

Though an established Yorba Linda resident for over 50 years, Henry's roots began in Atlantic City, New Jersey. He was born on February 15, 1924 as the eldest child of five to Henrik and Anna Wedaa. As a young child, Henry discovered a love for aviation and spent time watching planes make emergency landings on a golf course near his home. Though uncertain of the future, he was resolute in his belief that he would one day take to the skies. Henry's prediction proved to be correct with the news of Pearl Harbor and the subsequent declaration of war. Like many of his time, Henry became part of the nationwide movement of young individuals who lent their youth and passion to protect the freedom of their beloved country. On January 5, 1943, at the age of 18, Henry joined the infantry but was soon transferred to what he knew to be his true calling—the United States Air Force. Assigned to the 467th Bombardment Group as a bombardier and aerial gunner, Henry and his fellow men left for Rackheath, United Kingdom on his 20th birthday. Beginning April 10, 1944, the 467th Bombardment Group would complete its required 30 missions in just 78 days. Henry solemnly watched events of the European Theater unfold as he sat on the nose of a B-24 Liberator 20,000 feet up in the air. Returning to the United States after his last mission, Henry was promoted to 1st Lieutenant and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters.

After his service in WWII, Henry graduated from Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania in 1949, majoring in physics and chemistry. He then attended graduate school at the University of Arizona and was employed at the U.S. Naval Weapons Center in China Lake, California for eight years. It was during this time that Henry was met with the fortuitous opportunity to settle down in Yorba Linda, California. In 1970, three years after the incorporation of Yorba Linda, he began his second act of public service as a city councilmember. Henry would serve Yorba Linda for 29 years. During this extensive tenure, in which he served as mayor five times, Henry championed for a particular quality of life in Yorba Linda. The Yorba Linda in existence today that favors a semi-rural, low-density community owes its idyllic charm and methodical process of change to Henry's original vision. During his time on the city council, many iconic city projects were approved: the Richard Nixon Presidential Library, the SAVI Ranch Retail Center, the Yorba Linda Community Center, and over a dozen city parks. Henry represented the city council on numerous committees including the Southern California Association of Governments' Aviation Work Program Committee. Henry also acted as chairman of the governing board of South Coast Air Quality Management District and president of the Southern California Association of Governments.

Though public service was always at the forefront of his life, Henry also led a distinguished professional career that aligned with his passion for pure, unadulterated quality of life. Working in parallel as he helped shape Yorba Linda, Henry dedicated himself to specializing in transportation and environmental studies. As a founder of the California Hydrogen Business Council, Henry made a name for himself as a renowned advocate for clean air, alternative energy, and reducing emis-

sions. He urged for the development of hydrogen fuel cells in the 39th District and was awarded the Haagen-Smit Clean Air Award from California Air Resources Board for his commitment to accelerating the future of hydrogen vehicles and green sources of energy.

Henry is survived by his sons Eric and Jim, and daughters Karena and Tina. He also leaves behind an insurmountable legacy reinforced by the people whose lives were touched by his leadership and care. Madam Speaker, at this time, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in remembering Henry "Hank" Wedaa: an American patriot, a devout environmentalist, and a visionary father to the city of Yorba Linda.

TRIBUTE TO JOEY SANTOS

HON. MICHAEL F. Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 22, 2019

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in solemn remembrance of a good man from Guam—Joey Santos, whose passing came too soon on November 17, 2019, at the age of 49.

Joey was a shining star going as far back as the 1980s. He was a mentor to many and a friend to many more.

He attended the John F. Kennedy High School and played for the JFK Islanders basketball team. He proved what a valuable force he was even in his teens while playing high school basketball. Not long after graduation from JFK in 1988, he represented our island through his love of the game and decided to make an impact playing for the Guam National Basketball team. His dedication to the game showed through his determination and commitment with his countless hours on the court.

In 1991, he took on a role with the University of Guam and worked his way up the ranks to the position of Recreational Supervisor up until his resignation in 2010. After 19 years of service to the University, he decided to embark on a new path. He accepted a position with the Father Duenas Memorial School as a physical education teacher, and eventually promoted to Athletic Director. Joey also served for 20 years in the Air National Guard and retired in October 2017 as a staff sergeant.

