

Robert Franklin Ray was born in Crawford County, Georgia to the union of William McCrary Ray and Thelma Crutchfield Ray on their family-owned farm. Robert's passion for farming and agriculture began during his childhood, as he helped his family plant and harvest crops on their farm, which is now a pecan orchard.

Robert's passion for farming and agriculture motivated him to build an impressive career which began at the age of 19 when he was elected President of the Crawford County Farm Bureau. By age 22, he had served as a member of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners before going on to serve two terms on the Crawford County Board of Education. He also served as the Assistant Commissioner for Marketing for the Georgia Department of Agriculture and the Manager of the State Farmers Market in Macon, Georgia. In 1982, Robert was elected to the Georgia General Assembly, where he served 12 terms and represented Crawford County and portions of Bibb, Houston, Lamar, Monroe, Peach, and Upson counties.

During his 24 year tenure, Representative Ray served as a member on the Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, Appropriations, Industry and Rules, House Journals, and Small Business Committees as well as the Chairman of the Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee. Representative Ray made agriculture his first priority as he worked diligently to ensure that the interests of farmers were supported and protected and led the charge to give poultry farmers rights in contract negotiations. His legacy also includes spearheading legislation and funding to support education and economic development, which was instrumental in the establishment of Georgia's system of tourism routes and the creation of toll-free calling zones in the Middle Georgia area.

In addition to his political career, Robert was actively involved in the communities that he served. He presided on a variety of boards, served in a number of organizations at the local and state levels, and received numerous awards and commendations.

Robert accomplished much throughout his life, but none of this would have been possible without his enduring faith in God and the love and support of his wife, Jennifer; his children, Lisa, Robin, Bob, and Adam; and his siblings and grandchildren.

On a personal note, Representative Ray and I served in the State House together and I was blessed with his friendship, counsel, and support over the years. Representative Ray was a great representative for Middle Georgia and a stellar example of how a public servant should serve his constituents.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me, along with my wife, Vivian, and the more than 730,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District in paying tribute to former Representative Robert F. Ray for his remarkable leadership in our great State of Georgia. He shall be remembered as an outstanding statesman, a champion of education, and an advocate for hard-working farmers. We extend our deepest sympathies to his family, friends and, loved ones during this difficult time and we pray that they will be comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DELAWARE & LEHIGH NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR

### HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 5, 2018*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to remark on a notable milestone in the history of the Pennsylvania 17th Congressional District. Thirty years ago, a group of thoughtful and committed citizens took the region's case for national historic significance to Congress. The result is the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor (D&L).

Today, the D&L Corridor is a lively, vibrant place to live. Towns and cities are revitalized, and their historic districts have been preserved. Technology, culture, and innovation have replaced the industrial past, while agrarian roots are still visible in the surrounding countryside. The D&L Trail connects people to our industrial heritage, health and wellness, economic development, and nature and the environment.

The D&L's unique combination of industry and natural resources helped it fuel America's 19th Century Industrial Revolution. The discovery of anthracite, and later the manufacturing of iron ore and its historic transportation path from Wilkes-Barre to Bristol, catapulted the region into an internationally-recognized hub of production. Without a doubt, the Delaware and Lehigh Canals and the Lehigh Valley Railroad were essential in this process. It is their history that the D&L works to preserve and celebrate as a Smithsonian Affiliate through the National Canal Museum and aboard the Josiah White II mule-drawn canal boat.

With the support of the National Park Service, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the William Penn Foundation, countless volunteers, and like-minded partner organizations, the D&L is continuing its commitment to inspiring connections by revitalizing towns, restoring its beautiful landscape, celebrating and preserving its heritage, and planning its future for generations to come in Luzerne, Carbon, Lehigh, Northampton and Bucks County. The history of the D&L is still in the making.

THANKING BART DEWITT AND DOYLE SWINDELL FOR THEIR SERVICE ON THE ALVIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS

### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 5, 2018*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Bart DeWitt and Doyle Swindell for their service on the Alvin Community College Board of Regents.

