

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN CUMMINGS FROM THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I am deeply saddened by the loss of my colleague, Congressman Elijah Cummings. He was a true leader in Congress and had the respect of his colleagues. I feel honored for having the opportunity to work with him as his Co-chair of the Congressional Oral Health Caucus. As a former dentist, I appreciated Congressman Cummings for being an advocate for oral health and advancing many important issues in a bipartisan manner. He will be missed in the halls of Congress and I send my deepest condolences to his family.

On behalf of the American Dental Association, I would like to include in the RECORD the following statement which recognizes Congressman Cummings for his dedication to oral health:

The American Dental Association (ADA) would like to offer its sincerest condolences to the colleagues, family, friends and constituents of Representatives Elijah Cummings. Representative Cummings dedicated his life of service to uplifting and empowering the people he was sworn to represent in Congress.

Since 1996, Congressman Cummings has proudly represented Maryland's 7th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives, where we have discussed many of the complex challenges of health care in his state. Rep. Cummings understood the significance between oral health and general well-being for overall health.

As Co-chair of the Oral Health Caucus, Rep. Cummings was dedicated to increasing awareness of oral health care and to funding emerging dental research. Americans will forever be thankful for his support of initiatives that address oral health equity, including the Action for Dental Health Act. He was a staunch supporter and promoter of oral health as a part of overall health policy. Rep. Cummings knew that greater access to dental care needed to include education and awareness and made it a priority to help initiate Maryland's first statewide oral health literacy campaign.

Rep. Cummings often said that "Our children are the living messages that we send to a future we will never see." We admired his dedication to ensuring that our next generations have access to quality health care and education. Congress lost a true advocate for the people today. His willingness to work and fight for those who need him most is the biggest loss to our nation.

The ADA will sincerely miss the wisdom and dedication of Congressman Cummings to make real and lasting change with the continued commitment and collaboration of the oral health community. We will remain saddened yet dedicated to help make that lasting change as part of his legacy.

Sincerest condolences,

CHAD P. GEHANI, D.D.S.,
President of the American Dental Association.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I was unable to attend votes due to circumstances beyond my control.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call No. 565; "yea" on Roll Call No. 566; and "nay" on Roll Call No. 567.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ALFRED JACKSON "A.J." POWELL

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable life of Alfred Jackson "A.J." Powell.

A.J., as he was affectionately known by his family and friends, was a longtime resident of Quitman, Georgia. He graduated from Dixie High School and went on to study at the University of Georgia, earning a degree in Agriculture. Upon graduation, A.J. enlisted in the Army Air Corps, where he served our country honorably as a meteorologist and Ordinance Officer, ultimately achieving the rank of Captain.

A.J. had a broad and meaningful impact on his community in Quitman, Georgia. After returning from military service, he paired his love for agriculture with his experience in the Army to serve veterans in his community. He organized the first Veterans' Farm Training program in the county, serving as an agriculture teacher for groups of veterans, and later was promoted by the State Department of Education to Supervisor for the Veterans Agriculture Program for all the counties in South Georgia.

After leaving the Department of Education, A.J. opened Powell's Farm Supply, becoming a leading innovator in agricultural infrared photography and liquid fertilizer products. He raised beef cattle on his farm, Crooked Creek, and was actively involved in the agriculture community, assuming roles ranging from President of the Georgia Seedsmen's Association to President of the Chamber of Commerce.

Throughout his life, A.J. served his community in a variety of capacities. Among his greatest joys was serving in his church, Quitman First Baptist Church, where he was an active member, serving many roles, including as a Sunday school teacher and the Chairman of Deacons. First and foremost, A.J. was a man of integrity who was well known for his faith in Jesus and his love for others. He lived out Joshua 24: 15, ". . . as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

