

Alan's mechanical expertise, learned from his years racing and fixing cars, kept the place running even when a machine acted up. As the family patriarch for so many years, Alan taught his children how to run the business just as his father taught him.

Canter's Deli, "the soul of Fairfax Avenue," served not only its neighbors, but also post-concert crowds, musicians, actors, and even presidents. Additionally, his selflessness and humor touched all who encountered him.

Alan is survived by his wife; son, Marc; daughter, Jacqueline; and five grandchildren. I hope that Alan's family takes comfort in knowing that his family's legacy will live on in the memories of all the customers he served and the high standards he worked so hard to establish.

HONORING FILMORE WILLIAM HART

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Mr. CUMMINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor my constituent, Filmore William Hart. Mr. Hart was born on December 20, 1928 in Wheeling, VA to Gretchen Hart Morton. Filmore graduated from Dunbar High School in Washington, D.C. and attended Morgan State University in the great city of Baltimore, MD. He remains an active member of Morgan State's Alumni Association.

Mr. Hart served his country with honor. He retired from the U.S. Army as a Master Sergeant and later from the Social Security Administration as well.

He married the late Marion Kahn White on May 17, 1953. During their forty-six-year union, they were blessed with four children—Sandra Lynn Hart-Harris, Jocelyn Kahn Hart-Lovelace, Philmore James Hart, and Gerard Roderick Hart—as well as nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The Lord smiled on Filmore again and he married Elaine Harris on June 3, 2017. The family circle has expanded with the inclusion of Elaine's four adult children—Larry Harris, Cathy Harris-Blackwell, Michael Harris, Allison Harris-Owens—and eight grandchildren.

Filmore has been an active member of Mount Ararat Baptist Church in Baltimore, MD for over sixty years and continues to serve in numerous capacities including Chairman of the Deacon Ministry, member of the Samuel B. Redd Scholarship Committee and Triple L Senior Ministry, Sunday School teacher, and van driver. His favorite scripture is Psalms 27:1, which says "The Lord is my light and my salvation whom shall I fear." His favorite song is "On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand."

He actively participates in several community sponsored programs such as scout troop master. He has been a leader of the Forest Park Baseball Little League, serving as team coach, league President, Vice President, and Treasurer. His commitment was evident as he continued to volunteer his services for years after his sons' participation in the league.

Mr. Hart served four years as President of the Troy B. Lewis Layman's League, an Auxiliary to the United Baptist Convention of Maryland, Inc., and continues to participate in this organization. He has also been Regional Co-

ordinator for the National Baptist Association's Deacon's Ministry, provides training to various church Deacon Boards in the Maryland, Virginia, Delaware and Pennsylvania area and served in several leadership roles with the Caucus of Black Aging through the Maryland State Department of Aging.

Mr. Speaker, Deacon Hart has a deep love for family. He is a devoted father and husband. Throughout his life, he has had a "heart" for helping others. He is the recipient of several awards and recognitions as a result of his military and civilian employment, church work, and community volunteerism. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring him on the occasion of his 90th Birthday.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. PATRICK THOMPSON

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Patrick (Pat) Thompson and his service to Virginia's First District.

Pat earned his Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy Studies and Master of Arts in Christian Studies from Duke University in North Carolina. Pat served as the Director of Basketball Operations for Duke Men's Basketball team and continues to remind my staff that Duke is a powerhouse for basketball. Upon graduation from Duke, Pat commissioned into the United States Army Reserves as a military intelligence officer, deploying to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Currently, Pat serves as a Captain in the United States Army Reserves.

Pat began as my Military Legislative Assistant in February 2016 and will be concluding his tenure in February 2019. During his three years serving Virginia's First District, Pat has helped me as a staff liaison to the House Armed Services Committee but specifically aiding in my role as Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee Chairman and Readiness Subcommittee Chairman. Pat provided me with guidance as Congress seeks to advance the United States Navy mission of increasing fleet size to 355 ships, promoting an increase in submarines to combat foreign enemies, improving sailor training, and increasing military readiness.

