

Because of his ease with language, George more than any of the other soldiers, endeared himself to the people of the small farming town. Together they shared meals, church services, hopes and dreams. Then on December 16th, 1944, the Germans launched a surprise attack in the Ardennes Forest. The Battle of the Bulge was underway. By mid-afternoon on December 18th, the German attack had pushed deep into Luxembourg, and Eschweiler was nearly surrounded. The Recon Troop held the town as long as possible before pulling out. Just a mile outside of town, their convoy drove into a German ambush. Pinned down on the narrow, treelined road, death or capture were their only options. Realizing their desperate situation, George sprang to action. Showing no regard for his personal safety, George jumped into the back of a jeep, manned a 50-caliber machine gun and provided enough covering fire for the rest of the Recon Troop soldiers to make their escape. Seconds later the machine gun jammed. As George tried to clear the breach, German bullets cut him down. George's selfless and heroic actions that day allowed the rest of the Recon Troop to survive not only that ambush but the war. Madam Speaker, George Mergenthaler made the ultimate sacrifice that day so that others could live in peace. I would like to thank this body for posthumously recognizing George Mergenthaler, a true American hero.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF
MARY MARGARET "MOO" ANDERSON

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an extraordinary woman and legendary supporter of art and artists, Mary Margaret Anderson, affectionately known to all as "Moo".

Moo was born in Boston in 1926 and died on October 22, 2019, at the age of 92. She was a graduate of D'Youville College and met her husband Harry, known as Hunk, in 1948. While in college, Hunk started a food service business, Saga Corporation. After Moo and Hunk married in 1950, they moved to Ohio and then to California to expand the business.

A trip to Europe and a visit to the Louvre in the 1960's ignited Moo and Hunk's love for contemporary art. They began collecting art which reflected their beliefs in the importance of 'head and hands', or ingenuity as well as masterful craftsmanship. They wanted to see the creativity of the artist but also wanted to know that real work went into the art. Much of the family's art collection was hung in their one-story Silicon Valley home and in the Saga headquarters in Menlo Park. The collection contained important Abstract Expressionists, Color Field Painting, Post-Minimalism, California Funk Art, Bay Area Figurative Art, and Contemporary abstract painting. Many of the most significant works are now housed in the Anderson Collection at Stanford University, a collection of 121 works by 86 artists which the Andersons donated in 2014. Two important works by Jackson Pollock and Willem De Kooning were donated shortly before Moo's

death, adding to paintings by Helen Frankenthaler, Agnes Martin, Joan Mitchell, Robert Motherwell, Frank Stella, Wayne Thiebaud and many other important American artists.

In addition to the eponymous museum at Stanford, the Andersons donated works to the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, and the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, among others.

Moo loved her husband, daughter, granddaughter, philanthropy, and golf. She gave generously of her time and considerable talents in service to Sacred Heart Schools, St. Francis Center, and Stanford Hospital, and she taught children through Art in Action in Menlo Park.

On hearing of Moo's death, Stanford University President Marc Tessier-Lavigne, said "Moo Anderson will forever be remembered for her love of art, but also for her love of sharing art. She opened her home so that students could have that same experience of looking and learning about art. We are so deeply grateful that Moo and Hunk trusted Stanford to be stewards of their remarkable collection and enable people of all ages to experience it on a daily basis."

Moo was predeceased by her husband Hunk, and leaves her daughter Mary Patricia "Putter" Anderson Pence and her beloved granddaughter, Devin Pence. She will be deeply missed by them and by all who had the good fortune to know her. Her legacy will live on through the magnificent art she and Hunk have so generously shared with Stanford and all of us.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the extraordinary life of an extraordinary woman and expressing our condolences to her daughter, granddaughter and the thousands who loved her and mourn her passing.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on October 30, 2019 during roll call no. 593, On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 2181, Gosar of Arizona Part E Amendment No. 2. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 594, On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 2181, Gosar of Arizona Part E Amendment No. 3. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 595, On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 2181, Arrington of Texas Part E Amendment No. 4. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 596, On Motion to Recommit with Instructions, H.R. 2181, Chaco Cultural Heritage Area Protection Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 597, On Passage, H.R. 2181, Chaco Cultural Heritage Area Protection Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 598, On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 1373, Gosar of Arizona Part C Amendment No. 1.

Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 599, On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 1373, Gosar of Arizona Part C Amendment No. 2. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 600, On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 1373, Gosar of Arizona Part C Amendment No. 3. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 601, On Motion to Recommit with Instructions, H.R. 1373, Grand Canyon Centennial Protection Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 602, On Passage, H.R. 1373, Grand Canyon Centennial Protection Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

TRIBUTE TO VETERANS OF THE
ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED
STATES

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to all the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States and risked their lives to defend our freedoms and way of life and took and lived the oath to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic" and bore true faith and allegiance to the same, an obligation they took freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion."

