

RECOGNIZING LOUIS LOADER FOR THE 2018 MONTANA CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2018

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Louis Loader of Hobson, a recipient of the 2018 Montana Congressional Veteran Commendation for his service to his country and leadership in his community.

Mr. Loader served his country proudly in the United States Navy as an Operations Specialist aboard the U.S.S. *Boxer*. He was on active duty in the Korean Theater during the Korean War. He also served for 6 years in the U.S. Navy Reserve, retiring from duty in 1960.

Mr. Loader's contributions to his small community of Hobson are felt on many levels. He is appreciated by the elderly in town for voluntarily cutting their grass or meeting their needs no matter what the call.

He is appreciated by the fire and rescue personal for being a willing volunteer and responding to emergencies in the remote Sapphire Village area.

Mr. Loader is appreciated as a "model citizen" and an "integral part of this small community," says Hobson neighbor Christy Potter.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in commending Louis Loader for his dedication and service.

HONORING RYAN HOU

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Ryan Hou for his contribution to the City of Columbus and our state.

Ryan is a hard worker and has had an incredible career as a job creator in Indiana. He started LHP Engineering Solutions in 2001, which provides engineering and technology integration services for major U.S. corporations. The company has offices all over the world and employs more than 100 Hoosiers in Columbus. Ryan is also very engaged in the community and has volunteered his time and resources for countless community efforts.

On a personal note, Ryan is a loyal friend, trusted advisor and longtime supporter of my work in Congress. I will always appreciate Ryan's positive spirit and wise counsel. If you are having a tough time, you can count on Ryan to remind you of the extraordinary opportunity each day brings.

I want to thank Ryan for his friendship and loyalty to me over all these years. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for his family.

HONORING DARLENE GUTHRIE

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2018

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor retired Elkhart Police Officer Darlene Guthrie. Her acts of selflessness, sacrifice, and public service have distinguished her among her peers, and she is well-deserving of recognition.

For 20 years, Darlene served as a police officer with the Elkhart Police Department, displaying a dedication to public safety and commitment to service that have truly made northern Indiana a better place to live. Now Darlene is serving her fellow Hoosiers by joining the Indiana Reserve Guard.

Darlene has also spent countless hours rescuing animals, helping her neighbors get back on their feet, and volunteering in her community. She combined her experience in law enforcement with her passion for animals to become a nationally certified Animal Cruelty Investigator, eventually taking on the role of rewriting Elkhart County's Animal Ordinance and updating the Elkhart Police Department's animal law summary. And she served on the Elkhart County Humane Society's Board for four years and even became interim director.

She goes above and beyond in everything she does, and her drive to make a difference has not only shined light on the causes closest to her heart but has made her a local leader that organizations and institutions look to for guidance. Her distinguished leadership and love of family, community, and country are what brought her to her most recent accomplishment at the age of 52: graduating from the Indiana Guard Reserve Basic Training on December 15, 2018.

Darlene's determination to never give up no matter what life brings is an inspiration to us all and teaches a positive message of perseverance. We can all learn from someone who never shies away from a challenge and always strives to do what is right. It is a privilege to represent Hoosiers like Darlene who continue to strengthen our community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Darlene Guthrie for her honorable service to the northern Indiana community, and congratulating her on her graduation to become a member of the Indiana Guard Reserve. Darlene is a role model, a leader, and a dedicated public servant who inspires us all.

DEPARTURE OF THOMAS HUNGAR FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2018

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Thomas G. Hungar for his dedicated service to the House of Representatives and specifically to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Hungar had a storied legal career before becoming General Counsel to the House in 2016. He quickly became a trusted advisor to House Members, Officers, and staff on a

variety of legal issues, and he has vigorously defended the institutional prerogatives of the House.

Of special importance to the Committee on Ways and Means, Mr. Hungar greatly assisted our Members and staff in fulfilling the Committee's important constitutional oversight role. His expertise and guidance in connection with the Committee's investigative and oversight activities, as well as its interactions with the Executive Branch, have been invaluable.

The Committee has benefited greatly from Mr. Hungar's counsel and litigation expertise. Mr. Hungar served the House with distinction, and he will be greatly missed. On behalf of the many Members of the Committee on Ways and Means, and the Committee staff, I say thank you. We extend to him our very best wishes.

