

which produced a variety of high quality kosher wines that to bring together friends, leaders and colleagues from all walks of life.

Isaac is happily married to Hilda, his wife of 31 years, and together they have three children. He has dedicated himself to teaching the world about the beauty of Israel and its culture. To that end, he has spent much of his time working tirelessly to build flourishing Jewish communities in Israel and the United States.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending Isaac Applbaum for his outstanding devotion, contributions and dedication to his community. We wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

REP. JOHN CULBERSON FAREWELL

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I'd like to recognize Congressman JOHN CULBERSON. For almost two decades he has been an advocate for the Texans of the seventh district.

Chairing the House Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee, JOHN has maintained or increased the budget for funding NASA. When it comes to space issues, his interest, knowledge, and enthusiasm is unmatched.

A lawyer by trade, JOHN has always fought for NASA to ensure America remains the world-leader in space exploration. His expertise and good counsel will continue to be needed even after his time in Congress comes to an end.

I thank JOHN for his public service. It has been a pleasure working on space issues with him in Congress.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION TO COMBAT SEXUAL HARASSMENT ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the National Commission to Combat Sexual Harassment Act to establish a national commission to examine and combat sexual harassment in the workplace.

I have modeled this bill on legislation Congress has passed to address other national problems considered to be serious, such as gambling. The almost daily exposure of allegations of sexual harassment, many not denied, more than qualifies sexual harassment for national attention and priority. This bill would create a national commission to focus on sexual harassment in major industries and workplaces throughout the United States.

Congress recently adopted a bill that addresses harassment in the congressional workplace. It requires Members of the House and Senate to be personally liable for settlements and awards resulting from harassment and retaliation claims, removes the mandatory counseling, mediation and "cooling off" periods

for accusers that is currently required, mandates publicly reporting awards and settlements and covers unpaid staff as well. This is a step in the right direction beginning here in the Congress. However, nothing equivalent has been done for sexual harassment that affects the American people. We have largely neglected our own constituents, despite the increasing number of troubling reports in the news of sexual harassment claims.

A national commission would assure the American people that Congress takes sexual harassment affecting them—the typical worker—seriously, beyond the high-profile examples, such as allegations against Harvey Weinstein and the Congress itself, that have garnered the headlines. Most importantly, the commission would hear from a cross section of the public—from office and factory workers to retail and food service employees—whose experiences with sexual harassment have received almost no attention. The commission could travel or invite witnesses to Washington from throughout the country to recommend changes in laws or regulations and best practices for preventing, training, investigating, responding to and penalizing sexual harassment in the private and public sectors.

Our constituents expect Congress, which represents every sector, to take on the national problem of sexual harassment, which we now know has infected every major sector of the economy, including private and public (federal, state and local) workplaces. A national commission could help reach and reduce sexual harassment, a form of gender discrimination, where the average woman and man works.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING THE 45TH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY OF DALLAS A. WALKER, JR.

HON. BRENDA JONES

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

Ms. JONES of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 45th Pastoral Anniversary of Dallas A. Walker, Jr., Minister of Detroit's Wyoming Avenue Church of Christ.

Born in Vernon, Alabama, Pastor Walker comes from a strong lineage of faith leaders. His grandfather was a pioneer minister in Northwest Alabama and his father served as a church elder at the Mayfield Church of Christ in Fayette, Alabama. His mother was a devout Christian that lived to see her two youngest sons fulfill a family legacy proclaiming the Gospel of Christ.

Pastor Walker graduated from Lamar County Training School, and went on to attend Southwestern Christian College. He later earned a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from the University of Detroit Mercy and a Master's Degree in Professional Counseling from Wayne State University in Detroit. Pastor Walker began his formal ministry at the Church of Christ in Athens, Alabama. He has also served two other Alabama congregations, the Woodland Park Church of Christ in Birmingham, Alabama and the Farris Drive Church of Christ in Huntsville, Alabama.

Pastor Walker and his wife of 54 years, Beverly MacDonald Walker (deceased), have

three kids, Pamela Spear, Jennifer Leake, and Dallas A. Walker, III.

Widely known as a "Preacher's Preacher", he is an international evangelist, that has traveled firsthand to numerous biblical sites, among them the Mountain at Nebo, Bethlehem, the Sea of Galilee, Jericho, and the Garden of Gethsemane.

