

years, and he earned a reputation for having great political insight and courage.

Joe was a respected journalist and came from the infamous Class of 1943 at the University of Oregon, which included Les Anderson, Jeff Kitchens, Aaron U. Jones, and Bill Roth, Jr. After serving in the Army in the Aleutian Islands during World War II, he wrote for Northwest newspapers. He covered drama, literature, labor, politics, sports, and music. One weekend, he covered a heavyweight fight, a college football game, and the Seattle Symphony. The next day he ran into the president of the symphony, who said, "Joe, last night I thought I went to a symphony concert, but when I read your review this morning I knew I'd been to a title fight instead." Gradually, politics and labor issues became Joe's focus.

In 1958, Joe moved his wife Rosalie Daggy Miller and their two daughters from Seattle to Washington, D.C., to become the executive director of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee. He helped elect many Democratic senators, including Senators Ed Muskie, Gaylord Nelson, Bill Proxmire, and Frank Church. Later he advised the presidential election of John F. Kennedy. The Washington Post once called him the Democrats' answer to Madison Avenue. Senator Dick Neuberger said of Joe that he "would never base a campaign on personal malice or an appeal to a hate element. His politics are never bitter."

Joe had an almost encyclopedic memory for details and always told it like it was. These talents usually served him well as he represented clients such as the Marine Engineers Beneficial Association, United Steelworkers of America, American Association of Railroads, Port of Portland, Western Forest Industries Association, and Association of Oregon and California Land Grant Counties.

A life-long Democrat, Joe had great friendships and professional relationships with many Republicans. As he once said, "We would hash out issues all day long, but when 5 o'clock came, we were all on the same side." Joe and his second wife, Erna Wahl Miller, personal secretary to Senator Henry "Scoop" Jackson, were valued friends and hosts to many in their home on Capitol Hill until Erna's death in 2004.

In 2008, Joe's memoir, *The Wicked Wine of Democracy*, was published by the University of Washington Press. The book is a candid look at politics from the 1950s onward. Joe wanted to call his memoir *When Politics Was Fun*, but the UW Press, publishing the book as a potential political-science text, had other ideas.

For over 40 years, Joe met for lunch every Friday at the Irish Times on Capitol Hill with a drop-in group of old and new friends. He respected "the wit and wisdom of his Friday lunch gang," which represented a wide range of political thought. Joe's ability to listen to other points of view and to find common ground kept his voice relevant and in demand throughout his life.

Joe was a great believer in the "American Political Way" and said, "We have overcome many challenges over two centuries and have always emerged a stronger and more democratic nation as a result."

Thanks to Joe Miller for his dedication and contributions to the political process. His positive outlook and ability to adapt to changing times, even in his 90s, will be missed.

OPPOSITION OF TRUMPCARE'S HIGHER COSTS, LESS COVERAGE, AND FEWER PROTECTIONS

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 4, 2017

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, the GOP healthcare bill today marks a disappointing abdication of now more than 50 years of work to invest in the health care of our citizens. The bill strips coverage from at least 24 million Americans. WHAT A SHAME.

This GOP bill is being rushed to passage without an updated CBO score. My Republican colleagues should be ashamed of themselves for playing such silly, political games with the health of the American people and 1/6th of the American economy.

In my home state of Alabama, this GOP bill will exacerbate the cost of uncompensated care, which already exceeds \$694 million annually in Alabama. Alabama's hospitals collectively would see an increase of more than \$97 million (at least) in uncompensated care costs due to the coverage losses in this bill.

This GOP bill will gut Medicaid, which is the single largest insurer for children in America. It is a lifeline for disabled and nursing home patients across my district and across this country yet this GOP bill slashes Medicaid by more than \$800 billion.

This GOP bill will be devastating to America's hospitals. Children's Hospital of Alabama, for example, is projected to lose \$752 million in Medicaid revenues through 2026 under this bill. In 2018, the hospital would lose \$1.4 million in uncompensated care costs. I am honored to represent UAB here in Congress, which is Alabama's largest employer and is set to lose \$613 million in Medicaid revenues. Bad debt would increase by 90 million a year for the hospital. The CEO of UAB health, Dr. Will Ferniary, says the bill is "bad for Alabama, bad for older people, bad for Alabama hospitals, and bad for the poor."

The good, hard-working people of America have much to lose under this GOP bill.

Our rural hospitals can absolutely NOT afford these cuts as this GOP bill will only worsen the rural hospital closure crisis. Almost 80 percent of rural hospital closures since 2010 have occurred in states that haven't expanded Medicaid under the ACA. As Representative of a state with one of the most bare-bones Medicaid programs in the country, I know full well that capping and cutting Medicaid is not the direction we want to go in.

Our sacred responsibility to make strategic investments in the health of every American has the stark and immediate urgency of right and wrong.

