

work has on all Americans and I am personally grateful for the sacrifice they make each day in the service of our nation.

Mr. Speaker, no matter the day or time, the men and women of the United States Foreign Service are promoting our interests and defending our security around the globe. Let us commit ourselves to supporting the crucial work they do on behalf of all Americans.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF FRED M. FEHSENFELD

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2018

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Fred M. Fehsenfeld, a decorated World War II pilot and founder of The Heritage Group who died on November 28, 2018 at the age of 94. He was a pillar of the Indianapolis community and an outstanding patriot, businessman, family man, friend, trusted advisor and mentor to many, including myself. Fred was known for his ingenuity and hard work which he displayed throughout his tremendous life. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are forever grateful for Fred's significant contributions to our City of Indianapolis, the State of Indiana, and our United States of America.

A life-long Hoosier, Fred was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1924 to John and Ruth Fehsenfeld. He was a graduate of Shortridge High School, where he and his three brothers loved sports and music. He went to Purdue University at the age of 17 and majored in mechanical engineering. It was there where Fred had his first flying experience with the Purdue Glider Club. At the age of 18, in the middle of World War II, Fred enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps and at the age of 20 he was assigned to the 354th Pioneer Mustang Fighter Group in France, a famous group of P51 Mustangs and P47 Thunderbolts. A true patriot, Fred courageously flew 89 missions in Europe during World War II and was awarded the Air Medal with three Silver Clusters and a Silver Star. Fred led his squadron on the last official flight in the European Theater of Operations, barrel rolling over an Austrian prisoner of war camp to let his fellow pilots know the war in Europe was over. Ever dedicated to our country, he later served in the Indiana Air National Guard.

Fred later earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering at Purdue University. In 1946 he married his college sweetheart Mildred Cornelius and throughout their life together had seven children. Fred began his career at Rock Island Refining as a process engineer. A few years later, his father John asked him to join the family business, Crystal Flash Petroleum, a company that employed 100 people and operated gas stations and sold home heating oil. An extremely hard worker and creative problem solver, Fred quickly grew the family business and entered into the asphalt industry. Dedicated to success, he taught himself how to manufacture asphalt by conducting research at the public library. In 1960, he built an asphalt facility, which is still in operation today. With his passion for business and an entrepreneurial spirit, Fred transformed Crystal Flash Petroleum into

the Heritage Group, which today employs 6,500 people worldwide. With operations in North America, Europe, and China, the Heritage Group grew to include interests in Environmental and Remediation, Specialty Chemicals and Fuel Products, as well as Construction and Materials. Fred, who earned the reputation as an extraordinary boss, was dedicated to prioritizing the well-being of his employees and treated them as partners. Known as an incredible relationship builder, he was able to draw remarkably talented people to the company and regarded them as members of the extended Fehsenfeld family.

Fred's commitment to improving the American economy was equaled by his desire to tackle challenges with national implications. This passion led him to develop the concept of Critical Commerce Corridors, which separate car and truck lanes on interstate highways. The corridors will save lives while reducing pollution and congestion. The concept of Critical Commerce Corridors was included in the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act which was signed into law on December 4, 2015. Due to his efforts, Indiana's Governor Eric Holcomb recognized Fred in 2017 for his many contributions to the State of Indiana, naming Interstate 865 the "Fred M. Fehsenfeld, Sr. Highway."

In his personal life, Fred was a committed member of his community, a member of Junto for over fifty years, a former Chairman of the Asphalt Institute and a loyal supporter of his alma mater, Purdue University. With gifts to Purdue, he established the Purdue Energy Fund, the Fehsenfeld Family Head of Environmental and Ecological Engineering and expanded the Division of Environmental and Ecological Engineering. He also received an honorary doctorate in Civil Engineering from Purdue University. In addition, Fred was the recipient of many Sagamores of the Wabash from several Indiana governors, the highest honor the governor of Indiana can bestow upon a citizen.

Fred will be forever missed by his family, friends, colleagues, and the entire Hoosier community. On behalf of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I extend my deepest condolences to Fred's wife, Barbara, his brother, Mac Fehsenfeld, his five children, Jo (Nick) Rutigliano, Fred (Suzie) Fehsenfeld Jr., Jim (Becky) Fehsenfeld, Frank (Judy) Fehsenfeld, Judee Fehsenfeld as well as his twenty grandchildren and twenty-four great grandchildren.

