

Grounds Coffeehouse is the face of Downtown Ministries and has been designated as Greenville, Pennsylvania's latest landmark. Fresh Grounds Coffeehouse is not just a meeting place but, more importantly, it is a ministry. The main objective of Fresh Grounds Coffeehouse is to honor and glorify God and create a special place where God's presence is felt and embraced. While it's not a traditional church ministry, Fresh Grounds Coffeehouse creates countless opportunities for Christian growth and allows customers to engage one another in nurturing relationships, which Martin and Martha Johnson have strived for over the years.

Martin Johnson had a vision, which ultimately became a reality, with the help of countless friends, volunteers, local businesses and churches. The unwavering dedication exhibited by Martin and Martha Johnson, as well as all volunteers involved, is heartwarming and speaks volumes about the giving spirit of the Greenville community.

As a unique ministry, the main focus of Downtown Ministries, and all groups that fall under its organizational umbrella, is to bring individuals to come to believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. In serving God, the community, and all those in need of God's Grace, Martin and Martha Johnson are inspirations to us all. Their compassion and generosity have clearly influenced the lives of so many and will continue to do so for years to come. Therefore, on behalf of the Third Congressional District of Pennsylvania, I want to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation of Martin and Martha Johnson, they are true Community Champions.

HONORING PAMELA DUNLAP
PATTERSON

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 6, 2017

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Pamela Patterson, as she retires from her career as the Chief Executive Officer of West Company and the Director of the Mendocino Small Business Development Center.

Born and raised in Virginia, Pamela Dunlap Patterson later obtained an Associate Degree at Massey Junior College in Atlanta and began a career in the retail industry. Pamela headed west to California in 1979 to become the Retail Merchandising Teacher for the Fort Bragg High School Regional Occupation Program. She then went on to serve as the literacy coordinator for the Mendocino County Library in Fort Bragg, and eventually, the coordinator for the "Read Right" program through Georgia Pacific where she helped improve literacy for workers in the timber industry.

In 1998, Pamela Patterson began her long career with West Company, a pilot Women's Business Center funded by the Small Business Administration. In 2004, she took the helm of the organization which at the time was struggling financially. Under Pamela's leadership, West Company stabilized funding sources, and secured a contract as the Small Business Development Center in 2007. Over her term as the Chief Executive Officer she has secured millions of dollars in funding to

help micro-entrepreneurs and small businesses to start and grow as means of improving the local economy.

Pamela Patterson's legacy is one of dedicated service to entrepreneurship and an educated workforce. Please join me in congratulating Pamela on her retirement and expressing our deep appreciation for her long and exceptional career, and her outstanding contributions to Mendocino County's workforce and economy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 6, 2017

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on roll call vote 6, I was not present because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "NAY."

HONORING WILLIAM HUDNUT, III

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 6, 2017

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a beloved and iconic member of the Hoosier community, William Hudnut III. Bill, who served as Mayor of Indianapolis from 1976 to 1992, passed away on December 17th, 2016 at the age of 84. Bill was a vibrant, enthusiastic, and passionate individual. His larger than life persona and animated approach to being Mayor will not soon be forgotten. He was a mentor to many and will be sorely missed by our community, but we will remember him forever through the spectacular legacy he left behind. Bill entered political life with his election to Congress in 1972. After which he served 16 years as Mayor of Indianapolis, making him the longest serving Mayor of Indianapolis. Through his time as Mayor he transformed Indianapolis into a dynamic metropolitan city and the amateur sports capital of the world. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are forever grateful for Bill's contributions to our Hoosier community, and it is my privilege to honor him today.

Bill was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1932. He attended the Darrow School in New York for high school, and graduated from Princeton University as an undergraduate, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. In 1957, he graduated with a Master's Degree in Theology from the Union Theological Seminary in New York, and, like his father and grandfather before him, Bill became an ordained clergyman. At the age of 30, Bill first became a Hoosier when he moved to Indianapolis and began work as the senior pastor of Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis. He served as Senior Pastor from 1964 to 1972, during which time he became interested in politics.

In the 1972 Republican primary for Indiana's 11th Congressional District, Bill defeated future Congressman Dan Burton and went on to win the general election against four-term Congressman Andrew Jacobs, Jr. During his term in the 93rd Congress, he was an original sponsor of seventeen bills and a cosponsor of

179 bills, five of which became law. He was a true statesman focused on good governance with dedication toward bipartisan solutions. After his time in Congress he came home to Indianapolis to run for, and serve in, the office of Mayor. Bill's interest in politics came from his passion for helping his community and his belief that politics was where he could make the greatest change for his community.

