

IN RECOGNITION OF KEVIN SHAUGHNESSY, RECIPIENT OF THE ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS' PAUL "HOOK" O'MALLEY MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 26, 2018

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kevin Shaughnessy, who will be honored as Man of the Year by the Ancient Order Hibernians Division 4, the Paul "Hook" O'Malley chapter, on Thursday, March 1. Kevin is a charter member of the AOH chapter named in memory of the late boxing trainer known for his charitable nature. The Man of the Year award is given to an individual who has worked to enrich the well-being of the community in the spirit of "Hook" O'Malley.

Kevin is the son of Jack and Rose Shaughnessy. He is a graduate of West Scranton High School, class of 1988. Kevin currently serves as the Lackawanna County Director of Building and Grounds. In addition to his government position, he has served two three-year terms as an executive board member of the IBEW Local 81 and is a past delegate to the Scranton Central Labor Union. Along with his leadership roles in organized labor, Kevin is a member of the John Mitchell Man of the Year Committee.

It is an honor to recognize Kevin as he receives the Man of the Year award from The Ancient Order of Hibernians. I am grateful for his efforts on behalf of the citizens of Lackawanna County and his colleagues within the labor community. I wish Kevin all the best as he continues to serve his neighbors with the generosity of "Hook" O'Malley.

HIS BOOK OF LOVE, IN MEMORY OF THE REVEREND BILLY GRAHAM

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 26, 2018

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of a great American Hero, who touched and blessed so many lives. As an Ambassador of the Gospel he spread the word of our Lord and his Book of Love lifting people up. The Evangelist, The Reverend Billy Graham. I include in the RECORD this poem penned in his honor by Albert Carey Caswell.

HIS BOOK OF LOVE

(By Albert Carey Caswell)

His book of love
A gift from above
As was this
To so uplift
As God's kiss
To touch all hearts
As he did his part
To help us walk with God
With no facade
Was Billy thou art
To lighten our burdens
To help open the curtain
Which, separates us for certain
To feel the presence of Jesus Christ, for all those hurting

To give us hope and strength
Reminding us of the power of faith,
all in our short time with him spent
Armed with his gift from God ever forth he went
For the Reverend Billy Graham was such a man
Grabbing hearts,
as he took our hand
A messenger from God in his life span
With his Special Gift
Which was all this
To so uplift
His book of love
From above
A humble man from the South
A holy spirit who espoused
The word of God,
in his voice to all would shout
With him we felt the presence of Jesus Christ,
inside and out
To Save us bringing us to tears no doubt
No matter the denomination
Or the color of one's skin,
he fought against discrimination
And hatred's abomination my friend
As he walked with Dr. King
As the Angels up in Heaven they'd sing
We are all God's children in his equation
He did not just talk the talk
But, throughout his life he walked the walk
For in the sonnets of our lives
What have our moments comprised?
All in our time realized
And what have we left behind?
Who have we Saved or helped in our time?
Did we take or did we give?
Because, it's all about how we've lived
In our short lives
To turn the good from bad,
as Billy had
To spread the word
All in our actions and our deeds
Which all else supersedes
To give this world what she so needs
In that battle as old as time
Of GOOD versus EVIL which comes to mind
For in our darkest hours,
it's only our faith upon us which showers
To strength and courage and hope to find the power
To move forth all in that hour
While, The Reverend Graham's faith above
all so towered
And yet he was such a humble man all
throughout his hours
So, strengthened by his beliefs,
as onward this Christian Soldier battled to achieve
A lifetime to Save souls and bring relief
To walk with Jesus Christ, he'd speak
With his shot heard around the world,
to touch almost every woman and man, boy
and girl
As twelve Presidents counted on him so
With his council of love, hope, faith, and
peace to help them grow
As a Soldier in the Army of our Lord,
the path he strode
He was put on this earth to help us know
The greatest blessings are found in our
Lord's plans we sow
For almost 100 years on earth he walked here
Because, God knew we needed him far more
down here
For his was an open tent into everyone who
went
As we could fill the oceans up with the tears
he brought us to
A great Crusader who with such passion
God's word pursued
Answering his calling,
as you could almost hear the Lord saying, I
love you
As Billy asked us to take that walk of faith
so true

