

Hudson in June 2005, he was hired as the Technical Assistant for Department of Admissions and Recruitment for the Valley. In 2006, while working full-time and attending graduate criminal justice program at Valley, he survived a heart attack and had to drop out of school and stop working for a while. February of 2008, he became a Career Specialist with Arbor Education and Training. Robert taught a job readiness program called C.E.O. to young adults under the age of 20. In 2010, he joined Thompson-Clemons Post 200 of the American Legion in Greenwood, Mississippi. He was appointed as Public Relations and has served in that capacity since joining the organization. He is responsible for reflecting the Post to the public through media. My office and Mr. Beasley conduct a Veterans Town Hall meeting annually. The Directors of the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center and Regional Office are invited to attend this meeting, which allow Veterans to speak directly with those in charge of servicing that population.

Presently, he is a candidate for a Masters of Social Work from Mississippi Valley State University. He is married to Dorothy F. Smith-Beasley. Robert has three grown children and a step-daughter. He is a Veterans Resource Coordinator for AmeriCorps, Mississippi Veterans Support Network. Robert is passionate about outstanding customer service for those who served this great country honorably. He assists Veterans with filing compensation claims and gathering evidence to support their claims. Mississippi Veterans Support Network Program works in collaboration with AmeriCorps, Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Department of Rehabilitation. Our mission is to connect veterans and/or family members of active duty military members to existing resources, dealing with military benefits, connections with the Veterans Administration on line registration, financial training, suicide prevention, and PTSD available treatment.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Robert Beasley, a Veteran, Educator, Leader and Public Servant, for his dedication to serving others and giving back to the African American community.

RECOGNIZING PATRICIA M. LOGUE,  
AN EXTRAORDINARY CIVIL  
RIGHTS LEADER

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 27, 2018*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank Judge Patricia M. Logue for her extraordinary leadership in establishing the civil rights of LGBTQ Americans and for her service to the state of Illinois.

In 1993, Pat brought the fight for LGBTQ civil rights to the heartland when she opened the Midwest Regional Office of Lambda Legal in Chicago. Over the next fourteen years, Pat built the office into a formidable force. Working with cooperating attorneys from law firms across the Midwest, Pat won groundbreaking legal victories that helped redefine equality and freedom for students, parents, and families throughout the Midwest.

Pat's deep understanding of constitutional law, ability to select and advance compelling

cases, and brilliant strategic thinking made her a leading voice of the LGBTQ civil rights movement. She has been a hero to many in the Chicagoland area and across the country, including to me. I am one of many who have relied on Pat to inform us and to inspire us.

In 1995, Pat helped win the right for gay men and lesbians to adopt children in Illinois. Four years later, Pat acted swiftly to preserve that right against a rogue circuit court whose extraordinary actions put adoptions for three small children at risk. In two separate cases involving lesbian couples, the judge disregarded social workers and court-appointed guardians who testified that the children were thriving in these couples' care and "highly recommended" the adoptions. Instead of crediting these experts, the judge appointed the Family Research Council—an organization that opposes all gay and lesbian adoptions—to represent the children's best interests. Pat immediately appealed these rulings and, minutes after hearing her argument, a unanimous three-judge panel moved to affirm the adoptions for both families. Reading from the bench, Judge Morton Zwick rebuked the lower court's rulings as "an inexcusable injustice" and a discredit to the "people of Illinois."

Pat played a similarly critical role in securing protections for students. For four years, Jamie Nabozny endured extraordinary cruelty and abuse at his Wisconsin high school. Students urinated on him, pretended to rape him, and at one point beat him so badly that he required surgery. Jamie asked for help, but school officials told him that this was what he could expect for being gay. When Jamie sued, the school argued that it was not legally obligated to protect gay students from harassment. Pat took Jamie's case on appeal and won the nation's first ruling that schools cannot turn a blind eye to anti-gay abuse in the landmark 1996 case *Nabozny v. Podlesny*. By protecting students from anti-gay harassment and abuse, Pat opened the door for the gay-straight alliances that now flourish in high schools and colleges across the nation.

Pat was one of the lead lawyers in *Lawrence v. Texas*. At the heart of the majority decision in *Lawrence* is the understanding that the Constitution's fundamental protections of liberty, equality, and freedom are guaranteed to all Americans. Affirmation of the equal dignity and respect of LGBTQ Americans set the stage for the Supreme Court's 2015 decision to recognize marriage equality in *Obergefell v. Hodges*.

When Pat opened Lambda's Midwest office twenty-five years ago, law and public policy reflected stereotypes and prejudice against the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community. Children were removed from gay and lesbian parents; LGBTQ workers were denied employment or fired from their jobs; and elected officials cited state sodomy laws to deny equal protection under the law. To win cases for clients and lasting change for the nation, Pat helped change that landscape by opening minds and hearts to the realities of LGBTQ lives. She did this time and again, changing public attitudes and legal policies and proving that we are stronger as a nation when we recognize equality and freedom for all.