A.J. will be forever remembered as a man of faith, diligence, and integrity. Most importantly, he will be remembered as a loyal and faithful husband to his beloved wife, Mary; father to his three children, Beth, Jay and Lisa; grandfather, great grandfather, uncle, and friend. A.J. will be dearly missed, but his legacy will be felt for generations to come. On behalf of the people of Georgia, I hope you will join me in celebrating his wonderful life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on September 25, 2019 during roll call no. 542, On Ordering the Previous Question on the Amendment and the Resolution, H. Res. 577, Providing for consideration of H.R. 2203, the Homeland Security Improvement Act; H.R. 3525, the US Border Patrol Medical Screening Standards Act; and H. Res. 576, expressing the sense of the House with respect to the whistleblower complaint of August 12, 2019, made to the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 543, On Agreeing to the Resolution, H. Res. 577, Providing for consideration of H.R. 2203, the Homeland Security Improvement Act; H.R. 3525, the U.S. Border Patrol Medical Screening Standards Act; and H. Res. 576, expressing the sense of the House with respect to the whistleblower complaint of August 12, 2019, made to the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 544, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 1595, SAFE Banking Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 545, On Motion to Recommit with Instructions, H.R. 2203, Homeland Security Improvement Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 546, On Passage, H.R. 2203, Homeland Security Improvement Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 547, On Motion to Table, H. Res. 590, Raising a question of the privileges of the House. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 548, On Agreeing to the Resolution, H. Res. 576, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the whistleblower complaint of August 12, 2019, made to the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING MICHAEL DUNLEA AS A RECIPIENT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE TEACHING

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mr. KIM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael Dunlea of Tabernacle Elementary School in Tabernacle, New Jersey, as a recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST).

Each year, the PAEMST recognizes outstanding K-12 teachers for their contributions to the teaching and learning of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and computer science. Recipients of the award are

widely respected by their peers, displaying strong expertise in STEM education, and having made a lasting positive impact on their students. Only 108 teachers from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories receive this selective recognition each year.

I commend Mr. Dunlea for his fine work as an educator and mentor to his students, building important skills that will help them succeed in a rapidly developing world. STEM education is a building block to an increasingly complex economy that relies on a strong technological skill set. Today's students with strong STEM backgrounds will be those that discover a cure for cancer, help to bring an end to climate change, and gets an American on Mars. The important skills that Mr. Dunlea's students develop from his instruction will bring important individual achievements, and will aid our nation in the future.

I'm proud to say that we have excellent quality teachers in New Jersey like Mr. Dunlea, and I look forward to seeing his important work develop in the growth and success of his students.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
JERRY EPSTEIN

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my colleague Congresswoman LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD, to celebrate the life of Mr. Jerry Epstein, who passed away at the age of 96 on September 2, 2019 in Los Angeles, California. Jerry was an integral part of the development of Los Angeles County through his involvement in real estate, construction, and philanthropic causes.

Born on August 29, 1923 as the only child of Meyer and Tilda Epstein, Jerry was raised in the Bronx and Mount Vernon, New York. Shortly after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Jerry enlisted in the military, serving as an enlisted man and commissioned officer in the United States Army and Air Force. He flew in B-17 and B-29 bombers and served on active duty during multiple island invasions in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

After the war, Jerry enrolled at Emory University, where he met the love of his life, Pat. They were married on December 26, 1948 and celebrated more than 66 years together before she passed on July 22, 2015.

In 1949 Jerry and Pat moved to Los Angeles, where Jerry initially worked for Pat's family business. In 1952, Jerry became involved in real estate, including the development and management of multi-family rental apartments, as well as the initial creation and development of Marina del Rey, now the largest pleasure boat harbor community in the world.

Jerry took pride in his service on several local and state public bodies focused on transportation infrastructure and public building construction. He was appointed to the Los Angeles County Economy and Efficiency Commission in the 1970s and was the first chairman of the Energy Commission for the City and County of Los Angeles. Jerry also served as a chairman of the California Transportation Commission and vice chair of the California High-Speed Rail Authority.

As a trustee of Saint John's Hospital and Health Center Foundation in Santa Monica for more than 40 years, Jerry felt great pleasure working with the compassionate sisters, doctors, nurses and staff treating and healing patients. Jerry was also chair of the Development Committee that oversaw the \$500 million reconstruction of Saint John's after the 1994 Northridge earthquake.

Philanthropic causes played a big role in Jerry's life—he and Pat were honored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Boys and Girls Club of Venice, Big Brothers of America, Portals, and Saint John's Hospital; they also supported many charities, including the Lucille and Edward R. Roybal Foundation, the Jewish Federation, and Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles.