So, one day with our Lord we could live in
Heaven's hue
In Billy's presence,
with God we were always knew
The Holy Spirit
So, all in him imbued
As we could feel it coming through
Whether, on a TV screen or listening to a
radio,
we felt the presence of the Holy Spirit so
true
Giving us strength
Giving us hope
Giving us the faith to somehow cope
As with each new word Billy spoke
The Bible, the word of the Lord he invoked
And with it in hand and upon a pulpit he
would stand
As you could feel the fire and brimstone,
but even more the Lord reaching out his
hand
Telling us you're not alone
Touching every woman, child, and man
Showing us God's plan
Of resurrection and forgiveness and hope
As the love of Christ invoked
As thoughts to our Lord and Heaven awoke
To take that walk down the aisle,
as in that moment we began to smile
To be Saved,
all in his reassuring southern style
As his voice and presence conveyed,
such warmth and hope each day
So simple, so strong,
giving hope to all hearts who so longed
As he was an ambassador of the Lord,
so mighty and so strong
And yet so kind like a love song
In sermons out to hearts on Sunday's poured
The word of God to all restore
As all across the land in cars to work and
churches more
On radios in hearts he forged
Words of gold to souls as the tears began to
pour
I know, because I was one of those for sure
With his book of love the Angels him must
have him so adored
And tears of love flowing from our Lord
And Billy look at your beautiful family,
surely the sum of what love can be
Making our Lord up in Heaven happy even
more
All throughout the world Billy wherever you
spoke
In heart,
the love of Jesus Christ you awoke
We will miss you my son,
and all that you have done
On earth in that war which must be won
But, your voice and words and memory lives
on
Rise
Rise, now my son
Up to Heaven's gate as you have come
With our Lord's arms around you,
his chosen one
With tears in eyes perhaps these words he's
begun
"Billy, you never let me down my blessed
son"
A new Angel in Kingdom Come
To serve in The Army of our Lord this one
To watch over us day and night America's
son
As happily a family reunites up in Heaven's
Sun
And now we lay your body down to rest
We pray our Lord your soul to bless
As you Billy were one of our very best
Who touched so many lives and blessed
Lifting them up with the gift of love to help
them crest
And let us remember,
this man and his embers,
he left behind to warm us in his time in His
Book of Love,
as we go out in our life's quests

Amen.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR.
WILLIAM P. BLACK, SR.

HON. GARRET GRAVES

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 26, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. William Black, lovingly known to Louisianians as Buckskin Bill. He passed away on January 10, 2018, in the comfort of his home and surrounded by family. Mr. Black had an incredible life. He married Elma, his college sweetheart, and was the proud father of three children who survive his memory. Mr. Black was a patriot who honorably served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, and he was a performer at heart. He traveled the country emceeing and performing to audiences of troops in order to boost morale. Mr. Black was probably best known for hosting Storyland and the Buckskin Bill Show, shows enjoyed in every household and loved by children across South Louisiana—including me. As a kid, I woke up early every Monday morning for Buckskin Bill's Monday Morning March. I remember thinking I was getting pretty good at it, too. His shows ran for 35 years, and Mr. Black was twice awarded "Best Children's Show in the United States" by the National Association of Broadcasters. Outside of his television accomplishments, his life was marked by a dedication to improving the lives of those around him, from assisting in the foundation of the Baton Rouge Zoo, to promoting the Louisiana School for the Deaf. Mr. Black was truly a man dedicated to his community and endearing children to civic engagement. I am proud to have enjoyed his shows growing up, and I know he will be marching on among the angels in heaven. Buckskin Bill will be fondly remembered by myself, his family, and all the lives he touched through his performances.

RECOGNIZING COACH LELAND
ETZLER

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 26, 2018

Mr. BANKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 78th birthday of coach Leland Etzler of Monroeville, Indiana. From 1965 to 2004, Leland coached the Woodlan Warriors' Junior/Senior High School football, basketball, and track teams. He finished his football career with an overall record of 287–117–4.

Among his many distinguished achievements at Woodlan, Coach Etzler was named Conference Coach of the Year from 1971 to 1973 and in 1996. Additionally, he was named IFCA Coach of the Year in 1996, and the Ball State Alumni Coach of the Year in 1981. He also orchestrated three perfect seasons in 1965, 1968, 1970, and was a State Runner-up in 1981.

In recognition of his accomplishments, Coach Etzler received the National Football Foundation's Distinguished American Award in

2005, and he was inducted into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame in 2001.