RECOGNIZING DOUGLAS MASON FOR THE 2018 MONTANA CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

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OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2018

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Douglas Mason of Corvallis, a recipient of the Montana Congressional Veteran Commendation for his service to his country and leadership in his community.

Mr. Mason joined the United States Army in 1981 and served with the Second Ranger Battalion, seeing action in Grenada in 1983. His military career included service as a Special Forces Green Beret Sergeant, and after being commissioned an officer through ROTC, he obtained the rank of Captain in the Infantry. He is a decorated veteran, and among his commendations are the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Valorous Unit Award, which recognizes extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy of the United States.

After serving his country, Mr. Mason became Post Commander of Corvallis American Legion Post 91, using his leadership skills to promote patriotism and respect for veterans and the military. He helped establish the Corvallis Veterans Monument, expanded the Memorial Day parade, and established the Veterans Day Parade. He was a driving force behind the creation of U.S. and POW flag displays along Corvallis' Main Street and each year he teaches flag etiquette to students in the community.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in commending Douglas Mason for his dedication and service.

IN RECOGNITION OF FILIPINO VETERANS AND THEIR SERVICE DURING WORLD WAR II

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2018

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Filipino veterans for their courageousness and selflessness in defense of our

nation and the Philippines during World War II. As the members of the Sacramento Filipino World War II Veterans Group and the Filipino Veterans Recognition and Education Project gather today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring our veterans for their heroism, duty, sacrifice, and service to the United States of America.

In 1941, President Roosevelt's call-to-action elicited the enlistment of more than 250,000 Filipino soldiers. Our nation's troops fought tirelessly and fearlessly in World War II, and many of the brave included Filipino soldiers who fought alongside American soldiers under the U.S. Army Forces. Throughout the duration of the war, more than 57,000 were killed in combat, thousands suffered from severe wounds, and over 78,000 were missing in action. By the end of World War II, Filipino veterans were left with our country's promise of full veterans' benefits. However, that promise was rescinded, and Filipino veterans were left without the honor deserved.

On November 30, 2016, the United States Congress passed the Filipino Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2015, restoring Filipino veterans to the status of U.S. military veteran. Subsequently, on December 14, 2016, President Barack Obama signed this Act into law. This momentous occasion delivered the overdue recognition for the selfless service of Filipino veterans during World War II.

Mr. Speaker, as the members of the Sacramento Filipino World War II Veterans Group and The Filipino Veterans Recognition and Education Project celebrate the service of the World War II veterans, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring them for their heroism in protecting our great nation.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES ROBINSON

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2018

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to James "Jim" Robinson, who passed away on Tuesday, December 4, 2018. Jim was an active and influential leader in Riverside County throughout his life and he will be deeply missed.

Jim was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he developed asthma at a young age. To help provide him some relief, Jim's family moved to California for drier air and a warmer climate. He graduated from San Bernardino High School and earned his bachelor's degree from California State Los Angeles. While in college, Jim enlisted in the Army National Guard, earning the Distinguished Cadet Honor and obtained the rank of Staff Sergeant. Jim continued his education throughout his career, obtaining his graduate degree from Southern Methodist University. Jim later completed Stanford University's Financial Management Program in 1983 and the Harvard University Graduate School of Business Executive Program in 1987.

Jim launched his career in banking as a messenger for Security First National Bank which later became Security Pacific National Bank. He entered the bank's management training program and upon graduation oversaw the operations of a series of larger bank

branches in the Inland Empire. During his career with Security Pacific National Bank, Jim would serve as a Regional Manager and a Division Manager before deciding to retire from the bank in 1992. He was then immediately hired as the President and CEO of Riverside National Bank, at which he served as an executive until again retiring in 2003. In 2005, Jim and a group of regional leaders formed Security Bank of California, a new community bank headquartered in Riverside. Jim served as the Chairman and CEO until the bank was sold in 2016 and he retired for the last time. During his career, Jim felt it was important to give back to the communities he served and sat on numerous boards in the regions he worked, including in Fresno, Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.

