

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF STEPHEN MICHAEL BISTARKEY, SR.

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2018

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to remember the life of Stephen Michael Bistarkey, Sr. who passed away on January 7, 2018. He was 45 years old.

Stephen was born in Youngstown, Ohio on November 10, 1972 to Andrew E. and Darlene S. (Anderson) Bistarkey. He was a 1991 graduate of Howland High School and attended the Apostolic Bible Church. He worked in the Trumbull County maintenance department.

Stephen was known for being an avid fan of the Ohio State Buckeyes, the Cleveland Indians, and the Oakland Raiders. In his free time, he enjoyed camping and fishing. Above all, he cherished his time with his son Stephen.

He is survived by a son, Stephen Michael Bistarkey, Jr. of Niles, Ohio; mother Darlene S. (Frank) Fuda of Niles; two brothers, Andrew E. (Connie) Bistarkey, Jr. of Niles and Kenneth J. Bistarkey of Niles; stepsister, Tonya (Donald) Swauger of Mineral Ridge; two stepbrothers, Frank "Buddy" (fiancée Mandy) Fuda of Rowlett, Texas and Tony (Devon) Fuda of Niles and several nieces and nephews.

I extend my deepest condolences to Stephen's family and friends. I know he is deeply missed by his son and all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

FORT BEND COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Fort Bend County Fire Marshal's Office for receiving the Texas Fire Marshals Association's (TxFMA) Achievement of Excellence Award and a Letter of Appreciation from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

The Fort Bend County Fire Marshal's Office was recognized for their performance excellence in fire prevention. This achievement award is the only formal recognition for performance excellence of organizations given by the TxFMA. In addition, the Letter of Appreciation identifies the Fire Marshal's staff for their leadership as a TCOLE agency. Our community is safer because of the dedication of the first responders in the Fort Bend County Fire Marshal's Office. We thank them for their service and their sacrifice.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second District of Texas, congratulations again to the Fort Bend County Fire Marshal's Office for earning this distinction. I thank them for their commitment to keeping our community safe.

REMEMBERING "APOLLO 1," "CHALLENGER" AND "COLUMBIA"

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2018

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, "Sometimes when we reach for the stars we fall short," as President Reagan said. This time of year is difficult for the space community as we remember the 17 courageous astronauts lost to tragic incidents.

On January 27, 1967, Virgil Grissom, Ed White and Roger Chaffee were performing tests of the *Apollo 1* spacecraft at Cape Canaveral when a fire broke out. Desperate efforts to rescue them were too late.

On January 28, 1986, a crew of seven lifted off aboard the space shuttle *Challenger*. Michael Smith, Dick Scobee, Judith Resnik, Ronald McNair, Ellison Onizuka, Gregory Jarvis and teacher Christa McAuliffe. Seventy-three seconds after liftoff, all were lost when the *Challenger* exploded.

On February 1, 2003, Pilot William McCool and Commander Rick Husband guided the space shuttle *Columbia* back into earth's atmosphere along with crewmembers Michael Anderson, Laurel Clark, David Brown, Kalpana Chawla and Ilan Ramon. The shuttle broke up during reentry, taking the lives of all on board.

Let us remember these 17 brave pioneers "who made the ultimate sacrifice so others could reach for the stars."

HONORING TEMPLE SINAI IN SANDY SPRINGS

HON. KAREN C. HANDEL

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2018

Mrs. HANDEL. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Temple Sinai in Sandy Springs, Georgia.

For 50 years now, Temple Sinai has served the reform Jewish community in Atlanta, Georgia.

In February of 1968, thirty people sat in on a meeting to discuss the formation of a Reform Jewish congregation in Atlanta. One month later, 145 families signed on as chapter members.

Today, 50 years since that first meeting, over 1,300 Georgians proudly call Temple Sinai home.

Senior Rabbi Ron Segal has been a member of the clergy at Temple Sinai since July 1996. As a board member of the Atlanta chapter of the American Jewish Committee and as an advisory board member of the William Breman Jewish Home, Rabbi Segal has shown a commitment to our city that extends well beyond the perimeter of Temple Sinai.