As Mayor he aimed to generate job growth, improve infrastructure, and develop projects to attract businesses to downtown Indianapolis. He aimed to not only draw businesses back downtown, but to bring back many citizens who had previously fled to the suburbs. Through his dedicated efforts to revitalize the city, he made Indianapolis a more attractive place to live and to do business. Over his tenure from 1976 to 1992, he oversaw more than 30 building projects, including renovations and expansions to Monument Circle, Indianapolis Union Station, the Indiana University School of Medicine, and the Indiana Convention Center. Many office buildings were constructed, and companies such as Eli Lilly and Company and American United Life committed to stay in Indianapolis.

In addition to spurring on local business, he also made unequalled contributions to Indiana's sports culture. He retained the NBA's Pacers, which were on the brink of failing if not for the efforts of Bill and others. He built the Hoosier Dome, hopeful that the infrastructure and investment would bring Indianapolis a national football team. Ultimately, he was able to bring home the Indianapolis Colts. He was also able to draw the Pan American Games to Indiana, bringing the world's eyes to Indiana and shining the international spotlight on Indianapolis. The Pan American Games had 38 nations represented by over 4,000 competing athletes. Bill was also instrumental in founding the Indiana Sports Corp, a nonprofit organization that has brought Indianapolis numerous sporting events that include the 1982 National Sports Festival, the 1991 World Gymnastics Championships, 19 Big Ten Women's Basketball Tournaments, 10 Big Ten Men's Basketball Tournaments, recently the 2012 Superbowl, and many other events. The Indiana Sports Corp has cemented Bill's legacy and continued to realize his vision of Indianapolis as a sporting destination. Bill helped put Indianapolis on the world map and paved the way for the city to be the sporting and convention destination that it is today.

Bill's work was not only greatly appreciated by Hoosiers but also recognized and awarded by his peers. He was the president of the National League of Cities and a member of their board for over twenty years. In 1988, Bill was named City & State magazine's Nation's Most Valuable Public Official. In 1985, he earned the Distinguished Public Service Award from the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns and in 1986, a Woodrow Wilson Award for Public Service.

Bill leaves behind a larger than life legacy that is fitting for someone with his larger than life personality. In his time as Mayor, he revitalized downtown Indianapolis, transforming it into a world class city by changing it from what he called "India-NO-place" to "India-SHOW-place." Many can fondly remember his booming voice, his uncommon approach to being Mayor, his fun antics like dressing up as a Leprechaun for a St. Patrick's Day parade, and his vivacious personality. He dedicated

his life to public service through his time as a pastor, his time in Congress and through his time as Mayor of Indianapolis. Bill will be remembered for his amazing compassion, charismatic and warm personality, as well as his unparalleled love for the city he served. I feel fortunate to have known him, and I know that his legacy lives on through the great contributions he made to Indianapolis, to Indiana, and to the country. On behalf of Indiana's Fifth District, I offer my condolences to his wife Beverly, the entire Hudnut family, and all who mourn his loss and cherish his memory.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING
THE LIFE OF CONOR IRWIN

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 6, 2017

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the loss and honor the life of Conor Irwin.

The child of Whit and Holly Irwin, Conor was a resident of Ledyard, CT. He graduated from St. Bernard School and was a freshman at Ledyard High School. He was just 14 years old.

In 2013, I had the honor of meeting Conor when he visited me to discuss the quality of food served in local schools. He had been a youth representative to the New London County Food Policy Council and was seriously concerned about the effect of poor food quality on health. Wonderfully precocious, he was full of good ideas that might help address this problem.

Like many 14 year-old boys, he loved soccer, playing outdoors, and listening to music. Just this past year, he even earned his first varsity letter for cross country. But those who knew Conor acknowledge something special about him. Even at so young an age, he was already a gentleman and true renaissance man. It may have been his voracious appetite for knowledge, his signature bow ties, or his love of travel and exploration. But mostly, it was his thoughtfulness that set him apart. He was always looking out for the younger kids, helping his mom with groceries, and holding the door for whomever may be passing by.

My thoughts and prayers are with Conor's family and friends as they mourn this terrible loss. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing my condolences and honoring a truly special soul, Conor Irwin.