I urge my colleagues to vote against this harmful GOP bill, which will result in higher costs, less coverage, and fewer protections.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF DR. JEREMY GREEN

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 4, 2017

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of Dr. Jeremy Green of Green Bay,

Wisconsin, and his more than five decades of service to the people of Northeast Wisconsin.

When he graduated from at the University of the Witwatersrand in South Africa, he couldn't have known how far his journey as a physician would take him or how many thousands of lives he would touch. From Johannesburg, Dr. Green began his remarkable personal and professional journey by heading to postgraduate work in Belfast and London, then at Boston City Hospital, Jersey City Medical Center, Cincinnati General Hospital and in the City of Melbourne, Australia.

But it was when he reached Green Bay in 1964 that he knew he had found his real home. He and his wife, Elizabeth, a British nurse, raised their family in Green Bay and then joined them as American citizens in 1995.

Over the years, he helped launch the Green Bay Area Free Clinic, UW-Green Bay's student health services and health services for the university's athletic teams.

Beyond his medical service, his contributions to community organizations in Northeast Wisconsin are simply too many to recount here.

Dr. Green has been honored by groups ranging from the Northeastern Wisconsin African-American Association to the State Medical Society of Wisconsin, from the Neville Public Museum to Scholarships, Inc. In 1987, he received the Chancellor's Award for Lifetime Service from UW-Green Bay and in 2000, he received the NFL Community Quarterback Award from the Green Bay Packers.

In coming days, Dr. Green will step down from active practice in Green Bay. However, just as he always has, he will continue to serve his community and pursue his many interests. We would expect nothing less from that young South African physician who somehow found his way to Northeast Wisconsin, raising a proud family and lifting the lives of countless Americans along the way.

CELEBRATING FRED RISSE'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 4, 2017

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise along with my colleague, Rep. GWEN MOORE, to celebrate the 90th Birthday of Wisconsin State Senator Fred Risser on May 5, 2017. Born in Madison, Wisconsin in 1927, Mr. Risser was elected to Wisconsin's Assembly in 1956 and the Senate in 1962. He is currently the nation's longest-serving state legislator, and shows no sign of slowing down anytime soon.

Born and raised in Madison, Senator Risser is the fourth generation of his family to serve in the Wisconsin Legislature. His father, Fred E. Risser, grandfather, Ernest Warner, and great-grandfather Clement Warner, were all dedicated public servants.

Mr. Risser joined the Navy just prior to his 18th birthday. Trained as a medic, Mr. Risser spent time in Newport, R.I., then in Panama before he returned to the United States. Mr. Risser was educated in the Madison public schools, and then used the GI Bill to attend Carleton College and the University of Wisconsin-Madison (where he earned a B.A.), and

the law school of the University of Oregon. He then practiced law with his father before entering public service.

Wisconsin is fortunate to have a great leader like Fred Risser. Throughout his extraordinary career, he has served his constituents and his community diligently. It is our great honor to join Fred's wife Nancy, children and grandchildren, his many friends, and our colleagues in the House of Representatives, in wishing Fred a happy 90th birthday—and many more years.

IN RECOGNITION OF MRS. KUHN'S
3RD GRADE CLASS

HON. DAVID A. TROTT

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 4, 2017

Mr. TROTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the bright young artists in Mrs. Kuhn's 3rd grade class at Hickory Woods Elementary in Novi, Michigan.

I know that artists get their start long before high school and college, learning to expand their imagination and foster their creativity in classrooms just like Mrs. Kuhn's.

In an effort to highlight young artists from across Michigan's 11th Congressional District, this year, I announced the 1st Annual "Color my Capitol" Program.

Brimming with talent, Mrs. Kuhn's students were eager to showcase their amazing artistic skills and take part in this one-of-a-kind program.

Let me tell you, Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Kuhn's 3rd graders did not disappoint. Their creations are unique, innovative, and imaginative. Their colorful artwork embodies our country's bright and promising future with these sharp young minds leading the way.

It is my utmost honor to have their artwork displayed in my Congressional district office in Troy, Michigan for everyone who visits to enjoy. Each and every time I walk into my office, I am reminded of their talent.

Congratulations to Mrs. Kuhn and the young artists she has the pleasure of teaching.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
CONGRESSMAN DAWSON MATHIS

HON. AUSTIN SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 4, 2017

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues, Senator JOHNNY ISAKSON, Congressman SANFORD BISHOP, Congressman BARRY LOUDERMILK, Congressman RICK ALLEN, and Congressman TOM GRAVES, to remember the life of former Georgia Congressman Dawson Mathis, who passed away on April 17, 2017. Today, we honor Dawson's life, remember his spirit, and thank him and his family for their meaningful contributions to the state of Georgia.

Born in Nashville, Georgia, Dawson Mathis attended South Georgia College before he moved to Albany, Georgia in 1964 to work at WALB-TV, where he served as the network's news director until 1970. Even at a young age, it was clear that Dawson had a knack for com-

municating with and representing all walks of Georgians, a trait that only shined more as Dawson began his political career.