Joey was a visionary for athletes. He wanted to help others maximize their potential and reach their goals. For a decade, he mentored high school athletes and truly led by example by demonstrating what it means to work hard—and not only on the field or on the court but in the classroom as well. He wanted our kids to succeed. He wanted to show them that anything was possible. He was much more than an Athletic Director, he was a hero to the students and he went out of his way to help others. Anyone who knew him was lucky to have a glimpse of who he was.

Joey is a man of strength and courage. He fought cancer so hard for his wife, family, students, and those who were counting on him. Joey had a heart of gold—and he not only portrayed that on the basketball court or through his duties on the job, but in his daily life.

Joey's wife, Selena Santos, said it best: "My Chamoru Rock left with his eternal wings to our Almighty Father."

Joey is survived by his wife, Selena, his children David, Tayler, and Shylah, and his five grandchildren: Tobias, Taeya, and Rocky. He is also survived by his mother Maria, and his siblings Jeanie, Joyce, and Jeffrey, and beloved friends.

I would like to convey my deepest sympathies to Joey's family, as well as extend my heartfelt thanks for his contributions to the community. Joey Santos will be missed by all who knew him.

HONORING ALEXANDER C.
MARTIN, ESQ.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 22, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mr. Alexander C. Martin, Esq. A native of Port Gibson, Mississippi, Mr. Martin earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Alcorn State University, in 1979, and a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Mississippi School of Law in 1982.

Since its establishment, in 1994, Mr. Martin has served as the District Attorney for the State of Mississippi's 22nd Circuit Court District. He is the first African American to serve as District Attorney for the state of Mississippi, since Reconstruction. Prior to his position as District Attorney, Mr. Martin served as an attorney for Southwest and Central Mississippi Legal Services. In addition, he spent six years as a prosecutor for Claiborne County as well as an adjunct professor at his alma mater, Alcorn State University.

In 2006, Mr. Martin received the Legal Award from the Claiborne County Chapter of the NAACP.

Aside from his career, Mr. Martin has been heavily involved in his community. He currently serves as a deacon at First Baptist Church in Port Gibson. For seven years, he was an assistant scout master for Troop 100 of Boy Scouts of America, Andrew Jackson Council. Since 2005, Mr. Martin has been the public address announcer for football and basketball games at Port Gibson High School. He is also a former mock trial coach for Mississippi Bar Association and Magnolia Bar Association.

Mr. Martin is a member of several professional organizations, including the Mississippi Bar Association, Magnolia Bar Association, Mississippi Prosecutors Association, National District Attorneys Association, Copiah County Bar Association and Claiborne County Bar Association. He also serves on the Mississippi Prosecutors Association Board of Directors, Mississippi Center for Legal Services Board of Directors and the Claiborne County Preservation Commission.

Mr. Martin is married to Mrs. Karen Martin and is the proud father of four children: Joecephus, Alexander C. Martin II, Jamila and Jaron Anthony and five grandchildren: Miles, Anna Rose, Alexander III, August, and Elijah.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Alexander C. Martin, Esq.

SUNRISE CENTER CELEBRATES
CHILDREN'S GRIEF AWARENESS
DAY

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 22, 2019

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, Children's Grief Awareness Day was created in 2009 to foster awareness and understanding about the impact of death on children. As we approach the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, we enter a particularly difficult time for grieving children. One in five children will experience the death of someone close to them by age 18, one in twenty children will experience the death of a parent by age 18, and approximately 1.9 million children under 18 have lost one or both of their parents.

The Sunrise Center helps children dealing with grief, by offering a place of hope and healing for children, teens, and their families who are experiencing grief and loss due to the advanced illness or death of a loved one or being placed in foster care. Their hard work supports children suffering from grief in a safe, loving, and understanding environment.

Children's Grief Awareness Day is an important way for all of us to remember those in our society who are dealing with the emotional trauma relating to the death or loss of a loved one. I applaud the Sunrise Center for all they do to support local children dealing with these tragic circumstances, and I sincerely thank their volunteers and staff for making a difference in children's lives.

COMMEMORATION OF THE 44TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN
WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GUAM

HON. MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 22, 2019

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the Korean Women's Association of Guam (KWAG) on their 44th Anniversary. I extend my sincerest congratulations to KWAG for another outstanding event celebrating efforts to strengthen various community foundations in its spirit of charity.