Pastor Walker is a stalwart spiritual compass in the city of Detroit. He can be seen all over the district sharing the scripture and hosting revivals. His dedication to the community was honored with secondary street naming of Wyoming and Chippewa Avenues. He also sits on the board of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Celebrated Seniors.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in applauding Pastor Dallas A. Walker, Jr. for his 45 years of service in ministry at the Wyoming Avenue Church of Christ.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. LUZ GONZALEZ TORRES—EIGHTY-THREE (83) YEARS OLD AND STILL WORKING AS A LETTER CARRIER

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, age is relative, and many people look at it in very different ways. Many people look forward to being old enough to work, and of course, many of us look at it in terms of opportunity to retire. Work is indeed a virtue and it is indeed a dignified way of contributing to the well-being of society.

Today we highlight and honor Mrs. Torres for her longevity, her dedication to service and her inspiration to human kind. Mrs. Luz Gonzalez Torres was born in Trujillo, Peru on January 2, 1935, which marked her almost 84 years old. She came to the U.S. in 1963 and married Victor Torres in 1966. She and her husband have six (6) children, three (3) boys and three (3) girls and five (5) grandchildren. She widowed in 2007. Prior to becoming a letter carrier, Mrs. Torres worked for Walgreens, Illinois Bell, Western Electric and a travel agency. In 1985, Mrs. Torres was hired by the postal service and worked until 1989. She took a break and came back in 1992 as a PTS. Luz became a regular in 1994, and has had her current route since 2010. She had two knee surgeries and a broken left hand, yet she is still an active carrier.

What a woman. What mail carriers do for all of us.

HONORING STANISLAUS COUNTY SHERIFF ADAM CHRISTIANSON

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Stanislaus County Sheriff Adam Christianson, who is retiring after nearly three decades of public service, including 12 years serving as Stanislaus County Sheriff.

In 1988, Sheriff Christianson began his storied law enforcement career by joining the

Ceres Police Department. He was sworn into the Sheriff's Office in January of 1996, where he has served ever since. As Deputy Sheriff he filled an impressive variety of roles as Patrol, K9 Handler and Supervisor, Bailiff, Field Training Officer and Detective. As Sergeant he was assigned to Patrol and supervised the High Tech Crimes Unit. As Lieutenant he worked in Homeland Security, Internal Affairs, and was the Northwest Area Commander.

Sheriff Christianson has been a mainstay of the community throughout his time in office. Public Safety facilities have been expanded with more jail beds, a medical and mental health care unit, and a day reporting center, while the significant Public Safety Restoration Plan was completed with the support and funding of the Board of Supervisors. Sheriff Christianson capped off his tenure in office with the completion of the Coroner's Facility and the Re-Entry and Enhanced Alternatives to Custody Training (REACT) Center.

Sheriff Christianson began a stellar academic career by earning a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Management. He later graduated from the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Course, the POST Executive Development Course and West Point Leadership in Police Organizations. He also received an Executive Certificate from the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training.

Sheriff Christianson is married to the love of his life, Yvonne. Together they have two children, Nicole and Kyle. He is looking forward to spending more time with his family after retirement.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending the outstanding contributions made to public safety and Stanislaus County by Sheriff Adam Christianson and hereby wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

REP. TED POE FAREWELL

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I'd like to recognize the first Republican to represent the second district of Texas, TED POE.

Before coming to Washington, TED was a felony court judge in Harris County where he was one of the youngest judges in the state. Known for his practical sentencing, his reputation for telling it like it is accompanied him to Congress.

TED has always put his country first. From his time as a prosecutor to a Congressman protecting our borders and combating human trafficking, he has always prioritized American's safety.

I thank TED for his 14 years of public service. His patriotism will be missed and as he often says, "that's just the way it is."

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF BILL NEWSOM

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I include the following obituary from the San Francisco Chronicle honoring Bill Newsom:

Justice William A. ("Bill") Newsom, paterfamilias of a pioneering San Francisco family and a revered figure to his children, grandchildren and expansive clan, ardent defender of the environment, longtime San Francisco civic leader and retired Justice of the California Court of Appeal, died on December 12 from complications of old age.

Bill was a brilliant man of letters and linguistic genius who could bend the English language to his will like few others. Avuncular and sweet-natured, possessed of a wry and irreverent wit, fluent in French and Italian, a master of allusion and superb with impressions and accents, he was unexcelled as a raconteur and bard. He was devoted to an astounding variety of literary and intellectual pursuits, peripatetic in his extensive travels, and indefatigable in his commitments to civic and charitable endeavors, particularly to conservation and environmental causes. A noted bibliophile and oenophile, he frequently combined those loves with a third, his great love of music, particularly opera. Bill liked his poets Irish, but his food Italian. He possessed an encyclopedic knowledge of natural history and natural science and loved adventuring in the out of doors with family and friends locally in California, on the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon, in Alaska, Africa and beyond. He was an irrepressible patron of lost causes who almost invariably took up on behalf of the underdog and the "little guy." His empathy and compassion were perpetually on display; it would be foolhardy to try to catalogue his countless initiatives on behalf of the unfortunate, the downtrodden and the wronged, much less his constant individual acts of kindness. It is perhaps best simply to observe that never did someone come to him for help and leave without it.