Jim was preceded in death by his first wife Shirley Wilkins Robinson and his daughter Kristen Robinson Olsen. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Barbara Robinson, his son Jamie Robinson, Jr., Jamie's wife Melissa and their two daughters, Grace and Gabrielle, as well as son-in-law Craig Olsen and granddaughter Mallory Olsen. I want to extend my heartfelt condolences to the entire Robinson family, his friends, and everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. Although Jim may be gone, the many contributions he made in Riverside County will have a lasting impact.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MARI HULMAN GEORGE

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2018

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of the late Mari Hulman George, a pillar of the Indianapolis and international auto racing community and Chairman Emeritus of the Board of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway (IMS). The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are forever grateful for Mari's passion for auto racing, stewardship of Indianapolis as the "Racing Capital of the World," and decades of compassionate philanthropic work to the State of Indiana and the nation.

A life-long Hoosier, Mari was born in Evansville, Indiana in 1934 to prominent business magnate Anton "Tony" Hulman, Jr. and Mary Fendrich Hulman. She attended school at St. Benedict in Terre Haute, the Ladywood School in Indianapolis, and Purdue University in West Lafayette. Throughout her lifetime Mari was deeply involved in the Hulman family businesses, serving as the chairman of Hulman & Company, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, and the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Foundation. In addition, she served as a longtime board member of First Financial Bank, a publicly traded company headquartered in Terre Haute.

Mari's deep passion for auto racing began when her father purchased the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in 1945, saving it from demolition after World War II. The track soon became the cornerstone of her life, where she spent the majority of her formative years. In 1954, she joined with Roger Wolcott to form the HOW racing team, which fielded the American Automobile Association (AAA) and the United States Auto Club (USAC) cars for sev-

eral drivers. Among these drivers were Jerry Hoyt, Eddie Sachs, Tony Bettenhausen, Roger McCluskey, as well as Elmer George, whom she married in April 1957. A pioneer and a rarity in racing, Mari became a co-owner of a team that competed at the highest levels of Midwestern auto racing in the 1950s and 1960s.

In 1988, Mari became Chairman of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway (IMS). Under her leadership, IMS continued to gain worldwide popularity with a number of innovations. In 2016, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway celebrated the 100th running of the Indianapolis 500, a race that has played a tremendously significant role in the economic development of the City of Indianapolis and the State of Indiana. IMS prospered with the Indianapolis 500 and expanded its annual schedule beyond the "Month of May" to include the Brickyard 400 in the NASCAR Cup Series, the United States Grand Prix in the FIA Formula One World Championship, and the Red Bull Indianapolis GP in the FIM MotoGP World Championship. These contributions to IMS and her charitable work in the racing community led to Mari being inducted into the IMS Auto Racing Hall of Fame in 2015.

Her passion for racing and the Speedway became a platform for many of her philanthropic efforts. At the Speedway, Mari hosted the "Save Arnold" Barbecue to benefit the Indiana Special Olympics every May for 25 years from 1981 through the mid-2000s. Drivers, racing personalities, and media partnered with Indiana Special Olympic athletes to complete various activities, raising one million dollars for the Indiana Special Olympics. Importantly, Mari created and sponsored a program, which is still in effect today, allowing thousands of Indiana schoolchildren to visit the Speedway each May to learn about the connection between education and motorsports.

Mari's passion for racing was rivaled only by her passion for the arts, education, healthcare, and animal issues. She served as a trustee of the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology and made contributions to the Indianapolis Museum of Art, Indiana State University, Purdue University, Indiana University, and Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, among other institutions.

Passionate about animal care, Mari became a leading charitable donor, especially for horses and greyhounds. Her love for animals led to the endowment and establishment of the Equine Science Program at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods in 1989, which was named the Mari Hulman George School of Equine Studies to honor her continuous support. The school also conducts the Mari Hulman George Thoroughbred Adoption program to provide proper care for horses. Mari personally raised, bred, and rode horses at the family's Circle S Ranch near Terre Haute, her family ranch in Wyoming, and at various stables in Florida. Her quarter horses and thoroughbreds competed in numerous events. As a tribute to her love and support of the sport, The Mari Hulman George Stakes was named in her honor and remains a prestigious annual race at Indiana Downs. In 2001, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security renamed its search-and-rescue training area at Camp Atterbury the Mari Hulman George Search and Rescue Training Center, recognizing Mari's contribution to the care of animals displaced due to disasters.