

PASSING OF LORETTA JONES

**HON. KAREN BASS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 13, 2019*

Ms. BASS. Madam Speaker, I would like to honor the life and memory of a pioneer in the field of health policy, my long-time friend, colleague and fellow organizer, Dr. Loretta Jones, who passed away on November 22.

She was a founding member of the Community Coalition for substance abuse Prevention and Treatment. In fact, she was the first staff person hired and developed the Coalition's Prevention Network. That network brought together social service providers from South LA to address substance abuse in the community.

Loretta had a towering passion for justice and a caregiver's attention to detail. She founded Healthy African American Families (HAAF) in the wake of the 1992 Los Angeles uprising to engage universities, think tanks, and community members together to seek solutions to longstanding health problems, including the scourge of pre-term births in the African American community. For this work she received two honorary doctorates and, last year, she received the UCLA Medal, the university's highest honor, for her career of working to address inequalities in health and health outcomes.

She is best known for co-developing methods that give underserved communities a greater role in planning and implementing academic research. Community-Partnered Participatory Research (CPPR) calls for transparency, accountability and equal power-sharing between academics and communities. In 2007, with UCLA professor Kenneth Wells, she published the CCPR model in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

In doing so, she demonstrated another tenet of CPPR—that community members co-author research publications alongside academics. Loretta had that rare ability to serve as a bridge between the worlds of policy and research, and the everyday lives of the people she cared about most. She mentored hundreds of physicians, nurses, public health practitioners, social scientists and community members to do the same. Those people went on to become tenured faculty members at medical schools, state officials and senior advisers in Congress and the White House.

A native of Massachusetts, she earned a BA in psychology in 1963 and Master's degree in criminal justice in 1972, both from Northeastern University in Boston. She had been community faculty member at Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science since 2010. A former foster youth herself, she fostered 20 children in addition to raising her daughter. She made a real difference in the world during her 77 years.

Loretta always insisted that "Everyone deserves the right to live, everyone deserves good health care, and we are all responsible for making it happen." I mourn her passing with all of those who loved her. I am grateful for her compassion, her dedication, and the work to which she dedicated her life: to empower families to lead truly healthy lives.

TRIBUTE TO MS. SOMHITA CHATTERJEE AND RECOGNIZING THE UNI-CAPITOL WASHINGTON INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

**HON. ANDRÉ CARSON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 13, 2019*

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Uni-Capitol Washington Internship Programme, (UCWIP). Our great nation has benefited from the cross-cultural exchange and dedication to public service that a group of remarkable Australian college students have demonstrated during their time on Capitol Hill.

The Uni-Capitol Washington Internship Programme champions the positive growth of Australian undergraduate students through leadership and development on key political issues and in crucial policy areas. For two decades, UCWIP has matched some of the most outstanding young leaders with offices in the United States Congress. I am honored, once again, to be a host this year. Though each program participant is unique, I am proud to say that the reaction to working with them is universally positive. Our interns are known for being extremely bright, and their meaningful contributions regularly exceed our expectations. This has been especially true for our UCWIP intern, Somhita Chatterjee. Somhita came to us from the University of Melbourne, as an honor student pursuing Politics, International Studies, Media and Communications. Over the past month, I have watched Somhita work as an incredible leader, making assessments that are logical and well-thought out. She is dedicated and not afraid to champion issues that are important to her. She has also taught us so much about her home country and the many values we have in common. I have absolutely no doubt that Somhita's dynamic personality and skillset will help her to be the best that she can be in all her future endeavors. Somhita's generosity in serving Hoosiers, hard work, and positive presence have all been an incredible asset to our office, and we look forward to seeing her future success.

Moreover, the program would not be where it is without a dedicated leader with a strong vision, and an unwavering spirit, making it all possible. I would like to thank Eric Federer for his continued leadership as the director and founder of the Uni-Capitol Washington Internship Programme. Under Eric's supervision, we see individual U.S.-Australia relationships are thriving, forging new friendships that are a testament to our shared prosperity. Today's political climate calls for a global vision, and I am thankful that Eric continuously works to promote the exchange of views and ideas among leaders of the future. It has been an honor to have Somhita in our office, and I thank her for her hard work and commitment to public service. I wish her the best wherever her next journey may take her.