Veterans are truly heroes walking among us.

I want to thank all of our armed servicemen and women for their selfless dedication to our protection every day.

Veterans Day is a reminder to all of us who live in freedom that as President Kennedy said, "The price of freedom is high, but Americans have always paid it."

This Veterans Day is a welcome opportunity to remember that the fallen who gave the last full measure of devotion to their country on battlefields around the world—in places whose names may be unforgettable—or locations that have slipped into the pages of history.

We will never forget:

Revolutionary War: Valley Forge; York Town.

Civil War: The Battle of Antietam; The Battle of Gettysburg.

World War I: The Battle of Argonne; Flanders Field; Verdun.

World War II: Pearl Harbor; Battle of Bataan; The Battle of Midway; D-Day; Battle of the Bulge; Battle of Anzio; Battle of Corregidor.

Korean War: Inchon; Heart Break Ridge; Pork Chop Hill.

Vietnam: Tet Offensive; Battle of Hue.

Desert Storm: September 11, 2001; Pentagon Attack (125 killed).

Operation Enduring Freedom: Battle of Kandahar.

Operation Iraqi Freedom: Second Battle of Fallujah.

The memory of the fallen are never forgotten.

Madam Speaker, each Veterans Day, Americans come together to remember those who

have served our country around the world in the name of freedom and democracy.

The debt that we owe to them is immeasurable.

Their sacrifices, and those of their families, are freedom's foundation.

Without the brave efforts of all the soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines and Coast Guardsmen and women and their families, our country would not live so freely.

I offer my deepest gratitude to our nation's troops and reservists, their families, and the 21.6 million veterans, including 29,126 here in the 18th Congressional District.

21.6 million brave men and women are veterans of our nation's military service.

This includes more than 2 million women, 2.7 million African American men and women, 1.5 million Hispanic men and women, 342,000 Asian American Pacific Islanders, and 178,000 American Indians.

Nine in ten military families believe the public does not understand or appreciate their sacrifices.

We use Veterans Day to show our veterans and military families how important they are to us and how grateful we are for them each and everyday.

November is National Caregivers Month to show our caregivers how grateful we are for them.

It is only fitting that we thank those caregivers who serve our military today.

5.5 million spouses, parents, children, and other loved ones care for our wounded warriors and 15 percent of caregivers spend 40+ hours a week providing care for our military families.

As a senior member of the House Committees on Judiciary and Homeland Security, I care deeply about our veterans.

I Congress, I have sponsored many legislative proposals and co-sponsored more than 50 pieces of legislation that will positively benefit our veterans and their families."

On the battlefield, the military pledges to leave no soldier behind.

As a nation, let it be our pledge that when they return home, we leave no veteran behind.

This day and every day let us honor their service with actions that fulfill our commitment to our troops, their families, and our veterans—and that are worthy of our grateful nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NAMING
OF THE DON H. BARDEN SEC-
ONDARY STREET

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Don H. Barden and celebrate his legacy through the naming of the Don H. Barden Secondary Street. Don Barden was an influential leader in Detroit and his contributions to our community are worthy of commendation.

Don Barden was a trailblazer in politics, business, and philanthropy. In the 1960s, Mr. Barden served as the first black city councilman in Lorain, Ohio, where he learned about the intersection of business and politics. Admired by many in Congress, Mr. Barden also

developed life-long friendship with countless mayors, state representatives, and city council members, among a variety of other political leaders nationwide.

Don Barden was also an astute businessman who successfully developed, owned, and operated several businesses in multiple industries. Mr. Barden was renowned for his work in real estate, broadcasting, international trade, and casinos, and received widespread acclaim for his efforts. In the 1980s, Mr. Barden became a leader in Michigan's cable industry, establishing and operating cable systems throughout Metro Detroit. Under Mr. Barden's guidance and expertise, Barden Cablevision was designated as one of the nation's largest urban cable systems. Later, Mr. Barden became the first black owner of a Las Vegas casino after his purchase of Fitzgeralds in 2001. In addition to a host of other positions, Mr. Barden also served as President and CEO of Barden Companies, Inc.

Throughout his professional endeavors, Mr. Barden was devoted to community involvement and volunteerism. He embedded a mission within his businesses to make a difference in the communities where they operated and conducted business and encouraged others to follow in stride. Mr. Barden was also committed to personal philanthropy, supporting countless organizations, people, and entities throughout the Metro Detroit region. Mr. Barden will always be remembered for his generous and thoughtful heart.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the legacy of Don H. Barden. Mr. Barden was a pillar of Detroit, and the naming of the secondary street in honor of Mr. Barden is a touching tribute to his life's work. Mr. Barden was cherished by so many within our community, and I am glad the street will bear his name for generations to come.