Bart and Doyle worked a combined 82 years of service on the ACC Board of Regents, a school where they are both alumnae. Bart joined the board as a trustee in 1972, while serving as a math teacher in Houston and Friendswood school districts. Doyle spent

nine years as chair of the board. During his time, he helped ACC acquire the Nolan Ryan Center and pushed for the expansion of the Science/Health Science Center. These two men have been described as tireless workers with a genuine passion for their community. They have been valued members of the Alvin Community College team.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Bart DeWitt and Doyle Swindell for their long period of service on the Alvin Community College Board of Regents. I thank them for their dedication to furthering education in our Alvin community. We are grateful to have such hardworking public servants in our district. Best wishes in their next endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO RALPH (ED) KERMOADE

### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 5, 2018*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ralph (Ed) Kermoade of Council Bluffs, Iowa on his induction into the Thomas Jefferson High School Hall of Fame. Ed is a 1974 graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School in Council Bluffs.

Ed earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska Omaha and graduated from Drake University with a degree in secondary education administration. Ed has been a teacher and coach in the Council Bluffs Community School District. His career has taken him to Longfellow Junior High School and Wilson Middle School and he has taught driver's education for 41 years at 13 different high schools across the Council Bluffs metro area. Ed remains active in the Council Bluffs community volunteering with the West End Optimist Club and the Cobra Optimist Sports Club. Ed said he always tries to pass on to his students that, "it is always the right time to do the right thing and if you are early, you are never late."

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Ed Kermoade as a member of the Hall of Fame at Thomas Jefferson High School. I am proud to represent him in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me in congratulating Ed and wishing him nothing but continued success.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MRS. JUNE FOSTER SANCHEZ

### HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 5, 2018*

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Mrs. June Foster Sanchez, a retired educator, who died on May 24, 2018 at the age of 86.

Mrs. Sanchez was a retired educator who taught in the Orleans Parish Schools for 42 years, primarily at John W. Hoffman School. She was also an instructor in the Department of Education at Dillard University for seven years.

Mrs. Sanchez was the beloved widow of Mr. Andrew "Pete" Sanchez, Sr., who was the first African American Department Head for the city of New Orleans. From their marriage came twins, Andrew Jr. and Andrea.

Mrs. Sanchez graduated from Gilbert Academy Senior High School. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education from Dillard University, and she received a Master of Education degree in Early Childhood Education from Harvard University. Moreover, Mrs. Sanchez acquired (30) additional hours in advanced graduate studies from Xavier University, the University of Kansas, Loyola University and Tulane University.

Mrs. Sanchez received a Golden Diploma from Dillard University and she was a proud Life Member and Golden Sorority Member of the Alpha Beta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She was a member of the New Orleans Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction.

Mrs. Sanchez was a proud and faithful member of the Hartzell United Methodist Church. She served as Chairperson of the Administrative Board, Treasurer, and Board Member of Hartzell Day Care Center. She was President and Vice-President of Hartzell's United Methodist Women. She served as Secretary of the New Orleans-Slidell District United Methodist Women.

Mrs. Sanchez lived an extraordinary life that cannot be categorized. Her legacy will forever be a part of New Orleans and her dedication to community embodies the spirit of public service. We cannot match the sacrifices made by Mrs. Sanchez, but surely, we can try to match her sense of service. We cannot match her courage, but we can strive to match her devotion.

Mrs. Sanchez's survivors include her children Andrea (Jefferson, Sr.) and Andrew (Dr. Janice T.); Ruby Foster, mother; Ruby Sanchez, sister-in-law; Jefferson, Jr. and Ashley, grandchildren; Jemori, Journi, Jefferson, III, great grandchildren; Dr. Angelique Williams (Sterling, Jr.), niece; host of cousins; and devoted friends Delores Parker, Nathalie Latiker and Stella May.

Mr. Speaker, I celebrate the life and legacy of Mrs. June Foster Sanchez.

RECOGNIZING THE 30 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE DELAWARE AND LEHIGH NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR

**HON. LOU BARLETTA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 5, 2018*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, which is celebrating 30 years of providing exceptional educational and recreational experiences for residents and visitors of Pennsylvania.

The unique and rich history of the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, which spans Luzerne, Carbon, Lehigh, Northampton, and Bucks Counties, includes pioneering railroads, steel production, and coal mining and distribution. The corridor boasts 165 miles of mountain-lined trails, in addition to various canals, rivers and, and picturesque towns. Through the preservation of historic railways

and landscape, the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor pays tribute to this region's role as an early leader of industrial innovation and a shining example of our nation's natural resources.