The Korean Women's Association of Guam was established on June 25, 1975 and has since made it their mission to encourage benevolence and unity, enriching togetherness and friendship among Korean women, and inspiring the Korean culture to remain lively throughout the island of Guam. The association received recognition both locally and internationally for their efforts in assisting the less fortunate, abused, ill, and elderly in our community.

The Korean Women's Association of Guam has persevered in giving back to our island through their fundraising endeavors; assisting in relief efforts and collaborating with other organizations for a significant cause. Their desire to help local organizations serve our community over the years is truly something to celebrate and support.

I thank the Korean Women's Association of Guam President Sunok E. Chi, for her leadership, and its members for continuously exert-

ing their mission and exemplifying the vision, values, and traditions of the organization. Again, congratulations to another flourishing year and I look forward to the Korean Women's Association of Guam's continued contributions to the community and future success.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ONE
HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVER-
SARY OF JOHN DEERE

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 22, 2019

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 150th anniversary of John Deere in Kansas City, Missouri.

In 1869, Charles Deere, Vice President and son of John Deere, established a regional office for the company, known as the Kansas City Branch House in the West Bottoms of Kansas City, Missouri. Its proximity to roads, rivers and rail systems would eventually help John Deere grow and keep pace with a rapidly growing country.

Since its founding, John Deere has helped lead the way for community and economic growth as one of the first businesses and employers in Kansas City. In 2019, the company continues to thrive and remains a positive economic influence at the local, state and national level. John Deere's presence in Kansas City is a valuable reminder of the important role agriculture has played in our country and continues to play as American farmers work to feed the world's growing population.

During its 150-year presence, John Deere has employed thousands at their local dealerships and regional offices. Today, the company is a global leader in the manufacturing, distribution and sales of agricultural, turf, construction and forestry equipment.

Agricultural output must double in order to feed a global population that is estimated to reach 9.8 billion people by the year 2050. John Deere, in collaboration with American farmers, is committed to helping feed the world's population, and, consequently, they are providing the latest equipment technology and data required to meet the ever-increasing food, fiber, and fuel needs.

John Deere continues to be a strong advocate and champion for agriculture while remaining committed core values of integrity, quality, commitment and innovation. The company has a higher purpose of serving those who are linked to the land, guiding the company and its leaders as they continue a journey that I believe leads to a future filled with great promise and opportunity for the company and the broader agriculture sector.

Madam Speaker, please join me and Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in honoring the 150th anniversary of John Deere in Kansas City, Missouri.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 22, 2019

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I regret that due to a scheduling conflict on November 21, 2019, I was unable to cast the following votes.

Should I have been present, I would have voted NO on roll call 637, AYE on roll call 638, AYE on roll call 639, AYE on roll call 640, AYE on roll call 641, and AYE on roll call 642.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DWIGHT EVANS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 22, 2019

Mr. EVANS. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained due to pressing business in my Congressional District. Had I been present on Thursday, November 21, 2019 I would have voted:

No, on Byrne Amendment, Yes, on Harder Amendment, Yes, on Wexton Amendment, Yes, on Delgado Amendment, Yes, Motion to Table and Yes, on H.R. 1309.

TRIBUTE TO READ TO GROW
FOUNDER, ROXANNE J. COADY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 22, 2019

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the many family, friends, and colleagues who have gathered to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Read to Grow, a non-profit organization in Connecticut whose mission is to improve early literacy, and to pay tribute to the organization's founder, Roxanne J. Coady, who recently stepped down as founding board chair. Roxanne's extraordinary vision has impacted thousands of families and children across Connecticut.

Roxanne's passion for books and reading led to her second career. She left her role as the first female National Tax Director at BDO Seidman, for Madison, Connecticut where she restored a downtown building, establishing RJ Julia Booksellers and she, along with an incredible group of booksellers, transformed her charming local store into a nationally recognized authority on books. She also recently opened a second location, Wesleyan RJ Julia Bookstore, in Middletown, Connecticut which not only returned a bookstore downtown, but also serves as the official bookstore for Wesleyan University.

In fact, RJ Julia's is well-known for hosting book signing events, not only with local authors but with recognized celebrities such as lifestyle and fashion icon Lauren Conrad, Today show co-anchor and Dateline NBC correspondent, Hoda Kotb, former first daughters and bestselling authors Jenna Bush Hager and Barbara Pierce Bush, and just recently