sea, Michael said, "It was called the 'Lake Room' until 1965. People had come and gone in the cavern before that, but only a few had actually seen the big room with the cave. Nobody in Sweetwater believed it existed."

According to family members, Michael was also instrumental in helping bring the Cherohala Skyway into existence, something his father, W.E. Michael, helped start.

Michael was also well known in the City of Sweetwater, where his law office was known as the "Michael and Michael building."

"Everybody knew that building on Oak Street," Sweetwater Mayor Doyle Lowe said. "I hated to hear that Van had died. He was

quite a character. He always had a joke ready and a lot of times, he would make your day. We were friends for more than 40 years and he was always encouraging, always thinking of ways to make things better."

"Sweetwater, and the county, will miss him," Lowe added. "He was a large part of the community."

Michael was preceded in death by his parents, W.E. Michael and Claudia Francis Michael, and son Richard Michael. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Margaret (Peg) Bowland Michael, his daughter and son-in-law, Teresa Michael Glasgow and Steven Glasgow of Franklin, and his grandchildren, Carson and Campbell Glasgow.

He was a 1952 graduate of Tennessee Military Institute. He went on to receive his bachelor and law degrees from Cumberland University and practiced law in Sweetwater for 57 years at Michael and Michael Attys.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FALLEN MISSISSIPPI ARMY SERGEANT (SGT) ERIC C. NEWMAN

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in memory of fallen Mississippi Army Sergeant (SGT) Eric C. Newman, who gave his life while in service to our nation on October 14, 2010, during Operation Enduring Freedom. SGT Newman was killed when enemy combatants attacked his unit in Akatzai Kalay, Afghanistan. SGT Newman was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 38th Cavalry Regiment, 525th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade, XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

SGT Newman, a Waynesboro, Mississippi native, graduated from Wayne County High School. SGT Newman worked for the Waynesboro Police Department several years before joining the Army in 2006.

According to the Associated Press, Waynesboro Police Chief James Bunch said, "SGT Newman was an outstanding individual. It didn't surprise me at all that he would sacrifice himself for his country."

SGT Newman's funeral was held at Freeman Funeral Home in Waynesboro. He was buried at Hebron Cemetery, located in Wayne County, Mississippi.

SGT Newman was awarded the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the NATO Medal, the Combat Infantrymans Badge and the Parachute Badge.

SGT Newman is survived by his wife, Charidy Newman; mother, Dianne Newman; stepdaughter, Larissa Leigh; grandmother, Rowena Loper; grandmother, Jolene Newman; uncle, Michael Earl Newman; aunt, Sandra Newman; and sister, Kimberly Delbosco.

SGT Newman proudly served our nation to protect the freedoms we all enjoy. His service will always be remembered.

A TRIBUTE TO DAMIAN BELL

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 Damian Bell of Pleasant Hill, Iowa for being honored with the Carnegie Medal by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission for the role he played in saving the life of Richard Rauzi.

Richard was snowshoeing and taking photographs on Lake Ahquabi on February 14, 2016, when he fell through the ice trying to rescue a goose frozen in the slush. Damian, his friend Jesse Bannor, and their sons were ice fishing in a local shack. Damian's son, Konnor, heard Richard yelling for help, and the two men raced to the rescue. Using a nearby canoe, Damian made his way over to Richard. Unable to pull him aboard, and with the canoe threatening to tip over, Damian secured Richard to the boat with a rope, then stepped onto the ice and attempted to pull Richard from the water before firefighters arrived on scene to help in the efforts. Even though he had been in the water for 40 minutes on a 15 degree day, Richard survived after two days with extreme hypothermia.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Damian Bell for his courage and heroic actions in helping to save the life of Richard Rauzi. It is humbling to know that there are people like Damian who are willing to risk their own lives to save the life of another. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Damian on receiving this esteemed designation and in wishing him nothing but the best.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND LIFE OF SGT. FRED CUARESMA YURONG

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and accomplishments of U.S. Army Sergeant Fred Cuaresma Yurong. Following the Japanese attacks on Pearl Harbor, Fred answered President Roosevelt's call to service and joined the 1st Filipino Infantry Regiment. He went on to serve in both New Guinea and the Philippines during WWII. During this time, Fred served with distinction, reaching the rank of Sergeant and displayed a level of commitment to serving others that would show throughout the rest of his life.

Out of the 250,000 Filipino soldiers who served during World War II, Sergeant Yurong was one of the few to be granted citizenship in a mass naturalization ceremony held in Camp Beale on March 20, 1943.

Upon completion of his service, Sergeant Yurong married his wife in the Philippines before relocating back to California and raising a family of five children. He continued his service to the community through his active involvement in the American Legion and several Filipino organizations in Stockton, California. His contributions speak to the testament of our country's servicemen and women selfless commitment to serve our communities. While