In 2007, and after leading Lambda Legal's Midwest office for fourteen years, Pat was named as an Associate Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County. Pat brought the same clear-eyed sense of justice and fairness to the

bench, where she has served in the Domestic Relations Division.

Pat has enriched the lives of thousands of individuals, couples and families—those she represented directly and the many others who have benefitted from the landmark systemic changes brought about by her work—creating a lasting legacy of opportunity and hope for generations to come.

Pat's life and work are a call to action, a reminder that each of us has the power to effect significant change. For her leadership and courage, her intellect and compassion, we owe Patricia M. Logue a debt of gratitude.

IN HONOR OF JAY WARD'S RETIREMENT FROM THE PARK COUNTY LANDFILL

**HON. LIZ CHENEY**

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 27, 2018*

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to Jay Ward on his retirement.

This is a momentous occasion and I hope that he will take the time to reflect upon all his hard work over the past 23 years working for the state of Wyoming and the Park County Landfill. I thank him for his contributions to the Park County Landfill and to our community.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to Jay Ward on his retirement. I wish him the best in future endeavors.

HONORING LOIS RICHARD

**HON. JUDY CHU**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 27, 2018*

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lois Catherine Banks Richard, who passed away after a life of devotion to her family and service to her community.

Born in Pasadena, California in 1931, Lois was instilled with the spirit of activism from a young age by her parents. She graduated from Pasadena High School at the age of 16 and went on to become the only African American student on the English Council, Red Cross Council and elected to the Pasadena City College Associated Student Body Cabinet. She transferred to UCLA, where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education. After graduating in 1952, Lois married her husband, Rodney Richard, Jr., at All Saints Church in Pasadena. She and Rod soon returned to Pasadena, where Lois pursued teaching and dedicated her career to the students and families of her hometown.

Lois taught elementary school in the Pasadena Unified School District, where she was known for her positive and encouraging teaching style. In 1966, she spearheaded the development of the Pasadena Head Start Program, working to expand early education to underprivileged children and families in the community. Under her guidance, Pasadena saw the development of three new care centers, the Home Start Program, and the Head Start Enrichment Program—services that supported

education, child care, and housing for those in need.

Always looking for ways to further her own education, Lois earned a Master's Degree from Azusa Pacific University by taking night classes while working full-time and caring for her family. After completing graduate school, she went on to be elected as State President of the Association of Head Start Administrators and was appointed to the National Executive Board, where she served before retiring from Head Start after 13 years of service.

Lois was a leader in her community and an activist for social progress throughout her life. In 1979, she ran for Pasadena's City Council, but despite winning a majority of her district's votes, she lost the ensuing citywide runoff election. Seeing how this system prevented fair representation for her community, Lois sought to make a difference. She was joined by organizations like the ACLU and the NAACP in a lawsuit that changed Pasadena's civic voting rules to allow district representation, a cause that sparked similar movements across the country.

Lois made an impact in the lives of countless students, families, coworkers, and friends, and was recognized for her long career of service by the National Head Start Association and by the California State Assembly, which honored her as their 1988 Woman of the Year. On behalf of our community, it is my distinct honor to commemorate the life of Lois Catherine Banks Richard.

#### RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF EILEEN F. GOOD

**HON. JAMES B. RENACCI**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 27, 2018*

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the accomplished career of Eileen F. Good. For 52 years, Ms. Good served the people of Canton, Ohio at Aultman Hospital and the Aultman Health Foundation. We are grateful for her service and devotion to our community.

Eileen Good began her career with Aultman Hospital in 1965 as a student nurse. After graduating from the Aultman School of Nursing, she attained a Master's Degree in Nursing Administration from the University of Akron and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Ashland University. Good carried her affinity for learning with her throughout her impressive career.

While at Aultman, Good led several initiatives and programs that improved patient safety and earned the hospital national acclaim. She led the development and implementation of that Aultman Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Clinical Information Systems Patient Safety Program, and the care coordination system for MediPlan for the AultCare Health Plan. Additionally, she led the successful completion of numerous Joint Commission on Accreditation Surveys and Ohio Department of Health Clinical Program Certifications. These efforts contributed to the recognition of Aultman Hospital as a Magnet Hospital, earning distinction for excellence in nursing.

Good also made significant contributions to the hospital through executive leadership. She served as the Vice President of Recruitment

and Education, Senior Vice President of Human Resources and Education, Senior Vice President of Nursing Services, Chief Nursing Officer, CEO of Post Acute Care Services, and Senior Vice President of Clinical Advocacy for the Aultman Health Foundation.