HONORING THE USS "INDIANAPOLIS," THE UNITED STATES NAVY'S NEWEST LITTORAL COMBAT SHIP

HON. PETER J. VISCOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. VISCOSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the U.S. Navy's newest addition to its fleet, the Freedom-class Littoral Combat Ship, USS *Indianapolis*.

On October 26, before a crowd of thousands, the USS *Indianapolis* (LCS-17) was commissioned in Burns Harbor, Indiana, on the shore of Lake Michigan. I thank the Navy, particularly former Secretary Ray Mabus, for having the foresight to name a ship being constructed on the Great Lakes after Indiana's capital city and the decision by the current Secretary of the Navy, Richard Spencer, to host the commissioning ceremony in Burns Harbor.

LCS-17 was constructed in Marinette, Wisconsin, utilizing steel produced by hard-working steelworkers in Northwest Indiana. She will soon transit to her new homeport, Naval Station Mayport in Jacksonville, Florida, where she will begin her service to our country. As the fourth USS *Indianapolis* in U.S. naval history, this ship will carry on the proud legacy of representing Indiana's capital city around the globe.

Today, it is also fitting to honor the prior ships that bore the name USS *Indianapolis*. The first (ID 3865) was a cargo ship that served at the end of World War I. The second (CA 35) was the heavy cruiser that was lost while completing a mission that would directly contribute to the end of World War II. Of the 1,195 crewmen aboard, only 316 survived. It was an honor to have four of those survivors—Fire Controlman Third Class Robert Witzig, Aviation Machinist Mate Third Class James Jarvis, Seaman Richard Thelen, and Sergeant Edgar Harrell—present at the commissioning ceremony. The third (SSN 697) was a *Los Angeles*-class fast attack submarine that was a valuable Cold War asset from 1980 through 1998.

I am grateful for the Commanding Officer, CDR Colin Kane, as well as the entire crew of the USS *Indianapolis*. I am also thankful for the unsung heroes—the families and loved ones—whose sacrifices and support ashore allow the crew to stand the watch that the U.S. Navy has stood for 244 years.

Additionally, I'd like to recognize the efforts of so many in Northwest Indiana who have been supportive of the work of the USS *Indianapolis* Commissioning Committee. Thanks in part to these efforts, I know the USS *Indianapolis* will serve our community and country with pride. The crew will have many days of deployment ahead of them. I know that they have the unwavering support of the nearly 6.7 million residents of Indiana.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing the following women and men of the USS *Indianapolis* fair winds and following seas:

Blue Crew: CDR Colin Kane, CDR Joseph Mitzen, CMDCS Iris Velez, LCDR Erik Gardner, LCDR Kyle Gleghorn, LT Julian Turner, LT Andrew McLean, LT Christopher Huizinga, LTJG Eric Wilkerson, LTJG Monique Jefferson, LTJG Kevin Holdren, FCCS Marlon Glass, MNCS Ryan Cook, QMC David Dantone, LSC Karim Bullock, ENC Mark Nicholas, OSC David Simmons, ITC Kamesha McCarthy, DCC Matthew Moreno, BMC Melvin Austin, MNC Stephen Bates, EM1 Antawan Daniel, GSM1 Brandon Portell, CS1 Cesar Torres, EN1 Christian Alston, FC1 Christian Argonia, ET1 Dale Robinson, GM1 Daniel Thomas, MN1 Ebony Channey, GM1 Eric Stabenow, CS1 George White, EN1 Jerome Jacob, ET1 John Lake, ET1 Joshua Drum, AG1 Joshua Gaskill, EN1 Justin Cheman, MN1 Justin Crabtree, MN1 Katherine Floding, IT1 Kiaya Tootle, OS1 Marcos Lucero, EM1 Michael Jeffus, EN1 Michael Roka, GSE1 Victor Doroy, MN2 Adrian Villanueva, MN2 Alejandro Garciaquiles, ET2 Ashley Newman, IT2 Bea Vang, BM2 Carlos Medina, FC2 Christopher Wong, IT2 Nathan Rodriguez, HT2 Erman Jefferson, EN2 Gregory Jones, GM2 Jordan Simmons, MN2 Joshua Pryor, OS2 Justin Vasquez, FC2 Stephen Truszcinski, MN2 Zakkary Fulton, MN3 Brandy Thorpe, MN3 Dominique Fraser-Jones, MN3 Jeremy Woods, SN Jacquard McDuffey, MNSN John Cortes, SN Michael Antolak, LSSN Rebecca Elie, MNSN Ryan Marcotte, CSSN Tyrann Bowlin, DCFR Bianca Silva.

Gold Crew: CDR Jamie Diaz, CMDCS James Halleran, MNCS Daniel Gwilt, MNC Raymond Barrett, BMC Michael Duran, ITC Delila Edwards, FCC Dennis Fairbanks, MNC Daniel O'Connell, QMC Eric Williams, IT1 Tyler Averett, EN1 Gregory Besiryan, GM1