

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MR. WILFRED GEORGE PERKINS

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2019

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Wilfred George Perkins, a cherished family man, business owner, and faith leader. Mr. Perkins, a lifelong Colorado resident and pillar of the Pikes Peak region passed away on October 19, 2019, at the age of ninety-one.

Will was born in Montrose, Colorado. After graduating from Colorado College in 1949, he married the love of his life, Bessie Lea Hastings, in 1950. Their remarkable sixty-nine years of marriage produced children, Pamela (Ted) Walker, Tom (Cheryl) Perkins, Karen (Jeff) Sheets, and Sandra (Bentley) Tate, along with fourteen grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

Mr. Perkins was a second-generation automobile enthusiast and salesman. Will owned and operated Perkins Motors from 1958 to 1985. He also served two terms as the president of the Chrysler National Dealer Council. Will was highly regarded in the business world. He was a role model for his peers and community leaders around the state and the nation. Even competitors admired Will's humble attitude and spiritual consistency. Upon retiring, Mr. Perkins passed the family business on to his son, Tom, and later his grandson, David.

Will's public testimony to the power of the Gospel was bold, clear, and compelling. If there was one thing that Will hung his hat on, it was that he was a faithful follower of Jesus Christ. He wanted people to know about the life they could have if they would open up their hearts to the Lord. He generously supported numerous ministries, including: The Navigators, Young Life, Springs Rescue Mission, International Students, Inc., and Focus on the Family. Will and Bessie attended Village Seven Presbyterian Church for forty-seven years. Will faithfully sang in the church choir and encouraged fellow believers to become engaged in their communities, whether it be politically or spiritually.

Mr. Perkins truly made the culture of the 5th Congressional District as beautiful as our natural surroundings. The Colorado Front Range has lost a Christian statesman, but we will benefit from Will's legacy for generations to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2019

Mrs. BEATTY. Madam Speaker, I was absent from the House Chamber on October 31, 2019, due to a serious illness in my immediate family. Had I been present, I would have voted: No on Roll Call No. 605; No on Roll Call No. 606; Yes on Roll Call No. 607; No on Roll Call No. 608 and Yes on Roll Call No. 609.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF THOMAS HANIE PARIS, JR.

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COLLINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Thomas Hanie Paris, Jr.

Tom Paris, Jr. was born and raised in Gainesville, Georgia. While attending Gainesville High School, Tom was elected class president and captain of the football team where he earned All-State and All-American honors. After graduating from high school, Tom went on to play college football at the University of Georgia where he earned his bachelor's degree in business administration and was inducted into both Phi Kappa Phi and Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Societies, all while being a three-year letterman.

After graduating from college, Tom joined the family business of Paris-Dunlap Wholesale Hardware Company, serving as the company's president. Building on his success at Paris-Dunlap, Tom founded Paris Management and Investment Company and Paris Storage Company.

Tom was often recognized for his success in business, but above all else, he will be remembered for his devotion to his community. Tom worked to advance numerous organizations throughout Hall County, serving as director of the Gainesville-Hall Chamber of Commerce, president of the Gainesville Rotary Club, a founding trustee of Lakeview Academy, a trustee of both Brenau University and the Northeast Georgia Health System board, and a faithful member of Gainesville First United Methodist Church, among many other roles.

Even after his passing, Tom Paris, Jr. continued to move our community forward by raising funds in his memory to renovate the Humane Society of Northeast Georgia, which he served as a board member for over nine years. We were reminded of his legacy earlier this week as the Humane Society held its ribbon cutting ceremony for the Paris Family Surgery Suite. The remodeled surgery suite honors Tom's wish that the Humane Society of Northeast Georgia renovate the surgery suite to provide the most up-to-date care and technology for the animals of Northeast Georgia. Because of Tom and the funds for this renovation, the Humane Society's lifesaving spay and neuter work will continue for decades to come.

Tom will always be remembered as a steady leader in our community, but first and foremost, he was a devoted son, brother, husband, father and grandfather. On behalf of the people of Northeast Georgia, I hope you will join Tom's beloved family in celebrating his remarkable life.

MICHIGAN REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION

HON. ANDY LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2019

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the Michigan Rehabilitation Asso-

ciation, which celebrates 70 years of exemplary service on November 1, 2019.

What began as a professional association for rehabilitation practitioners is now among our state's leading voices working on behalf of people with disabilities. But they have not just been passionate advocates: they have given rehabilitation professionals new opportunities to grow and develop their skills, in turn allowing them to better serve the people of Michigan.

I want to thank the Michigan Rehabilitation Association for its hard work over the past 70 years. I wish them many more years of success.

IN RECOGNITION OF TRAVOIS, INC.

HON. SHARICE DAVIDS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2019

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today, along with my esteemed colleague, Rep. EMANUEL CLEAVER, of Kansas City, Missouri to recognize Travois, Inc., a Certified B Corporation headquartered in Kansas City, that has been named a "Best For The World" honoree by B Lab. Travois focuses exclusively on promoting housing and economic development for American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities. We are proud to have this socially and environmentally conscious company in the Kansas City metro region.

