

HONORING THE SERVICE OF DR.
DIANE DOOLEY

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 29, 2019

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of a long-time community leader, Dr. Diane Dooley.

Diane has been a leading pediatrician in Contra Costa County for forty years, making it her life's work to protect the lives and health of children. Throughout her career, Dr. Dooley has been an advocate of children's health issues such as childhood obesity, oral health, and mental health.

In addition to her medical practice, Diane was also instrumental in the founding of Healthy and Active Before 5, a collaborative in Contra Costa County that works to prevent childhood obesity and promote healthy practices and environments.

For the past twelve years, Diane served on Healthy and Active Before 5's Leadership Council, volunteering countless hours of her time. During her tenure, the collaborative provided funding and technical support to local organizations, and identified and mapped safe places for children to play in various cities across the county. She also developed a marketing campaign to raise awareness of the health risks of sugary drinks.

After years of service, Dr. Diane Dooley is now retiring from Healthy and Active Before 5. Please join me in wishing Diane good luck in her retirement, and thanking her for a life of service and dedication to the youth of our community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FRANK
WILFRED MCCOY

**HON. AUMUA AMATA COLEMAN
RADEWAGEN**

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. RADEWAGEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Frank Wilfred McCoy, a friend, a business leader in American Samoa, and a beloved family man. His family wrote the following tribute to his life and memory:

"Frank Wilfred McCoy, 71, left us after a battle with pancreatic cancer on February 5th, 2019, surrounded by family. Born on April 7th, 1947 in Utulei, American Samoa to Marie Henrietta Wulf, he is survived by his loving wife, Edith Iliganoa, children Judith Lynn McCoy, Jessica Liz Lafaele, Janice Laumata Pele, Frank Wilfred Jr., and Douglas Aloysious, siblings Grace Laumata Allen, Mary Horne, Ernest Bernard, and 19 grandchildren.

Frank attended Marist Brothers Elementary in Atu'u, American Samoa, and Long Beach Polytechnic High School in Long Beach, CA. He returned home to the islands in 1970 to work for Van Camp Seafoods where he met Edith. They were married on June 16, 1970, and set off once more for California. Frank worked several years with Thums Oil Company on oil rigs, in the oil fields, and the Catalina Islands. He also owned a lawn-mower repair shop, McCoy's Lawnmower Shop on Norwalk Boulevard in Hawaiian Gardens.

In 1977, Frank, Edith, and family moved back to American Samoa. After a stint with Southwest Marine Railways and a few years as a commercial fisherman, Frank started up Harbor Refuse & Environmental Services, Inc. (HRES Inc.) in 1985 and provided hazardous waste response and clean-up and debris removal from the Pago Pago Harbor. HRES Inc. was a Coast Guard BOA contractor and the only Mobile Waste Oil Reception Facility for many years. He was also deputized as an officer by the Department of Public Safety—Marine Patrol Division.

In 2001, Frank fulfilled his lifelong love of fishing and started two additional companies: Northwest Fisheries and McCoy's Icehouse. Northwest Fisheries consisted of two longline fishing vessels, F/V Northwest and F/V Ali B, and one bottom fishing/trolling vessel, F/V Lellani. He captained the voyages to bring the F/V Northwest and F/V Ali B from Washington and Hawaii to American Samoa, respectively. McCoy's Icehouse provided retail and commercial ice to local stores and fisheries.

Frank was an influential leader and contributor to the local fishery management programs, including the Department of Marine & Wildlife Resources training programs as well as the Sea Grant program. He also served the larger Pacific fishery community through his years of service with the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council. He was an active member from 1978 to 2007, and held several posts—most notably as Chairman in 2006, and Council Vice-Chair in 2004 and 2005. He also served as a member of the Council's Advisory Panel as Vice-Chair and Pelagic Advisory Panel Chair in 2008.

In 2013, Frank and Edith moved to Gorman, TX, and built a cabin out in the country. He relished living 'off the grid', and built the cabin to be self-sustaining with its own power and water systems. His pond was his pride and joy, and he spent many hours during the dry season dredging it and preparing it to be stocked.

Frank was a man of the highest character, integrity, and spirit, and he was living proof of the indomitable spirit of man. He brought his dreams to life, time and time again. He was truly a force of nature in his own right, and he touched the lives of countless people with his love, laughter, and light.

His memory lives on and burns brightly in each and every one of us whose life he impacted.