HONORING BRIGADIER GENERAL CYNTHIA TINKHAM, FIRST FEMALE OKLAHOMA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD GENERAL OFFICER

**HON. KEVIN HERN**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 13, 2019*

Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Brigadier General Cynthia Tinkham, the first female Oklahoma Army National Guard General Officer.

This is a tremendous accomplishment, but those who know her know that this is a long overdue honor.

Brigadier General Tinkham joined the Oklahoma Army National Guard in 1989, a time when female service was severely limited. She has seen the scope of female service change drastically over her 30 years of service. For most of her time in the Oklahoma Army National Guard, she has been either the first female or the only female in her position.

But she is not one to shy away from a challenge. Brigadier General Tinkham uses her platform to encourage more women to be trailblazers in their industries and especially in the army.

I congratulate Brigadier General Tinkham on her promotion and look forward to seeing how she influences the future of the Oklahoma Army National Guard and the future of women who serve.

HONORING ARMY SPECIALIST CHAD FULLER

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 13, 2019*

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life, service and sacrifice of Army Specialist Chad Fuller.

Specialist Fuller was born April 8, 1979 in the City of Potsdam, New York. In high school, Chad was a star athlete and an avid outdoorsman. He had a love for animals and was a dedicated volunteer at the Potsdam Humane Society where he frequently walked and fed the animals in the shelter's care.

After graduating high school in 1998, Chad enlisted in the Army. On August 31, 2003, Specialist Fuller was on patrol in Afghanistan when his unit engaged Taliban guerillas near the Pakistan border. He was one of six snipers who came under fire during the early hours of "Operation Mountain Viper". Tragically, Specialist Chad Fuller died from the injuries he sustained during the attack.

On Sunday, February 17, The Potsdam Humane Society will be breaking ground on a new building that will allow them to improve and expand their mission. That building will be dedicated in honor of Army Specialist Chad Fuller. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to join the Potsdam Humane Society in honoring Specialist Chad Fuller's life of service to his community and this nation.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
LIEUTENANT BOB MCMAHAN**HON. DOUG COLLINS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 13, 2019*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Lieutenant Bob McMahan.

Born in 1933, Lieutenant McMahan was a decorated veteran of the United States Army. He served as an Army Ranger and received many awards for his outstanding service, including the Purple Heart, the Vietnam Service Medal with a Silver Star, the Army Commendation Medal, Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab, Combat Infantry Badge, Permanent Aircraft Crewman Badge, and Bronze Star Medal, among others.

Following his military service, Lieutenant McMahan returned to Georgia where he continued his career in public service. Joining the Hall County Sheriff's Department in 1973, he worked his way through the ranks from patrolman to lieutenant. In 1980, McMahan played an instrumental role in creating the first Hall County SWAT team.

His colleagues described him as a true leader and teacher, someone you could always count on. The Department would frequently approach McMahan with difficult tasks because they knew he would "tackle them with success." He will forever be remembered as a brother, mentor, motivator and father figure to countless individuals in the Sheriff's Office.

Lieutenant McMahan was a remarkable man who was beloved by many. He leaves behind a legacy of distinguished service to our country and to our community. May he rest in peace.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. FRANK D. LUCAS**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 13, 2019*

Mr. LUCAS. Madam Speaker, on Friday, February 8th, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 072; YEA on Roll Call No. 073; YEA on Roll Call No. 074; and YEA on Roll Call No. 075.

RECOGNIZING ELIZABETH  
WEIDNER OF DIETERICH, ILLINOIS**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 13, 2019*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate a young student from my district who has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service in her community. Ms. Elizabeth Weidner of Dieterich has been named one of the top honorees in Illinois by the 2019 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, an annual honor conferred on the most impressive student volunteers in each state and the District of Columbia.