TRIBUTE TO YOUNG STAFF MEMBERS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE 18TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS AND THE UNITED STATES

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as Members of Congress we know well, perhaps better than most, how blessed our nation is to have in reserve such exceptional young men and women who will go on to become leaders in their local communities, states, and the nation in the areas of business, education, government, philanthropy, the arts and culture, and the military.

We know this because we see them and benefit from their contributions every day. Many of them work for us in our offices as junior staff members, congressional fellows, or interns and they do amazing work for and on behalf of the constituents we are privileged to represent.

Mr. Speaker, I believe there is no higher calling than the call to serve a cause larger than ourselves. That is why I ran for public office. I was inspired to serve by President Kennedy who said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country," and by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who said:

"Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. . . . You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

By this measure, there are several other great young men and women who served as volunteers this year in my offices. They may toil in obscurity but their contributions to the constituents we serve are deeply appreciated. That is why today I rise to pay tribute to 4 extraordinary young persons for their service to my constituents in the 18th Congressional District of Texas and to the American people. They are:

Stephen Singleton from Texas Tech University;

Tynesea Watts from University of Kentucky; Jacqueline Lee from The Madeira School; and

Nisreen Marabe from The Madeira School.

Mr. Speaker, the energy, intelligence, and idealism these wonderful young people brought to my office and those interning in the offices of my colleagues help keep our democracy vibrant. The insights, skills, and knowledge of the governmental process they gain from their experiences will last a lifetime and prove invaluable to them as they go about making their mark in this world.

Because of persons like them the future of our country is bright and its best days lie ahead. I wish them all well.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful that such thoughtful committed young men and women can be found working in my office, those of my colleagues, and in every community in America. Their good works will keep America great, good, and forever young.

CELEBRATING LEROY TROYER

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2018

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, it is with a mix of sorrow and gratitude that I rise today to commemorate the incredible life of LeRoy Troyer, who passed away Sunday, December 2, 2018.

LeRoy was born and raised in Middlebury, Indiana, and graduated from the University of Notre Dame.

LeRoy's strong Hoosier values were deeply rooted and remained true for his entire life. He built a successful career, starting with his own architectural firm, Troyer Group, and a beautiful life for his wife, Phyllis, and their three sons, Don, Ron, and Terry. Thanks to his steadfast leadership and entrepreneurial spirit, Troyer Group became a mainstay in the northern Indiana business community, and he made a lasting difference in all that he did.

LeRoy enjoyed tremendous success throughout his career, but his biggest accomplishments were in service to others. For the past several decades, he gave much to Habitat for Humanity, through which he formed a unique partnership with former President Jimmy Carter and his wife Rosalynn. Through the Carter Work Project, they built or repaired 4,290 homes in 14 different countries, including 23 in Mishawaka just this past August. His hard work and dedication to Habitat's mission earned him high praise from our 39th President: "He's been a true inspiration to us."

A mark of the fruition of his skill and expertise, LeRoy led the Troyer Group's design and construction of the Ark Encounter in Kentucky. This 510-foot long, 85-foot wide, and 51-foot high, full-size replica of Noah's Ark as described in the Bible is the featured attraction at the biblical theme park. The craftsmanship of this grand structure, a project of great magnitude and meaning, demonstrates LeRoy's ability to bring an architectural dream to life.

LeRoy embodied the best of the Hoosier ethos. He was diligent, industrious, innovative, and generous. And above all, he was devoted to his family and loved his country. I will be forever grateful for his valuable wisdom and foresight when it came to creative building projects and things that would continue to promote growth in our community.

By the grace of God, he was surrounded by family in his last moments. I want to thank Phyllis for all she has done to honor his legacy and comfort their children during this difficult time. Our community will always remember LeRoy for his selflessness and for the passion that drove him to make a real difference in people's lives.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF WEGMANS FOOD MARKETS IN CENTRAL NEW YORK

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2018

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Wegmans Food Markets 50th anniversary operating in the Syracuse area. Wegmans is a staple throughout Central New York communities and has a long, successful history as a regional supermarket. Since its founding, Wegmans has grown to become an exceptional local business and spans across the Mid-Atlantic area.

Wegmans Food Markets was established in 1916 in Rochester, New York. The supermarket was founded by brothers Walter and John Wegman and was originally known as the Rochester Fruit and Vegetable Company. Initially, the store only sold fresh produce but expanded to include general groceries, baked goods, meats, and dairy products over the next decade and a half. Wegmans rapidly expanded and became a supermarket innovator throughout its early years, featuring new ideas such as larger storefronts, windowed refrigerator displays, and frozen foods.

