

HONORING MS. ANITA BOURN 30
YEARS AS A CONGRESSIONAL
STAFFER

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my very own, Ms. Anita Faye Bourn, for thirty years of dedicated service as a congressional staffer. Anita's career with the U.S. House of Representatives began in 1989 when my predecessor, Gene Taylor, won the special election. Anita was hired on as a secretary, but quickly found her niche through constituent services. When I first took office in 2010, I had the opportunity to carry over staff from the previous administration. Anita was an obvious choice and to this day, has proven to be one of my most trusted staffers.

Anita was born and raised in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, with family, faith, and music at her epicenter. She would say her mother, Christine Bourn, is the heart and soul of the family. She has two sons, and a niece, to whom she is known as "Tee-Tee". Anita also claims a host of brothers and sisters in Christ through her church family at Shady Grove Baptist Church. Anita is a long-time member of the church music ministry and is deservedly considered the resident "rock star". I can attest to this as I have had the privilege of hearing her beautiful rendition of "God Bless America".

Anita's musical career officially began at the age of 12, when she started playing piano during church services. Since then, Anita has served as Director of the inspirational choir, the senior adult choir, and the men's chorus, while also directing the annual Easter and Christmas programs. One year, she depicted the Christian family in Tyler Perry's *Madea* style, which was undoubtedly an audience favorite. More recently, Anita was nominated as the Choir Director of the Year at the Gulf Coast Gospel Music Awards. Whether she is serving my constituents, or ministering to her community, Anita pours her heart into each of her endeavors.

In a few words, Anita is faith-filled, compassionate, vibrant, and a true expert in her field. I could not ask for a better representative among my staff. To close, I would like to share one of Anita's favorite bible verses, Romans 8:28: "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to his purpose". Madam Speaker, I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Ms. Anita Bourn for thirty exceptional years.

IN HONOR OF SUSAN MANHEIMER,
RETIRING POLICE CHIEF OF SAN
MATEO

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, local law enforcement often establishes a link with children through use of a costumed character known as "McGruff the Crime Dog." Universally trusted, McGruff makes police and their awesome

duties accessible. However, in the City of San Mateo, McGruff is outmatched in popularity by Police Chief Susan Manheimer. Once you know Chief Manheimer, it's easy to see why many in a room give her a hug and ignore the dog.

She is a Chief who is tough but kind, patient with the just but impatient with the dishonorable, quick to draw a line in the sand when public safety necessitates it but equally quick to reach out to troubled youths or adults when the security of the community and human dignity require it. Many parents with troubled teens have come to know Susan under difficult circumstances. Most would tell you her influence was akin to a heavenly blessing wrapped in a dark blue uniform with a badge.

Chief Manheimer is now retiring. From all who know her, it is likely that one tear will be shed in joy because she earned family and recreation time and they are happy about her future. Another will be shed because the wisdom she exhibited must now be found amongst the rest of us. We wonder if we are equal to the task.

Her mantra is "community policing." The gift of her service is that she stressed both words equally. She first exhibited this talent as an officer in one of San Francisco's most challenging neighborhoods, the Tenderloin. She spearheaded a Safety Ambassador Program, a community improvement district, homeless outreach teams, and juvenile diversion and referral practices. Her résumé notes that she served with the SFPD decoy unit, as well as in violent-crime suppression and gang suppression. As her star rose within the department, it was obvious that the community trusted Susan Manheimer.

In 2000, she was welcomed as the first woman to serve as the San Mateo Police Chief. Under her leadership, and with the strong support of the outstanding men and women of the San Mateo Police Department, the community, city management, and her city council, the department received awards for the improved quality of life in San Mateo.

She built her department's practices based upon evidence about sustainable solutions that strike at the root of neighborhood safety and quality of life. Her department emphasizes building legitimacy, trust and engagement between the police and the community.

This is best exhibited by remarks of one of the past officers who managed the Police Activities League. When that officer would see a group of boisterous teens on a street corner, she could often recognize each of them and would wave. They were her team members, not a youth gang. Chief Manheimer, joined by an outstanding staff, built that close relationship with the community. In addition to youth sports, she also started homeless outreach teams and sought increased resources for the homeless. Crime was suppressed by working with neighborhood leaders. Youth crime plummeted in part because sports substituted for mischief.

Chief Manheimer's regional, state, national, and international professional accomplishments are too numerous to mention in full. These include serving on the Juvenile Justice Committee of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, serving as the first woman President of the California Police Chief's Association and the San Mateo County Chief's and Sheriff's Association, and serving on the Board of Directors of the Peninsula Conflict

Resolution Center. She holds a Bachelor's in Business Management from Saint Mary's College in Moraga and a Master's in Educational Leadership from San Diego State University.