As a life-long resident of Wayne County, Ohio, Eileen Good spent her accomplished career not only serving patients of Aultman Hospital but the greater Northeast Ohio community. Over the span of 52 outstanding years, Good proved herself as a generous servant leader who undoubtedly improved countless lives. She earned a reputation as a mentor for many nurse professionals, a superb educator and administrator, and effective advocate for patient safety. It is my honor to rise in recognition of such a deserving and accomplished professional and offer my sincerest congratulations to Eileen Good upon her retirement.

#### TRIBUTE TO BISHOP HARRY L. SEAWRIGHT

**HON. TERRI A. SEWELL**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 27, 2018*

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 133rd Elected and Consecrated Bishop in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Bishop Harry L. Seawright. After more than 30 years in ministry, Bishop Seawright is currently presiding prelate of Alabama's 9th Episcopal District for the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Bishop Seawright was born in Swansea, South Carolina as the youngest child to the late Joe Nathan and Mary L. Seawright. Born into a family of sharecroppers, Bishop Seawright says, "the work was hard and the profits were few but the family cared deeply for one another." Bishop Seawright was just five years old when his father passed away, leaving his mother to raise seven children alone. "The insurance we got after my father passed was just enough to cover my father's casket and that was it," Bishop Seawright said. "The next eight years after that was a real struggle for my family."

Equipped with only a ninth grade education, Mrs. Mary Seawright decided to relocate the family after her husband's death in hopes of providing her children with a better life. The decision would move them through six different homes over the course of the next eight years. "My mother was a praying woman," Bishop Seawright said. "She had a lot of faith and courage." His mother took on various domestic jobs in order to facilitate her children's growth. She stressed to her children that with faith, education and hard work anything was possible.

His mother's passion for education became a driving force for Bishop Seawright, who with the help of his family, enrolled at Benedict College in South Carolina. Bishop Seawright says it was during his sophomore year of college while working with a student Christian organization that he first heard his call to ministry. He began speaking at Vespa services on January 23, 1977.

After graduating from Benedict College with his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, he enrolled at the Howard University School of Divinity, where he received both his

Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees. Following graduation, Bishop Seawright began his appointment as Interim Pastor of St. Stephen AME, in St. Matthews, SC.

He served on the ministerial staffs of Reid Temple AME and Pilgrim AME, both in Washington, D.C. His pastoral appointments were: Payne Memorial AME, Jessup, MD; Hemingway Temple AME, Washington, D.C.; and Union Bethel AME, Brandywine and Temple Hills, MD. He served Union Bethel for 30 years, the longest tenure of any other pastor in the church's 130-year history.

In 1991, Bishop Seawright led Union Bethel in the construction of a \$1.6 million sanctuary. Union Bethel has over 50 innovative ministries. In 2001, Union Bethel opened a satellite church in Temple Hills, MD, and Union Bethel North (previously known as Union Bethel Intergenerational Center, Inc.—IGC) was birthed. This second church location holds Sunday worship services, Church School, weekly Bible Study and Intercessory Prayer. For nine years, Union Bethel operated FOCUS (For Our Children's Unity School) daycare and kindergarten. FOCUS students received a strong Christian and academic foundation. Union Bethel's ministries and services blessed thousands of people in the county annually. Bishop Seawright spent over 39 years in ministry, specializing in community leadership, church construction and development.

It was early during his ministerial journey that Bishop Seawright met his future wife, Sherita Moon Seawright. "She was beautiful, accepting and very smart," Bishop Seawright said. "And she always encouraged me in her way." He was just a sophomore in college when they met and the two would go on to marry in 1982, two years after they started dating. The union brought about two beautiful children, Shari Nicole and Harry Matthew. "They are my world," Bishop Seawright said. "Having them brought love to a new meaning."

In 2016, after more than 30 years with Union Bethel, Bishop Seawright prepared to take on his new appointment in Alabama's 9th Episcopal District. The opportunity relocated the Bishop and his family to Birmingham, Alabama. The move allowed Bishop Seawright to focus on encouraging other pastors and also provided an opportunity to develop a few programs including the Life Center at Daniel Payne Plaza.

Daniel Payne Plaza provides people struggling in the community with an opportunity to earn their GED and gain certifications in a multitude of vocational areas, including food preparation and construction. The goal is to transform how the 9th district serves not only the church, but the community. Bishop Seawright says because of his upbringing he understands the value of education and is determined to provide that opportunity to those he serves.

Bishop Seawright has preached for over 30 years and has faithfully served the AME church and his community. His exemplary work has earned him the respect and admiration of his fellow ministers, church members, government and community leaders. On a personal note, I want to thank Bishop Seawright for his continued support and encouragement of my home church, the Historic Brown Chapel AME Church in Selma, AL.

On behalf of the 7th Congressional District, the State of Alabama and this nation, I ask my