Pat exercises the Army values every day with his service before self-mentality shown through his dedication and work ethic. I would like to thank Pat for the fantastic job he's done over the past 3 years. I wish Pat the best as he continues his journey on the other side of the Capitol as National Security Advisor for Senator ROGER WICKER.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing Patrick Thompson for his dedicated service to Virginia's First District. May God bless Pat as he continues his career in public service.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA COUNCIL 143 AND THE 101ST ANNIVERSARY OF LITHUANIA INDEPENDENCE

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Knights of Lithuania Council 143 as they celebrate the 101st Anniversary of Lithuania's independence. The Knights of Lithuania is an organization of Roman Catholic men and women of Lithuanian ancestry located in Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Organized on April 27, 1913, the Knights of Lithuania was originally established as a youth organization. Its mission was to unite young Lithuanians living in the United States, preserve Lithuanian culture, and restore freedom to Lithuania, which, at the time, was divided between Russia and Germany.

In more recent times, it has become a family organization. St. Casimir, patron saint of Lithuania's youth, is honored as the organization's patron. "For God and Country," is the motto of Knights of Lithuania, and its members keep an appreciation of the Lithuanian language and culture alive, while also stressing the importance of Roman Catholic beliefs.

It is an honor to recognize the Knights of Lithuania as they celebrate 101 years of Lithuanian independence. I am grateful for their work preserving Lithuanian traditions for the citizens of the Greater Pittston. I wish their membership all the best as they continue their important mission.

CONGRATULATING THIS YEAR'S CENTER FOR NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH CHAMPIONS FOR CHANGE

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the impressive accomplishments of five Native American youth who were chosen as this year's Center for Native American Youth Champions for Change.

The Aspen Institute's Center for Native American Youth, or CNAY, will celebrate its seventh cohort of CNAY Champions for Change through a series of recognition events and leadership development trainings in Washington, D.C. this week.

Today we recognize Autumn Adams, Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, Shandiin Herrera, Navajo Nation, Madison White, Mohawk Nation at Akwesasne, Charifie Ropati, Native Village of Kongiganak, and Adam Soulor, The Mohegan Tribe, who will serve as representatives of the next generation of leaders in Indian Country for the next year. From Alaska to Connecticut, and now Washington, D.C., these impressive young leaders advocate on issues like decolonizing education standards, supporting victims of sexual assault, and improving child welfare systems.

For their dedication to their communities and as leaders to their peers, I would like to

congratulate them as they continue their honorable work.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, on February 11, 2019, I was unable to be present to cast my vote on the Social Media Use in Clearance Investigations Act (H.R. 1065) and the Creating Advanced Streamlined Electronic Services for Constituents Act (H.R. 1079). Had I been present for roll calls No. 76 and 77, I would have voted “aye” for both measures.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE OUTSTANDING SERVICE BY FEDERAL WORKERS DURING THE LONGEST GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN IN AMERICAN HISTORY

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the federal workers, both in my district and across the country, who went without pay during the government shutdown.

Across the country, about 800,000 federal employees went without pay for 35 days during the shutdown from December 22nd to January 25th. This wrongheaded situation was hard on all the affected workers, but it was particularly difficult for the 110,000 affected federal employees who earn \$50,000 or less annually. Despite not being paid, more than 420,000 employees were required to work for weeks on end. Worse still, these employees had to live with the uncertainty of not knowing when the shutdown would end, and when they would be paid again. Furloughs and delayed paychecks are not the right way to treat our hard-working employees who provide critical services to Americans across the country, and they are the wrong way to run an effective and functioning government.

Despite a misguided lapse in appropriations, many workers in my community and nationwide admirably and dutifully continued working without pay. Air traffic controllers at the O’Hare International Airport, and other American airports, worked without pay to ensure planes could take off and land safely. TSA Agents worked without pay so that Americans could travel safely, keeping our economy thriving. IRS and Treasury employees worked without pay to ensure our constituents could process their tax returns and plan for their financial security. HUD employees worked without pay so that society’s most vulnerable, our low-income and senior citizens, had safe housing. USDA employees worked without pay so that our food would be inspected, and so working families could receive food aid, preserving public health and family wellbeing. Employees at the National Park Service worked without pay to protect our sacred public spaces. National Weather Service Employees worked without pay to provide critical

weather information that we rely on daily for comfort and accessibility. Madam Speaker, these employees worked tirelessly for the good of their country, even when their government wasn’t working for them.