By 1968, Wegmans was quickly growing throughout New York and the chain opened its first Syracuse area location. This was the first of what is now a 14 store presence in Central New York. Throughout the late 20th century, Wegmans continued to expand its business

lines to include pharmacies, florists, and seafood departments. The company opened larger locations and hired more employees to meet the heightened demand for Wegmans products.

As Wegmans became a stronger business, the company recognized its rising commitment to the communities in which it operated. The family-founded business has always been family-owned, and they strive to support their community through their business. Wegmans has supported several corporate responsibility initiatives since the 1970's, including food bank donations, an employee scholarship program, and contributions to a variety of programs for children in its service areas.

Today, Wegmans Food Markets continues to thrive. The company operates 98 stores in six states, employs 48,000 people, and is consistently listed as an elite company by various business journals. Additionally, Wegmans remains highly active in charitable causes, leading initiatives to reduce hunger, promote healthy diets, and strengthen neighborhoods.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in celebrating Wegmans Food Markets 50th anniversary in Syracuse. Wegmans is vital to the Central New York economy, serving as one of its largest employers, providing food to the region, and giving back to local communities. The company serves as a perfect model for an ideal public-private relationship and I wish them many more years of success in Central New York.

HONORING JENNIFER HALLOWELL

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a former member of my staff, Jennifer Hollowell, for her work in my office and her service to our state.

I've known Jen for more than two decades and during that time, she has become a close friend and trusted adviser. Since our time together at the Indiana State Republican Party, Jen has proven herself to be one of our state's top political minds. There's no doubt that I wouldn't be where I am today with Jen's counsel and help every step of the way.

On a personal note, Jen is a talented leader and loyal friend. She has already impacted our state in extraordinary ways. But, I am certain that her biggest impact is yet to come.

I want to thank Jen for her friendship and dedication to our work. I wish her and her husband, Kyle, continued success in all that God has planned for their family.

RECOGNIZING JUDGE LOYD NEAL'S DEDICATION TO THE NATION AND HIS COMMUNITY

HON. MICHAEL CLOUD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2018

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the service of a truly extraordinary individual that served his community through decades of commitment to the

people, bettering it through his efforts: Nueces County Judge Loyd Neal.

Judge Neal was elected Nueces County Judge in November 2006, taking office January 2, 2007, as the first Republican elected to this office in over 140 years. In November 2010, Judge Neal was re-elected to his second term starting January 2011.

Loyd Neal was born in Henderson, Texas and graduated from Paris High School in 1955. He received his BBA in Marketing from Texas A&M University College Station in 1959 and his MBA from Texas A&M in 1973. While attending A&M, Neal served as a member of the Corps of Cadet.

Neal is married to the former Thetis Ann King and they have two children. The first is Loyd Neal III, a 1984 graduate of Texas A&M University College Station and St. Mary's University Law School who is currently practicing law in Houston, Texas. The second, daughter Ann Margaret, a 1986 graduate of Texas A&M University College Station who earned a master's degree from Southwest Texas University. She is currently teaching school in Boerne, Texas.

In 1989, Neal retired as a Colonel from the Army Reserve, after serving more than thirty years in the active Army and Army Reserve. During this time, he commanded several units in South Texas, including the U.S. Army Reserve Battalion, Corpus Christi; U.S. Army Reserve Support Group in San Marcos; with his terminal assignment as Chief of Staff, 377th Theater Army Area Command, New Orleans, Louisiana. While on active duty, Judge Neal attended both Airborne and Ranger School, graduating from both the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the U.S. Army War College. In 1992, Loyd was named a Distinguished Alumnus by Texas A&M University for his service to his City, his State, and his Country.

He served as Chairman of the South Texas Military Facilities Task Force, was appointed by Governor George W. Bush to the Texas Strategic Military Planning Commission in 1997 and was re-appointed by Governor Rick Perry to the Texas Military Preparedness Commission in 2005. Judge Neal has also served in numerous volunteer leadership positions in the Corpus Christi area including serving as the Chairman for the Corpus Christi Economic Development Corp, the Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce, the Art Museum of South Texas, South Texas Homeport Committee, the Leadership Corpus Christi Alumni, and President of the Corpus Christi Navy League, to name a few.

It is with the utmost honor and respect that I wish Judge Neal, and his family, a very joyful retirement and thank him for his service. I urge my fellow members of Congress to applaud him for his dedication to serving our communities and for his commitment to ensuring a better life for all.

IN APPRECIATION OF THE SERVICE OF SHELLIE BRESSLER

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2018

Mr. ROYCE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee staff, Shellie Bressler, who is marking 28 years of Federal Government