

TRIBUTE TO CALVIN WRIGHT

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a constituent and long-time friend, Calvin Wright, who has dedicated his life to our nation through activism, civic endeavors and military service. Mr. Wright is being honored on September 20th for his more than 50 years of public service to Orangeburg County, South Carolina, and the nation.

As a high school student, Mr. Wright was among the hundreds of protestors in the "Orangeburg Movement" who were arrested and jailed for civil disobedience. Mr. Wright continued his activism as Vice President of the State NAACP Youth Conference. His experiences with seasoned leaders of the Movement undergirded his activism and reinforced his commitment to social justice.

Mr. Wright was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1965, just after his graduation from Wilkinson High School. He earned the rank of Sergeant in less than 10 months and was deployed to Vietnam in 1968. Mr. Wright resolutely discharged his duties and was awarded a Certificate of Military Combat by the 18th Military Police Brigade, 93rd Military Police Company for outstanding service in Vietnam.

Once back in Orangeburg, Mr. Wright challenged the lack of opportunity facing his fellow African Americans, veterans, the poor, and disenfranchised. He became a foot soldier in President Lyndon Johnson's "War on Poverty." Mr. Wright served on the Board of Directors for the Orangeburg Area Committee for Economic Progress (Orangeburg-Calhoun-Allendale-Bamberg [OCAB] Community Action Agency, Inc.)—the local Community Action Program. Mr. Wright resigned his seat in 1977 to become Deputy Director of the Agency. He became the agency's Executive Director in 1983.

Along with the block grant programs that are the core of OCAB, the agency has a long-running HIV Prevention Peer Education Project, a Non-Traditional Occupational Training for Women, and an employment opportunity program for mothers receiving public assistance. Mr. Wright created the OCAB Community Development Association which constructed the Ujima Village Apartments for low income elderly and disabled residents. He also directed the construction of new Head Start Centers in Allendale, Bamberg, and Orangeburg.

Mr. Wright's years of service have touched many lives. All his experiences as an advocate and soldier have enabled him to effectively serve his community. He has been a leader for civil rights, community service and humanitarianism and has received numerous honors and awards for these efforts.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in recognizing this barrier-breaking public servant, and to wish him Godspeed and continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAYOR BOB ANDREWS

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

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Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mayor Bob Andrews, who has served the City of Newberg, Oregon with distinction and dedication for the past 12 years.

The first time I met Mayor Andrews was shortly before I was elected to Congress. He told me he wanted to build and sustain a positive working relationship; and we did just that. For the past six and a half years, I have thoroughly enjoyed working with Mayor Andrews—a steady, forward-thinking, principled pragmatist with an unsurpassed commitment to Newberg and its residents.

When Phase I of the Newberg-Dundee Bypass opened earlier this year, it culminated a decades-long progression of vision and advocacy to make Newberg and Dundee more livable communities for residents who were constantly stuck in gridlock and congestion. The project was painstaking at times with numerous setbacks, but Mayor Andrews and his dogged determination never wavered. For a decade, with steadfast devotion, Bob attended nearly every meeting and hearing—including those in Salem and the occasional trip to Washington, D.C.—to advocate for resources and support. Although a handful of people pushed this project over the finish line, Mayor Andrews is first among equals.

That same level of persistence and commitment also characterized Mayor Andrews' support for Special Olympics Oregon, which held its Summer State Games in Newberg for six years. He worked to make sure that the city rolled out the red carpet, and he was a champion for the athletes and their families. In addition, Mayor Andrews served on a number of nonprofit boards and helped orchestrate a faith-based emergency preparedness plan to help the city prepare for a Cascadia earthquake. For his achievements, the Oregon Mayors Association awarded him with the 2018 Mayors Leadership Award—the highest honor among his peers.

Newberg is a better place because of the selfless service of Mayor Andrews. His commitment to the people of Newberg is unparalleled, and his goals as a public official always transcended himself—qualities all leaders should aspire to. In a time of deep cynicism and political division, Bob embodies the true meaning of 'Civil servant.'

I am honored to have worked alongside Mayor Bob Andrews and consider him both a fantastic mayor and a friend. I wish him the very best in his second retirement, and hope he enjoys some well-deserved time with his wife, children, and grandchildren.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I mistakenly voted yes, when I meant to vote no on roll No. 387, H.R. 6691—Community Safety and Security Act of 2018.

HONORING COOPER LEE SHAW

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Cooper Shaw. Cooper is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1264, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Cooper has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Cooper has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Cooper has become a member of the tribe Mic-O-Say. Cooper has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Cooper planned and led a team of Scouts and Scouters stenciling over 100 storm drains for the City of Lee's Summit to reduce flooding and pollution in their local lakes and streams.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Cooper Shaw for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING STEVE MCCLURE

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my good friend Steve McClure for his many years of service to Union County. Steve dedicated 28 years of his life to faithfully serving Union County, and he spent two years serving our great nation in the Vietnam War. I'd like to pay tribute to Steve's dedication to Union County and his leadership for eastern Oregon.

Steve was born in Elgin, Oregon, and graduated from Elgin High School in 1964. In 1968, Steve was drafted into the Army and served his country in Vietnam, where he received a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart. Following his time in Vietnam, Steve was in the service as both an active reserve and an inactive reserve until 1974. Throughout his life, Steve has always shown a willingness to sacrifice for the betterment of other people.

Steve moved to Florida, where he started his family. His daughter Jennifer was born in 1973, and has now decided to follow in her father's footsteps of public service by serving as the Mayor of Weston, Oregon. His son Michael was born in 1976 and is now a computer programmer. The family lived in Florida until 1978 when they moved back to Oregon, and Steve worked on the family farm.

In 1990, Steve was appointed to the Union County Board of Commissioners, and was first elected to the role in November of that same year. He has gone on to serve six four-year terms for a total of 28 years. During that time, Steve's commitment and loyalty to Union County and his friends across eastern Oregon has earned him the deep respect of his colleagues. Many people, including myself, have

relied upon Steve's thorough knowledge of forestry and natural resource issues. In fact, Senator Bill Hansell remembers deferring to Steve on forestry issues when Hansell was a Umatilla County Commissioner, saying "if Steve was for it, that's all we needed to know."

Steve has a knack for public policy and is famous for his ability to get things to move forward. Both skills have been assets towards helping him effectively serve Union County and the region for many years. Understanding the challenges that we face in rural Oregon and how hard it can be for us to compete with metropolitan parts of our state, Steve took ac-

tion. He rallied his colleagues, and maybe even twisted a few arms, to form the Eastern Oregon Counties Association to pool the resources of rural counties on common issues like improving the management of our public lands.

Steve has shown tenacity, strength, and true leadership. Steve has always said that "democracy means you always get your say, it doesn't mean you always get your way." Steve has always lived by those words, and has been willing to listen to anyone. Steve has always displayed dignity, integrity, and responsiveness. Union County and Eastern Oregon were lucky to have him as a public servant.

Steve now has eight grandchildren, and three great-grandkids. As he retires from public service, he plans to continue serving in the capacity of a father, grandfather, and great grandfather. I am confident that Steve will impart his wisdom and knowledge onto future generations of his family so they may carry it forward.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing and thanking Steve for his many years of leadership in Union County. I wish him and his family all the best in his retirement.