Unfortunately, this lack of pay required working families to turn to food banks, food pantries and other charitable organizations. These incredible civic organizations, including many faith-based organizations and places of worship, are the lifeblood of our local communities. Their life-saving services during this difficult time will not be forgotten.

Moving forward, I am committed to working with my colleagues in a bipartisan fashion to prevent future government shutdowns at all costs so that no Americans—including federal workers and citizens who rely on critical government services—will have to suffer the consequences of another government shutdown.

To quote the late civil rights icon Martin Luther King, Jr.: “The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.” In this moment of severe controversy, and in the face of extraordinary challenges, federal workers persevered for the betterment of their community. I want to recognize the vital work and sacrifice of these brave Americans. Their outstanding performance during the shutdown will always be remembered.

CHARLES WARREN POPE

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Navy Veteran, Petty Officer Third Class Charles Warren Pope of Somerdale in New Jersey’s First Congressional District.

PO3 Pope was born in Hope Mills, North Carolina on August 22, 1946. He joined the Navy in 1966 and during the Vietnam War he was stationed on the USS Saratoga, an aircraft carrier. During this time, he worked as a Yeoman to the Chaplain and earned the rank of Petty Officer Third Class.

Upon his return to the United States he was stationed in the Philadelphia Naval Yard for maintenance and repairs. In 1972, PO3 Pope made the decision to serve his community as a law enforcement officer with the Somerdale Police Department. After thirty years of protecting the lives and property of citizens, PO3 Pope retired as Chief of Police in 2002.

Afterwards, PO3 Pope continued his lifelong public service career with the New Jersey State Assembly, Sergeant at Arms. Meanwhile, for more than a decade and a half he was a substitute teacher, primarily in the special education classroom at Sterling High School.

After his service to the United States Armed Force concluded, PO3 Pope’s contributions to our country continued through his service to the community, as a volunteer with the Somerdale Fire Department, serving on the Somerdale Planning & Zoning Board and presently he serves as the President of the Somerdale Fire Department.

Petty Officer Charles Warren Pope has four daughters, Dawn, Amy, Meredith and Carrie,

and three grandsons Robert, Joshua and Elijah.

PO3 Charles Pope is an honorable American, having served our great nation in a time of war, the State of New Jersey, his community and his service to the public for over a half century merits our collective appreciation.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring Petty Officer Third Class Charles Warren Pope for his contributions and dedication to the safety of our nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, on Monday, February 11, I was unavoidably detained due to inclement weather. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 76, and YEA on Roll Call No. 77.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Mr. WENSTRUP. Madam Speaker, on February 8, 2019, I was unable to be in attendance for votes on the House floor due to the funeral of my constituent, Detective Bill Brewer of the Clermont County Sheriff’s Department, who selflessly gave his life in the line of duty on February 2, 2019.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 72; YEA on Roll Call No. 73; YEA on Roll Call No. 74; and YEA on Roll Call No. 75.

IN RECOGNITION OF PATTI MONTALBANO, UNICAN OF THE YEAR FOR UNICO NATIONAL SCRANTON CHAPTER

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Patti Montalbano, who will be named Unican of the Year by the UNICO National Scranton Chapter. She, along with her husband, Bob, will be honored on February 23, 2019 during the annual UNICO Charity Ball.

Patti Montalbano was born in Scranton to Alfonso and the late Lucy Coviello Giambrone. She graduated from St. Anthony of Padua Grade School and St. Paul’s High School. She then went on to receive her Registered Nurse diploma from Mercy Hospital School of Nursing at the University of Scranton and a Bachelor of Science from Trinity University. Patti’s hospital nursing career was spent in obstetrics, newborn nurseries, and the neonatal ICU. She then moved to community health nursing at the Pennsylvania Department of Health. She was a member of several health-related networking groups in Lackawanna and