TRIBUTE TO GIGI DENNIS

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 6, 2017

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Gigi Dennis, of Alamosa, Colorado, who was recently named Colorado's Administrator of the Year for 2016 by the Association of County Administrators. Administrator Dennis was selected by her peers to receive this honor, and it is clear that through her dedication to public service, she has left a lasting impact on the community of Alamosa and across the state of Colorado.

Throughout her career, Administrator Dennis has served in a variety of state-wide positions, including as Colorado Secretary of State, State Senator, and most recently, Alamosa County Administrator. As a State Senator, she served as Vice Chair of the Transportation Committee, was a member of the Legislative Council, and Chair of the Majority Caucus. Administrator Dennis is a quality individual with a truly impressive record of public service.

Mr. Speaker, although this award recognizes individual achievements, Administrator Dennis credits her team for her success. Her modesty, commitment to fiscal responsibility, and passion for improving the lives of others is truly remarkable. I wish Administrator Dennis all the best and am thankful for her continued service.

RECOGNIZING ANGEL MARTINEZ
FOR HIS SECOND NATIONAL
TITLE IN THE U.S. YOUTH AMATEUR
BOXING DIVISION

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 6, 2017

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Angel Martinez, a shining young member of our Rockford community, who has been named a two-time national champion in the U.S. Youth Amateur Boxing Division.

Angel Martinez won his second USA boxing national title, allowing him the chance to attend the Olympic training facility in Colorado in hopes of achieving his Olympic dreams. He has dedicated himself to his sport since the young age of 11, and shows us all the value of perseverance and a strong work ethic. I am proud there is such young talent in our community, and to see him represent Rockford on the national stage.

Mr. Speaker, as a former college athlete, I know how important sports are to personal and professional growth. I want to again formally congratulate Angel Martinez on his title, and I join the rest of our community in wishing him every success in the future.

HONORING CLIFFORD A.
SCHULMAN

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 6, 2017

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to honor South Florida philanthropist, business leader and prominent attorney, Cliff Schulman.

Mr. Schulman has 45 years of wide-ranging legal experience in the environmental and land use field from both the government and private sectors and is well known for his involvement in the community and commitment to charitable causes.

For 13 years, he has served as Chair of the Board of the Aventura Marketing Council and it is on this occasion that we celebrate his retirement from this position.

Under Mr. Schulman's leadership, the Aventura Marketing Council has thrived and grown to be recognized as one of the most re-

spected organizations in Chambers of Commerce representing more than 400 businesses and non-profit organizations, supporting countless educational and regional events in South Florida.

Cliff had the unique ability to blend his sense of humor with his keen business acumen and Marketing Council members will certainly miss his "Cliff's Notes" at the opening of each meeting.

Cliff has also served as Vice Chairman of the Anchors Away Foundation, an Aventura Marketing Council program in cooperation with Miami-Dade County Public Schools, that provides sailing programs for physically and mentally challenged children from schools throughout the County. This program has literally changed the lives of so many kids who gain a sense of pride, independence and accomplishment.

Throughout his career, Mr. Schulman has been honored by the Anti-Defamation League, South Florida Business Leader Magazine, the South Florida Shomrim Society and countless organizations that have recognized his contributions to bettering our community for all those who call South Florida home.

I am proud to have Mr. Schulman and his wife Lauren as my constituents and am grateful for his years of dedication to Aventura and to South Florida.

It is my honor to pay tribute to his distinguished career and extend my heartfelt congratulations to him on this occasion.

TRIBUTE TO RYAN MOELLER

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 6, 2017

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ryan Moeller, who was recently named to the 2016 First Team All-Pac 12 list. After playing football at Rifle High School, Ryan walked on to the Colorado Buffaloes football team as a special teams player. As a junior on the team this year, he earned nine total tackles on special teams and forced six fair catches on punts.

Ryan also played 391 snaps on defense, recording 36 tackles, with two forced fumbles. His overall play supported the biggest turnaround by a football program in Pac-12 Conference history. After a 1-8 conference record in 2015, the Buffaloes went 8-1 in conference matchups this season. Ryan's accomplishments are the result of dedication, hard work and perseverance, qualities that will serve him well in life.

I am proud that such an outstanding athlete and upstanding young man calls the Third Congressional District of Colorado home, and I congratulate Ryan and the Buffaloes on an exciting and successful season.

REGARDING JOINT SESSION OF
CONGRESS TO COUNT ELEC-
TORAL BALLOTS

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 6, 2017

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as a senior member of the House Committees on the