Mr. Speaker, Temple Sinai will have served our community for a full half century this February, and they continue to go above and beyond in their service to their neighbors.

From offering educational opportunities to serving as a center of Jewish life in Atlanta, I want to wish Temple Sinai 50 more years of continued success as a pillar of the Jewish community in Atlanta.

COMMEMORATING THE 2018 NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2018

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, today, I recognize all of the Catholic schools and parishes in the 18th District of Illinois and across the nation that will be participating in National Catholic Schools Week. This week, over seven thousand Catholic schools will host more than two million students to celebrate this year's theme: "Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed."

The National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) has proven extraordinary leadership and development with 99 percent of all students graduating high school and 85.7 percent go on to higher education. The NCEA's legacy of success is a testament to the quality education and guidance through faith that each student receives during their time at Catholic schools.

As a graduate of St. Anne Grade School in East Moline, Illinois and Spalding Catholic High School in Peoria, Illinois, it is my privilege to be an original co-sponsor of legislation that recognizes and supports National Catholic Schools Week. The education and religious values that these institutions instill serve as a strong foundation for a fulfilling relationship with God and inform our daily lives with lessons of faith.

I am thankful every day for the experiences and lessons that I have gained through my Catholic upbringing, and I am grateful that my three sons also attend Catholic schools that will prepare them to learn, serve, lead, and succeed like so many other children across the nation.

While we reflect this week on the impact that our schools have had on our spiritual growth, let us also recognize the contributions that the National Catholic Educational Association continually provides for our communities. Once again, I am pleased to commemorate National Catholic Schools Week and I look forward to many more years of continued success and celebration.

IN RECOGNITION OF WEAVE'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2018

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Women Escaping a Violent Environment (WEAVE) as it celebrates its 40th Anniversary. As the community gathers to honor this organization, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this nonprofit for its long history of service to the Sacramento region and beyond.

In 1978, WEAVE opened its first shelter to provide services and resources to survivors of domestic violence. It soon expanded its services to help sexual assault and human trafficking survivors through legal assistance, emergency shelters, crisis intervention, community prevention education programs, and a 24-hour support and information line. In its 40

years of operation, WEAVE has become a nationally recognized nonprofit renowned for its dedication to building a violence- and abuse-free community. WEAVE has been instrumental in helping the community better understand domestic violence, human trafficking, and sexual assault issues so we can work together to end the cycle of violence.

Over its decade of operation, WEAVE has partnered with Sacramento County, local law enforcement, the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children Court, Child Protective Services, and the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office to provide 24/7 response, outreach, and services to sex trafficking victims. In addition, WEAVE has recently worked with the California State Senate to provide resources to Senate employees who have experienced sexual misconduct. For its work both with these organizations and independently, WEAVE has been honored by the Nonprofit Resource Center, the U.S. Department of Justice, the Governor of California, the Human Rights Fair Housing Commission, the President of the United States, and many more. It is deserving of each of these accolades and I am proud to lend my own voice to praising WEAVE today.

Mr. Speaker, I am thrilled to celebrate WEAVE. Through its work in my hometown, it is helping ensure that Sacramento and its surrounding regions are a community that does not tolerate domestic violence, sexual assault, or sex trafficking. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring WEAVE on its 40th anniversary and wishing the organization at least another 40 years of existence and success.

MADISON ELLIS CHOSEN AS TSTC
SGA PRESIDENT

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Missouri City native Madison Ellis for being named President of the Student Government Association.

Madison, 19 years old and in his first semester at TSTC, was named as the first ever SGA President for TSTC's Fort Bend County campus. He is very active in his community, volunteering with organizations like the Special Olympics, and has already implemented partnerships with businesses for student discounts and a local recycling center to help raise funds for his proposals. Thanks to his ambition, leadership, and commitment to serving his fellow students, Ellis is clearly an excellent President and a role model for future SGA presidents.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Madison Ellis for being chosen as President of the Student Government Association at TSTC's Fort Bend County campus. I thank him for his advocacy on behalf of his fellow students, and look forward to seeing what he will accomplish in the future.