A wonderful father to his own children and "Papapapap" to his six grandchildren, Bill was also a superb builder and cultivator of family. Be it in Squaw Valley (a central gathering-place for the extended Newsom clan since the 1960 Winter Olympics), at the Monte Vista Inn or his treasured mountain retreat in Dutch Flat, or on any of innumerable family trips, he was never happier than when surrounded by family in conviviality, holding court with a fire roaring, recounting adventures and tales, offering unforgettable impersonations, describing the San Francisco of his (and his father's) youth, quoting Chesterton and Belloc, Yeats and Heaney. Bill adored children and they in turn were drawn to him as to the Pied Piper. He related to them in the most authentic and endearing way, not speaking at them but with them, neither at his level nor theirs, but in some kind of magical blarney in between that riveted them, made them laugh, and yet taught them something at every turn. They left his company—usually holding an armful of books, and some money—knowing he was their ally, including especially in whatever mischief they might be planning with his consent, or perhaps even his connivance. (Bill loved to tweak the establishment, even if that meant the parents of his co-conspirators!).

A fourth-generation San Franciscan, Bill was born into a large Irish Catholic brood in

Depression-era San Francisco on February 15, 1934 and raised on Jefferson St. at Baker, in the shadow of the Palace of Fine Arts. He was the second and last surviving of six children (Carole A. Onorato, Belinda B. ("Barbara") Newsom, Brennan J. Newsom, Sharon C. Mohun, Patrick J. Newsom) born to William A. Newsom, Jr. and Christine Newsom. Bill's parents were Mission District Irish. His father, William A. Newsom, Jr., (b. 1902) was a developer and civic leader who survived the 1906 earthquake and was closely associated with the late Gov. Edmund G. ("Pat") Brown. Bill's paternal grandfather, also William A. Newsom, born in San Francisco in 1865, was a contractor and early city father who later became an associate of A.P. Giannini and opened the first branch office of the Bank of America at 29th and Mission Streets in San Francisco. His maternal grandfather (b. 1872) was a longshoreman on the San Francisco waterfront who had made his way from Ireland to San Francisco in the 1880s.

Bill was privileged to have a superb education, first under the tutelage of the good Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange and the French Marists (most of sturdy Breton stock) at Ecole Notre Dame des Victoires, then under the Jesuits at St. Ignatius High School, from which he was graduated in 1951. It was at SI that Bill first encountered many of his boon companions, including Lloyd Fabbri, Lou Felder, Gordon Getty, Paul Getty, Jim Halligan, Chris Malarkey, John Mallen and many more. Bill received his undergraduate degree in French Literature from the University of San Francisco in 1955; a Masters in English Literature from Stanford in 1961; and his law degree from Stanford in 1960.

Bill married the former Tessa Menzies in 1966. They were blessed with the birth of a son, Gavin, in 1967 and a daughter, Hilary, in 1968. While Bill and Tessa were divorced in 1973, they maintained a close, familial relationship for the rest of their lives.

In his professional life, Bill was a Commissioner of the San Francisco Superior Court following law school before entering private practice as an attorney, first with the Lillick firm in San Francisco (1963-1965), then as an associate of the celebrated San Francisco trial attorney, James Martin Macinnis (1965-1966), and finally opening his own private law practice in Tahoe City, CA (1967-1975). He also served as an attorney for Getty Oil Italiana (based in Rome) in the late 1960s. Bill was appointed by Gov. Jerry Brown first to the Placer County Superior Court in 1975, and subsequently to the California Court of Appeals (First Appellate District) in March 1978. He retired from the Court of Appeal in 1995.

Throughout his adult life, Bill served as a legal and business advisor to his great childhood friends, Gordon P. Getty and J. Paul ("Paul") Getty, Jr., and later to many other members of the Getty family. Among other formal roles, he served as Trustee of the Ronald Family Getty Trust from 1988 to 2011; as Trust Administrator for the Gordon Getty Family Trust from 1994 to 2009; and as a Director and President of the Ann and Gordon Getty Foundation from 2011 until his passing. However, his most valuable service was in his informal capacity as a trusted confidant and, first and foremost, a friend. Bill played an important role in the negotiations for the release of Paul Getty's son, J. Paul Getty III, following his kidnapping in 1973.

At one time he considered a career in politics, but Bill lost his first race for the State Senate in 1968. (When asked why he lost, his answer was usually: "Because I ran against the unbeatable Milton Marks.") Despite a later movement to draft him as a mayoral candidate in the early 1980s, Bill had come to see himself in roles outside politics.