It's been a privilege to call Susan Manheimer a friend. She can be riotously funny and is always the spark in the room of any gathering. When she shows up in uniform, her shoes are polished to Marine Corps standards. Her son, Jesse, is a Captain in the Corps. Ever competitive, Mom won't be outdone. Her daughter, Sarah, is an accomplished attorney. Susan is also the grandmother of Jackson, Lucas and Karina.

Madam Speaker, we were fortunate Police Chief Susan Manheimer has led the City of San Mateo with us. McGruff will someday come back in his uniform. Susan will walk amongst us in civilian attire. That's ok. In our childhood imaginations we adored McGruff. In the adult world, we will always love our favorite top cop. Happy retirement Police Chief Susan Manheimer.

CELEBRATING THE NAVAL SERVICE OF EDWIN EARL THOMPSON

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank a great sailor, Chief Edwin "Easy" Thompson, United States Navy (Retired), for thirty years of service as an Engineman Chief Master Diver (Frogman) in the United States Navy.

After enlisting in the Navy in 1944, Thompson served on the hospital ship USS *Haven* (AH-12) and evacuated wounded from the Marshall Islands, Guam, and other South Pacific Islands. During World War II, Mr. Thompson also served aboard a destroyer minesweeper in the Straits of Alaska. Thompson served on many ships during his career, but one of his greatest highlights was serving as a Marine Honor Guard when the Battleship *Texas* (BB-35) was turned over to the state of Texas in 1948.

From 1948 to 1952, Edwin Thompson was stationed on the Battleship *Missouri* (BB-63). On the *Missouri*, he participated in the battles of Inchon and Hungnam during the Korean War. Mr. Thompson has also pointed out that he was on the USS *Missouri* both times she ran aground.

In the 1950s, Easy joined the Underwater Demolition Team Two, Unit 22 and served alongside his friend, Michael Murphy who was killed in Vietnam during an underwater explosion. Michael Murphy's grandson, Navy SEAL Lt. Michael P. Murphy, posthumously received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his actions during SEAL Team One's Operation Red Wings in Afghanistan.

On January 17, 1966, a U.S. Air Force B-52 bomber armed with hydrogen bombs collided mid-air with a tanker while refueling over the Mediterranean Sea near Palomares, Spain. One hundred tons of flaming wreckage was spread over 15 square miles with one of the bombs tumbling into the sea. Thankfully, the three other bombs hit the ground and did not explode.

The Chief of Naval Operations created Task Force 65 consisting of 34 ships, 2,200 sailors,

130 frogmen (including Chief Edwin Thompson), and 4 miniature submarines to recover the warhead from the sea. Secretary of the Navy Paul Ignatius later described the successful recovery as “the largest and most difficult deep-sea search ever conducted by any country in the world.” Thompson’s team of frogmen recovered the warhead under 2,162 feet of water just a few feet from edge of a 5,000-foot abyss. The recovered warheads were 75 times more powerful than the Atomic Bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

Following his retirement from the Navy, Mr. Thompson continued diving and worked for Brown & Root for many years. He also served as a Reserve Deputy with the Harris County Precinct Three Constable’s Office for twenty years. Thompson has served as Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 912 Commander and is a life-member of several other community organizations, including the American Legion and Fleet Reserve Association. He is also a member of the Shiners and Freemasons.

Edwin Thompson was married to Mrs. Margaret Bell Griffin Thompson for forty-four years until her death in 1992. Together they have seven children: John, Tammy, Lorrie Anne, Mary Frances, Don Marie, Sue Ellen, and Margaret. He has 49 grandchildren, and many other great-grandchildren. The Thompson family has a long history of career military service to our country spanning several generations.

Madam Speaker, I would like to thank Chief Edwin “Easy” Thompson, as well as his family, for their selfless service to this great nation.

HONORING MARILYN GLAZER

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the compassionate and efficient service and valuable contributions of my dear personal friend, Ms. Marilyn Glazer, who is retiring from her role as Niles Township Supervisor on December 31, 2019. Marilyn has served as an effective elected official to her community for nearly 15 years, and her leadership has changed Niles Township for the better.

Marilyn Glazer was first elected as a Niles Township Trustee in 2005, and she held this position until her election as Supervisor in 2014. Marilyn worked hard to make sure that Niles Township residents had access to the best services that the township could offer.