Since its establishment in 1995, Travois has generated \$1.4 billion in housing and economic development in American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities, helping clients build or rehabilitate more than 5,400 affordable homes. The company has brought more than \$800 million in private investor equity to more than 200 developments in Indian Country. Travois raises capital for this purpose through the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program, the New Markets Tax Credit program, and through impact investors.

Travois' work promotes public benefits, is designed to solve social and environmental issues, creates economic opportunity for individuals and communities, and focuses on underserved populations. The company also finances critical economic development projects, including infrastructure, healthcare, community centers, education facilities, and senior living centers in 22 states. Additionally, it provides employee benefits like on-site daycare and uses an extensive renewable energy system of rooftop solar panels to power its headquarters building.

Travois has been honored in two categories of Best For the World: Overall and Customers. It earned recognition as Best for the World: Overall due to its rank in the top 10 percent of all 3,000 B Corporations worldwide across all six impact areas—environment, workforce, local communities, supplies, customers, and corporate governance. It is one of only 119 U.S. companies that were recognized with this honorary designation and is the only Missouri-based company in this category.

The Best For the World recognition is administered by the global nonprofit B Lab, which certifies and supports Certified B Corporations that are dedicated to using business as a force for good. The 3,000 B Corporations

are spread across 64 countries and 150 industries, unified by the common goal of redefining success in business. These corporations, including Travois, meet the highest standards of verified social and environmental performance and are assessed by the overall positive impact of their business model.

Madam Speaker, please join Rep. CLEAVER and myself in congratulating Travois, Inc. for being awarded as a Certified B Corporation Best For The World 2019 honoree. Travois' outstanding achievement and dedication to sustainability and social justice are truly admirable, and we are privileged to have such an organization in our Kansas City region.

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HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF CONGRESSMAN JOHN CONYERS

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2019

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and service of the late Rep. John Conyers, the longest serving African American in Congress, a founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus and the former Dean of the House.

During his more than 50 years in the House of Representatives, Rep. Conyers built a reputation as a champion for civil, human and voting rights. He was relentless: Just four days after the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was killed, Rep. Conyers introduced the first bill to create a federal holiday honoring him. Fifteen years later, he finally got it over the finish line when President Reagan signed it into law in 1983.

Rep. Conyers spent his life advocating for those who often did not have a seat at the table. He helped spearhead landmark reforms including the original passage and several extensions of the Voting Rights Act, as well as passage of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 and the Hate Crimes Act of 2009. In 2002, Rep. Conyers successfully pushed for the Help America Vote Act, legislation that made sweeping improvements to voting systems and voter access.

On a personal note, Rep. Conyers also had ties to my hometown of Selma, Alabama, where he led a voter registration drive in February 1965, just one month before the Bloody Sunday Selma to Montgomery march. Rep. Conyers was in his first year in Congress, but Dr. King said his “very presence there has had an electric effect upon the voteless and beleaguered Negro citizens of this city, county, state and nation.”

Rep. Conyers never waivered in his steadfast support of his beloved Detroit and those he served. May he rest in peace.

DIRECTING CERTAIN COMMITTEES TO CONTINUE ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS INTO WHETHER SUFFICIENT GROUNDS EXIST FOR THE IMPEACHMENT OF DONALD JOHN TRUMP, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

SPEECH OF

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 31, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, to its credit, the House is demonstrating the seriousness of steps that could lead to the impeachment of a president. In my judgment, shameful breaches of conduct (and Trump has committed many), such as President Clinton’s affair with Monica Lewinsky, were not impeachable because official duties were not implicated. For impeachment, the Constitution requires “high Crimes and Misdemeanors.” An affair with an intern is disgraceful, not criminal.

The people are ahead of the Congress on impeaching this President, or at least on the inquiry we formalize, if consistent indications from polls can be counted as evidence. The House is taking the right step in ratifying the inquiry process that will lead to the necessary open hearings.

As a member of the Oversight and Reform Committee, I have been sitting in on closed hearings from witnesses whose testimony is part of the prescribed process. The prosecutor, the House, is conducting an inquiry, which is like a grand jury proceeding or a U.S. Attorney investigation to determine if there has been a violation of law. These procedures are always closed to protect the innocent parties in case the decision is made that there is not enough evidence to move forward. So far, witnesses have come forward to corroborate evidence indicating that Trump used his office as president to seek “a favor,” an investigation of his most prominent opponent in the forthcoming election, by a foreign power who had life or death dependence on the appropriated U.S. funds.

Was there an attempt made to hold security funding hostage to the president’s concern about a political rival? If this question is deemed not to be worthy of the inquiry—investigation—we authorize today, it would be difficult to ever again define any conduct that deserves an impeachment inquiry.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2019

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on October 29, 2019 during roll call no. 587, On Ordering the Previous Question, H. Res. 655, Providing for consideration of H. Res. 296, affirming the United States record on the Armenian Genocide. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.” I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 588, On Agreeing to the Resolution, H. Res. 655, Providing for consideration of H. Res. 296, affirming the United States record on the Armenian Genocide. Had I been