From 1971 until 1981, Dawson served as the Representative for Georgia's Second Congressional District. During his time in Congress, Dawson was known as a witty southern Democrat who could work cordially with Members on both sides of the aisle. As a legislator, Dawson was a gifted politician, but always a true statesman. Despite his success in working in the highest levels of government, Dawson never grew too proud to forget who he was. He was always known to be open and accessible, willing to talk to local reporters and constituents for hours on end. Amidst the hustle and bustle of Capitol Hill, Dawson never lost sight of advocating for the best interests of the Georgians he represented, and the legacy he left still benefits the people of Southwest Georgia today.

Dawson was one of a kind, and his decade of public service greatly benefitted our state. Our thoughts are with his family and friends during this time as they remember the great man he was.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF FALLEN MISSISSIPPI SOLDIER ARMY STAFF SERGEANT (SSG) TOMMY SEARY LITTLE

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 4, 2017

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in memory of Army Staff Sergeant (SSG) Tommy Seary Little who paid the ultimate sacrifice while defending our nation on May 2, 2005, during Operation Iraqi Freedom. SSG Little died at the Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas from injuries sustained on April 19 when an improvised explosive device detonated near his Humvee outside Iskandariyah, Iraq. Sergeant Terrance A. Elizenberry of Clinton, Sergeant Wyman H. Jones of Columbus, Private First Class Stephen B. Brooks of Columbus, and Sergeant First Class Grayson "Norris" Galatas of Meridian were also injured in the explosion.

SSG Little, an Aliceville, Alabama native and the youngest of 11 children, was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 114th Field Artillery Regiment, Mississippi Army National Guard, Columbus, Mississippi. SSG Little joined the Mississippi Army National Guard after he graduated Aliceville High School.

According to an Associated Press news article, Major General Harold A. Cross, Adjutant General of the Mississippi Army National Guard, said members of the Guard would mourn the loss of this brave soldier. Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour said his family was deeply saddened by another death of a member of the Guard serving in Iraq.

SSG Little's brother, Jack Little said his brother was liked by all.

"He was easy to get along with," Jack said. "If he could help, Tommy always would. He loved the Army."

SSG Little's sister, Ruth Henderson, said her brother was dedicated to the Army.

"He was a hard worker," Ruth said. "He was also a great father."

SSG Little is survived by his wife, Patricia; his daughter, Ashley; his mother Lue Della Lit-

tle; his siblings, Otis Roosevelt Little, Louise Murray, Alfred Little, Eddie Lee Little, Idella Little, Lillie Hutton, Jack Little, Ruth Henderson, Eddie Dean Little, and Bessie Hinton.

The National Guard Armory in Ackerman, Mississippi was named in honor of SSG Little. His sacrifice will always be remembered.

RECOGNIZING MARY AND DAVID
BOIES

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 4, 2017

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mary and David Boies, who will be honored by United Way of Westchester and Putnam with the Spirit of Caring Award for their leadership, commitment to community, and willingness to help others.

Mary Boies has had a successful career in law and currently serves as Counsel to Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP, where she specializes in antitrust and corporate commercial litigation. Her prior positions include General Counsel of the U.S. Civil Aeronautics Board, Assistant Director of the Domestic Policy Staff at the White House, and Counsel to the U.S. Senate Commerce Committee. Ms. Boies was also a member of a non-partisan, professional Committee that reviewed federal judicial nominees. In each of these roles, she has always sought to do what is right and best for others.

Outside of her work in law, she has also worked to support children's educational software. She was the founder of MaryBoies Software Inc., which developed Top of the Key and Slam Dunk Typing. Both programs were recognized as some of the top pieces of children's educational software and have been translated into numerous languages for international distribution. Additionally, she has served on the Board of Directors of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Board of Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Center for International Studies, as well as the Board of Visitors that oversees the U.S. Air Force School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, the Air Force Research Institute, the Air War College, the National Security Space Institute, and the Air Force Institute of Technology.

Mr. Boies has also had a distinguished legal career with recognition from many including as one of the "100 Most Influential People in the World" by Time Magazine. Currently Chairman of Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP, he previously served as Chief Counsel and Staff Director of the United States Senate Antitrust Subcommittee and held similar roles on the Senate Judiciary Committee. He was Special Trial Counsel for the United States Department of Justice in its antitrust suit against Microsoft and lead counsel for Vice President Al Gore in litigation following the 2000 Presidential Election. Mr. Boies served as co-lead counsel for plaintiffs in *Perry v. Brown*, which established for the first time the federal constitutional right for gay and lesbian citizens to marry.

Mr. Boies is a member of Phi Beta Kappa; a Fellow of the American College Trial Lawyers and the International Academy of Trial Lawyers; and a Trustee of Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, New York University Law School Foundation, and St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center.