Jerry's impact on the communities he helped build from the ground up is indelible. Congresswoman ROYBAL-ALLARD and I are blessed to have known and worked with Jerry on issues of importance in Southern California. May his commitment to service inspire those of us working toward a brighter future.

HONORING WILLIAM M. MOONEY,
JR.

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mrs. LOWEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor William M. Mooney, Jr. as he prepares for his retirement from the Westchester County Association (WCA), where he currently serves as President and CEO.

First elected to head the Westchester County Association in 2004, Bill Mooney has distinguished himself as one of the premier advocates for the Lower Hudson Valley's business and banking communities. Under Bill's steadfast leadership, the WCA transformed from a network of business interests to a formidable organization focused on fostering economic growth and development in Westchester County and beyond.

Counted among Bill's numerous accomplishments are helping to launch The Blueprint for Westchester, a groundbreaking campaign that resulted in the repurposing, reactivation, and redevelopment of millions of square feet of underutilized space in Westchester County. With Bill at the helm, the WCA also managed a \$9.8 million federal workforce development grant—the largest such grant in the history of Westchester County—resulting in hundreds of jobs for Hudson Valley residents.

Beyond his prowess as a business leader, Bill has always been dedicated to giving back to the community. Bill's philanthropic efforts have directly benefitted the United Way of Westchester and Putnam Counties, the American Heart Walk, the Westchester Partnership for Economic Development, the Red Cross of Rockland County, and countless other nonprofits and educational organizations.

Bill Mooney has dedicated his career to making Westchester County a desirable place in which to live and work. Bill's achievements have left an indelible mark on the lives of so many, and his legacy will be remembered long after he leaves the WCA. Thanks to his tireless efforts, William M. Mooney, Jr.'s prediction that Westchester County's best days lie ahead seems certain to come true.

HONORING CHRISTINE CARPENTER
AS IOWA'S CANCER CHAMPION
OF THE YEAR

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor breast cancer survivors across Iowa. I want to recognize Christine Carpenter as a champion and advocate for Iowa women with breast cancer.

Christine was diagnosed with breast cancer 26 years ago—and won. She took her experience with breast cancer and turned into a mission. She is now a leading voice with the Iowa Breast Cancer Advocacy Network, a valuable member of the Iowa Beyond Pink Team, and a frequent face here on Capitol Hill.

I've had the chance to meet with Christine as she fights for research funding and advocates for legal changes that will better serve Iowans, and all women, with breast cancer. If you or a loved one in Iowa have experienced breast cancer, you've likely either met Christine or benefited from the work she's done. She helped ensure that those on Medicaid receive treatment for breast and cervical cancers—even if they didn't qualify under the standard programs. Through her persistent advocacy, Christine was able to protect Iowan women who are most in need.

Christine is the right woman to have on your side and fierce advocate for breast cancer survivors. That is why it is no surprise that Christine was awarded the Iowa Cancer Champion of the Year 2019. Christine's "Iowa-Nice" approach has ensured that all our federally elected officials from Iowa are supporting important breast cancer reform legislation.

In honor of Christine and Iowans with breast cancer, I am calling on my House colleagues to sign onto the Metastatic Breast Cancer Access to Care Act. This legislation will waive the 24-month waiting period for Medicare eligibility and the 5-month waiting period of Social Security Disability Insurance for those with metastatic breast cancer. Metastatic breast cancer is when that cancer has spread beyond the breast and into other organs. Devastatingly, it cannot be cured. It is estimated that nearly 160,000 women in the United States have this terminal form of breast cancer. As we work toward a cure, it is important we provide these women and their families with the financial peace of mind they need in this difficult time.

TRIBUTE TO MONTGOMERY
MAYOR TODD STRANGE

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mayor Todd Strange, the 56th mayor of Montgomery, Alabama, on his decade of service to his city, his state and to the people of Alabama. Mayor Strange's outstanding career has been characterized by his commitment to restoring and ensuring Montgomery's economic vitality, his unique sense of humor and, most importantly, his deep and