Marilyn helped to increase resources allocated to the Niles Township food pantry and under her leadership, the food pantry has grown and moved into a new and larger space. The food pantry provides a lifeline for many township residents. Marilyn helped establish local grants available for qualifying students to attend Oakton Community College, and scholarships for day care and park district day camp. She also oversaw efforts to meaningfully improve and expand access to senior legal services, immigration services, and utility bill assistance.

My office has worked closely with Niles Township throughout Marilyn’s tenure to ensure that our shared constituents receive effective and efficient assistance. My district

staff holds regular neighborhood office hours in the township offices and works closely with the township staff to solve constituents’ problems. Marilyn maintained excellent working relationships with my staff and has always been a fierce advocate for Niles Township residents.

Marilyn will continue her long and successful career as a realtor and real estate teacher after her retirement from the township.

Marilyn Glazer’s professional work speaks for itself, and I deeply admire her dedicated effort to better the lives of residents throughout Niles Township. On behalf of the constituents of the 9th Congressional District, I thank Marilyn for her service and tireless work over the last 15 years.

CONGRATULATING JESSICA ADAMCZYK ON RECEIPT OF THE YOUNG PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise today to congratulate Jessica Adamczyk of Weatherly on receiving the Carbon County Chamber and Economic Development Corporation’s Young Professional of the Year Award.

The Young Professional of the Year Award highlights a Carbon County Young Professional highly involved in CCEDC events and community programs. Jessica graduated from Weatherly High School in 2013 and graduated Magna Cum Laude from Kutztown University in 2016. Currently a Marketing Associate at Heritage Hill Senior Community, Jessica is also incredibly engaged with the Hazelton and Carbon County Chambers, serving on the board of the Future Leaders of Carbon County Community. She also volunteers with Gap Inc. and serves as the Business Operations Manager for the Weatherly Ambulance Association. Lastly, Jessica recognizes the importance of a health community, founding the Weatherly Recreation Committee and participating in the Weatherly Summer Volleyball League. Carbon County’s future is bright with young and enthusiastic leaders like Jessica leading the way.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives and the citizens of Pennsylvania’s Ninth Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Jessica Adamczyk on this great honor and thank her for her commitment to our community.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF TOM BRADLEY AFTER NEARLY 30 YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED FEDERAL SERVICE

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished career and retirement of Tom Bradley after 24 years of service at the Congressional Budget Office. Tom has been Chief of the Medicare Cost Es-

timates Unit for 21 of those years. He also spent almost 6 years at the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission and the Department of Health and Human Services, for a total of nearly 30 years in federal service.

It is hard to overstate Tom’s role in analyzing the budgetary impacts of health legislation over the past two decades. Notable examples include the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 and the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015. In all of those interactions, Tom has been instrumental in providing insightful and objective estimates of the effects of every piece of important health care legislation that the Congress has considered, debated, and enacted since 1995.

Tom has worked tirelessly with Members of Congress and our staff on both sides of the aisle throughout the years. During many hours of discussion and explanation, he was never less than methodically forthright and fair, embodying CBO’s commitment to nonpartisan analysis. He helped us understand the key levers to move an estimate and the need to focus on making the language match the intent.

Tom also trained numerous CBO analysts to think harder, dig deeper, and consider all the possible outcomes of a bill. The high standards that he set for himself and for the Medicare Unit will continue to be a benchmark for CBO’s health analysis going forward.

Tom can look forward to a well-earned retirement with his wife, Judith, in Florida. He leaves CBO and Washington with the thanks and appreciation of the Congress.

TRIBUTE TO VERONICA DAVILA

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the life of Ms. Veronica Davila who passed away on November 13, 2019 at the age of 66. Ms. Davila hails from my hometown of San Antonio, Texas and is survived by her children, Lisa Luna, Enoch Díaz and Maricela Díaz-Wells; eight grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and four siblings. A life-long advocate and educator, her contribution to the San Antonio community is irreplaceable. She will be greatly missed.

Veronica Davila was born on December 16, 1952 to Adolfo Rodriguez, Sr. and Leonarda Vasquez Jimenez. Early on she developed a keen interest in family, community, and faith. For thirty years she worked extensively in the community and in non-profit organizations. For decades she dedicated herself to planning and the implementation of programs to end family violence.

Until her untimely passing, Ms. Davila worked with the P.E.A.C.E. Initiative, or Putting An End to Abuse through Community Efforts. She was also known to help at-risk youth and victims of domestic violence.

Madam Speaker, my heart goes out to the family and loved ones of Ms. Veronica Davila. A true hero in our community, she forged lifelong friendships and connections with the many people she helped. At times, victims of domestic and family violence go unheard. Her passion and dedication to survivors gave them a voice. Her contribution to the San Antonio community will never be forgotten.