IN HONOR OF TERRY & SHERRY
LOVVORN 50TH WEDDING ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2018

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 50th wedding anniversary of Terry and Sherry Lovvorn on December 1, 2017.

John Terry Lovvorn and Sherry Lee Rogers were married December 1, 1967 at Shiloh Baptist Church in Graham, Alabama.

They made their home in the same house in Graham where Terry was born in 1946, and they still live in downtown Graham.

Terry has been a life-long farmer and was elected as Randolph County Commissioner in 2008. Sherry retired in 1998 after 25 years of teaching.

They were blessed with two children, Susan Rice and Joe Lovvorn (wife Jenifer) and are grandparents to Katie Rice, Luke Rice, Jackson Lovvorn and Landon Lovvorn.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the 50th wedding anniversary of Terry and Sherry Lovvorn.

COST ESTIMATE ON H.R. 4578, THE
COUNTER TERRORIST NETWORK
ACT

HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2018

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, the following cost estimate for H.R. 4578, the Counter Terrorist Network Act, prepared by the Congressional Budget Office was not made available to the Committee at the time of filing of the legislative report.

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, January 26, 2018.

Hon. MICHAEL McCAUL,
*Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 4578, the Counter Terrorist Network Act.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Mark Grabowicz.

Sincerely,

KEITH HALL, *Director.*

Enclosure.

H.R. 4578—COUNTER TERRORIST NETWORK ACT
As passed by the House of Representatives
on January 11, 2018

H.R. 4578 would authorize Customs and Border Protection in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to assign personnel to other agencies to support partnerships for sharing global information to enhance border security. The act also would direct DHS to collaborate with other agencies to combat foreign terrorist organizations. DHS is currently carrying out activities similar to those that would be required by the act; thus, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4578 would not significantly affect spending by DHS.

Enacting H.R. 4578 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 4578 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

H.R. 4578 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Mark Grabowicz. The estimate was approved by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

TRIBUTE TO THE ARMENIAN RELIEF SOCIETY "MAYR" HOLLYWOOD CHAPTER

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2018

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Armenian Relief Society (ARS) "Mayr" Hollywood Chapter upon its one-hundredth anniversary.

The ARS "Mayr" Hollywood Chapter, named "Mayr" as the mother chapter in Southern California, has made many strides since its founding in 1918, including establishing an Armenian Center, helping numerous displaced persons from Armenian-populated camps in Germany to move to the United States following the Second World War, and providing aid to areas in Armenia, Artsakh and Javakhk. The ARS "Mayr" Hollywood Chapter became the inspiration for the inception of the Anahid Chapter in the San Fernando Valley and the Ani Chapter in Montebello, established in 1958 and 1960 respectively. In addition, the chapter founded the first ARS social service office in 1980, leading to the establishment of a network of more offices throughout the southland.

The ARS "Mayr" Hollywood Chapter has been a steadfast supporter of educating students and preserving the culture and language of the Armenian people through its Saturday School program at the Rose and Alex Pilibos Armenian School in Los Angeles. In addition to this program, the "Mayr" Chapter provides the Rose and Alex Pilibos Armenian School with financial support and student scholarships and collaborated with the school to open the Rose and Alex Pilibos ARS "Mayr" Chapter Mary Postojan Armenian Preschool in 1992.

The time, effort, and care that the ARS "Mayr" Hollywood Chapter has given to the community is outstanding, and the Armenian-American residents of Los Angeles have benefited greatly from their dedicated work.

I ask all Members to join with me in commending the ARS "Mayr" Hollywood Chapter for one-hundred years of committed service to the Los Angeles community.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHILDREN'S MUSICAL THEATER SAN JOSE

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2018

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Children's Musical Theater San Jose (CMT) and commemorate its 50th Anniversary Season. Founded as an afterschool