Ms. Weidner is being recognized for bringing attention to the tragedy of childhood cancer through a website, social media, speeches, lobbying efforts, the recognition she has received as a top contender in several pageants, as well as being an ambassador for this cause. I had the pleasure of meeting Ms. Weidner a short while ago. I came away from our discussion very impressed with her in-depth knowledge of government programs aimed at addressing childhood cancer as well as her passion and character.

It's crucial that we encourage and support the kind of selfless contribution this young woman has made. People of all ages need to think more about how we, as individual citizens, can work together at the local level to ensure the health and vitality of our towns and neighborhoods. Volunteers like Ms. Weidner are inspiring examples to all of us, and are among our brightest hopes for a better tomorrow.

The program that brought this young role model to our attention—The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards—was created by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals in 1995 to impress upon all youth volunteers that their contributions are critically important and highly valued, and to inspire other young people to follow their example. Over the past 24 years, the program has become the nation's largest youth recognition effort based solely on community service. It has honored more than 125,000 young volunteers at the local, state and national level.

Madam Speaker, Ms. Weidner should be extremely proud to have been singled out from the thousands of dedicated volunteers who participated in this year's program. I heartily applaud Ms. Weidner for her initiative in seeking to make her community a better place to live, and for the positive impact she has had on the lives of others. Her actions show that young Americans can—and do—play important roles in our communities, and that America's community spirit continues to hold tremendous promise for the future.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BILL HUIZENGA**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 13, 2019*

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today regarding missed votes. Had I been present for roll call vote number 76, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 1065, the Social Media Use in Media Clearance Investigations Act, I would have voted "yay." Had I been present for roll call vote number 77, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 1079, the Creating Advanced Streamlined Electronic Services for Constituents Act, I would have voted "yay."

## CELEBRATING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR. CHRIS MOORE

**HON. JIM BANKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 13, 2019*

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the many accomplishments of Mr. Chris Moore. The Fort Wayne Mayor recently proclaimed February 22, 2019, as Chris Moore Day in honor of his more than thirty years of distinguished service to the community.

Since 1989, Chris Moore has worked tirelessly to help his clients reach their financial goals and lead fiscally responsible lives. Chris is regarded as someone who builds a relationship of trust with each of his clients. This is shown in Moore & Associates Mission Statement which states, "our mission is to build a long-term relationship that is the result of those things money cannot buy: trust, purpose and accomplishment; to become and remain our client's most trusted team of advisors and staff."

Chris Moore has been a strong advocate and supporter of local charities. He donates his time and resources to ensuring that some of the most vulnerable members in our communities are taken care of. He supports local charities such as Hope House, Shepherd's House, Riley Children's Hospital, and Mad Anthony. He has been a proud sponsor of the Mad Anthony's Children's Foundation since 1995, often a participant in their Pro-Am charity golf outing. He is also a long-term fan, ticket holder, and supporter of local sports including the Fort Wayne Komets, Tincaps, and Mad Ants.

I would like to thank Chris Moore for making our community a better place and congratulate him on this distinguished honor.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. ALAN  
CANTER**HON. TED LIEU**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 13, 2019*

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Madam Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the life of Mr. Alan Canter, who passed away on January 25, 2019 at the age of 82. Alan's stewardship of his family's restaurant in California's 33rd Congressional District, Canter's Deli, was crucial in making it a fixture in Los Angeles culture and a gathering place for people of all ages and degrees of fame.

Born in Los Angeles on May 2, 1936, Alan started out as a mechanic, with a love for racing cars and tinkering with new ways to drive faster. However, on the advice of his newly pregnant wife, Alan turned to the restaurant business in the 1950s, just as the deli expanded from its original Boyle Heights location, opened in 1931, to the Fairfax district.

Though he started as a pickle packer and delivery boy, Alan eventually took over his family's deli and dedicated nearly every waking minute over the next six decades to his customers, sometimes working 18-hour shifts in a day. Alan took on all of it, even the seemingly menial tasks, like cutting fruit, pickling, selecting ingredients, and tending to the kitchen equipment.