I would like to wish a happy birthday to Coach Etzler.

IN RECOGNITION OF JEFF SEARS,
MAN OF THE YEAR FOR THE AN-
CIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS,
DIVISION 2 OF LACKAWANNA
COUNTY

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jeff Sears, who was named Man of the Year by the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division 2 of Lackawanna County, "Monsignor Farrell Chapter." Jeff accepted the award during the chapter's annual banquet on Saturday, February 24. He is the current Vice President of the Monsignor Farrell Chapter and serves the branch as acting president for the late William Pryle.

Jeff is a graduate of Saint Rose High School in Carbondale, class of 1971. After graduation, Jeff went straight to work for RCA/Thomson Consumer Electronics, where he remained for 30 years. He went on to work for Auto Parts International after RCA/Thomson. He currently resides in Moosic, Pennsylvania with his wife, Mary Kay. They have been married for 46 years and have three children—Cathy, Kelly, and Jeff—and two grandchildren, Julian and Ella. Jeff enjoys golfing in his free time and is an avid New York Yankees fan and a Cincinnati Bengals fan.

Jeff has been a very active member of the community. In the Boy Scouts of America, he was an Assistant Scout Leader for Troop 8 and Cub Pack 307. While Jeff was with the Scouts, he attained the Wood Badge, the highest award given to adults. He is a past president of the Mitchell Hose Company in Carbondale. Jeff has served as the Carbondale Pioneer Days Parade Chairman for five years. He is also a life-long member of St. Rose Parrish Church and serves his community of faith as a Eucharistic minister.

It is an honor to recognize Jeff as he accepts the Man of the Year Award. I congratulate him for being honored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and I wish him all the best as he continues to serve Lackawanna County.

HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF CHEYNEY UNIVER-
SITY'S 1978 NCAA DIVISION II
BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. DWIGHT EVANS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 26, 2018

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the momentous 40th anniversary of Cheyney University's 1978 NCAA Division II Basketball Championship win.

Founded in 1837, Cheyney University has been a true treasure in our Commonwealth for over 180 years. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is the proud home of the first Histori-

cally Black College (HBCU) in our nation; it is also the only HBCU in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE).

On March 18th, 2018 Cheyney University will celebrate the 40th anniversary of its notable NCAA Division II Basketball Championship win. The team made history in 1978 when they defeated the University of Wisconsin Green Bay's team with a score of 47–40 in Springfield, Missouri bringing home the University's first national championship victory.

Just as our victorious Super Bowl Champions, the Philadelphia Eagles, defied all the odds to prove that underdogs can and will be victorious so too did the No. 4 ranked Cheyney State College Wolves who defeated the No. 1 ranked Wisconsin Green Bay team in the 1978 NCAA Division II Basketball Championship game.

We extend congratulations to the entire 1978 Cheyney Wolves Team which included: John Butts, Duane Coleman, All-American Milt Colston, Tournament MVP Andrew Fields, Kenny Hinson, Jeffrey Hutcherson, Roger Leysath, Gerald Mills, Charles Murphy, Gilbert Saunders, Arthur Stone, and John Walter; under the leadership of Naismith Hall of Fame Coach John Chaney.

The 2nd Congressional District of Pennsylvania is proud to celebrate and recognize Cheyney University on the 40th anniversary of their historic 1978 NCAA Division II championship win.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 26, 2018

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Mr. Speaker, during Roll Call Vote No. 66 on H.R. 4771, the Small Bank Holding Company Relief Act of 2018, I mistakenly recorded my vote as YEA when I intended to vote NAY.

TRIBUTE TO MR. WILLIAM TATE
ON HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. MO BROOKS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 26, 2018

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. William Tate of Meridianville, Alabama on the occasion of his 90th birthday, and join Mr. Tate's family and friends in congratulating him on this momentous milestone. I sincerely wish Mr. Tate continued good health and contentment.

As so many in our community know, Mr. Tate has led an extraordinary life full of accomplishment and service to others. Through his lifetime, he has shown exemplary dedication to his family, church, and farming community—all of which are undeniably stronger and more prosperous because of him. Mr. Tate transformed his small family farm into a thriving agritourism business visited by more than 60,000 every year, and all four of his sons have chosen careers in farming—a point of pride for Mr. Tate.

Mr. Speaker, parenthetically, my own children and grandchildren have all enjoyed family and school field trips to Tate Farms.