Since Congress established the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor in 1988, the dedicated members of this organization have tirelessly worked to maintain and build on the progress of this landmark area, which encompasses nine Historic Landmarks, six National Recreation Trails, and two National Natural Landmarks. With the support of the National Park Service, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resource, the William Penn Foundation, countless volunteers and like-minded partner organizations, generations of Americans have and will continue to be able to connect with their heritage.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking all those organizations and individuals who have dedicated their time and effort over the last 30 years to make the Delaware and Lehigh Heritage Corridor the success it is today.

HONORING JEAN HILL & LARRY SCHULTIS

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 5, 2018*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I want to honor two former Riverdale residents who, though they no longer reside here, have left an indelible mark especially on the Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale (CSAIR) community.

One thing was clear on that fateful day six months ago when Jean Hill and Larry Schultis moved out of Riverdale after making their life here. They might be leaving Riverdale, but they were not going to leave CSAIR. Our shul had become a constant in their lives and would remain so for a long time.

Jean and Larry met in 2005 and Larry moved to Riverdale in 2006. Jean celebrated her daughters' Bnot Mitzvot at CSAIR. Jean was comforted through Jean's mother's passing by attending minyan regularly at CSAIR with Larry. Jean and Larry watched proudly as their niece became the first child born to a gay couple to be named in the synagogue.

Jean and Larry have worked quietly and humbly to make CSAIR a stronger place. Jean, a partner in a management consulting firm and Larry, an attorney, are consummate problem solvers, who dedicate their work and their donations to improving CSAIR through overcoming any obstacles that arise. Not enough space? Larry worked with the architect to help plan and envision the new Betty Baum Library. Need a few more good people? He served on search committees and helps select the synagogue's Gladstein Fellows. Need a 10th on Friday morning? Larry is there.

Jean and Larry support both the Rabbi's Fund and the Cantor's Fund in appreciation of the critical role both play in the community, recognizing the importance of providing resources and flexibility to address urgent needs. This commitment is grounded in Jean and Larry's collective experiences from London to Scranton, when their family found Jewish communities, anchored by rabbis who wel-

comed them for holidays and made important connections. Jean and Larry see in Rabbi Katz and Cantor Stevens this same spirit of warmth and welcoming, and it has helped them feel at home here.

Jean and Larry have accomplished so much in the community, and for their incredible work CSAIR has chosen to honor them at their annual Gala Celebration. I would like to congratulate them on receiving this wonderful honor, and add my congratulations for all they have done to strengthen our neighborhood.

HONORING THE 126TH AIR REFUELING WING AT SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE IN ST. CLAIR COUNTY ILLINOIS

**HON. MIKE BOST**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 5, 2018*

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the important efforts of the 126th Air Refueling Wing at Scott Air Force Base in St. Clair County, Illinois. On June 2, 2018, I celebrated the many achievements of this unit when I attended the 126th Air Refueling Wing Day, which was done by proclamation of the Governor.

The 126th Air Refueling Wing routinely succeeds in its mission of providing immediate, sustained, long-range air refueling of both nuclear and conventional aircraft for both U.S. Armed Forces and NATO Allies.

The 126th Air Refueling Wing has more than 1,000 Air National Guard and active duty United States Air Force Personnel who recently received its eighth Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for service provided from December 2014 through December 2016.

The service members of the 126th Air Refueling Wing routinely demonstrate their excellence in performance while supporting the United States Air Force operations. The significant awards and recognition the 126th Illinois Air National Guard has received sets the foundational framework for being a strong Center of Excellence for military aircraft. I am proud of their hard work and dedication to ensuring the best aircraft maintenance and repair work is done at Scott Air Force Base. Our national defense depends on having our military aircraft able to fly in a minute's notice, so the work they do every day is critical in keeping all of us safe at home.

TRIBUTE TO VIRGINIA CANTRELL

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 5, 2018*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Virginia Cantrell of Council Bluffs, Iowa on her induction into the Thomas Jefferson High School Hall of Fame. Virginia is a 1958 graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School in Council Bluffs.

Virginia was born into a family who valued education. Her mother taught school and her father served on the local school board. During Virginia's senior year in high school she