Rest in peace and love Dad, you are always in our hearts!"

Thank you (Soifua).

IN RECOGNITION OF ROBERT
JONES

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 29, 2019

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Robert Jones the retiring Executive Director of EPA Can Do. This nonprofit community development corporation located in East Palo Alto has provided affordable housing, financial readiness training, property management, and homeownership evaluations for thousands of residents since it was first established in 1991. Robert Jones was a founding member of this organization and in 2000 began as its Executive Director.

Robert was born in Warren Arkansas to John and Odessa Jones. He has six sisters and three brothers. As a child in Arkansas, he

grew up under a system of segregated schools and public facilities, racism and Jim Crow statutes that denied opportunity to African Americans. In 1962, he and his family relocated to California where they settled in Pasadena. He ultimately obtained his AA degree in Interior Design from Los Angeles City College and a Bachelor's in Psychology and Master's in Counselor Education from San Jose State University.

His kind heart and strong mind led him to counseling young people, and he eventually worked with emotionally disturbed children, and counseled them on career and vocational decision making. By the 1990's he was involved in the field of affordable housing and joined Eden Housing in Hayward to begin a career as a project manager for affordable housing projects. It was also during this time that he joined with other neighborhood leaders in East Palo Alto to found EPA Can Do, serving as its first Vice Chair and then, soon thereafter, rising to Chair.

Robert Jones worked closely with the City of East Palo Alto to secure home ownership for its residents. In 2002, EPA Can Do began to refinance predatory loans in partnership with Fannie Mae. This program was a forerunner to the programs established after the Great Recession in 2008. The Foreclosure Intervention and Counseling Program established after the meltdown counseled over 3,700 homeowners from East Palo Alto and surrounding communities.

EPA Can Do has developed several projects but remains in ownership of a 15-unit development, Clarke Avenue Apartments. The Light Tree Apartments exist as affordable units in part because Robert Jones and EPA Can Do facilitated their transfer to a financially stronger owner, Eden Housing. Over the course of a six-year period, Robert assembled parcels along University Avenue and then negotiated a partnership which resulted in the creation of 41 units at Serenity Senior Housing. This development was a twinkle in the eye of Robert Jones and few thought that he could turn it into reality, but he did. The reality of Robert's career in housing development is 350 units of permanently affordable housing across several jurisdictions.

Robert Jones presently serves as the Vice Chairman of the Menlo Park Fire Protection District and also participates in numerous volunteer positions in East Palo Alto, including as a CERT volunteer. Throughout his life in East Palo Alto, he participated in many committees to improve the quality of life of residents, including committees focused on anti-drug efforts, improving childcare, economic development, and the East Palo Alto Senior Center Board of Directors.

When the history of East Palo Alto in the modern era is reviewed, Robert Jones will be understood to be at the center of many positive changes in this remarkable community. East Palo Alto is filled with hard working, loving people who wish the best for their families, their neighbors and their city. Over decades, Robert Jones has worked to turn the wishes of these amazing residents into opportunity. As he retires from a financially sound EPA Can Do, we know that he will remain involved in building his city's civic spirit. We wish Robert Jones all the best in his retirement. He may no longer be at the center of all the initiatives that will shape East Palo Alto, but he will remain in the hearts of his neighbors for many years to come.

CELEBRATING HIGHLAND MASONIC LODGE NO. 38'S BICENTENNIAL

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 29, 2019

Mr. WENSTRUP. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Highland Masonic Lodge's bicentennial on May 4th.

The Highland Masonic Lodge has served the Highland County since 1819, just ten years after the city of Highland was founded.

The Highland Masonic Lodge has over 350 members who are dedicated to helping local charities, especially those benefitting our youth and individuals with special needs.

Congratulations to the Highland Masonic Lodge on this notable anniversary. Our community is grateful for their many years of service.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CHARLES D. BREWER

HON. JAMES COMER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 29, 2019

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the life and legacy of Private First Class Charles D. Brewer, an American hero and exemplary public servant.

Charles D. Brewer was born on August 16, 1923 in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. A Calloway County native, he enlisted in the United States Army on February 23, 1943 at the age of 20, during the height of the second World War.

He trained at Camp Atterbury, Indiana and received a combat infantry badge along with rifle expert qualification.

Private Brewer Shipped overseas with Company K of the 120th infantry. He contributed to the war effort as a truck driver, transporting light supply loads. Brewer valiantly served on several campaigns in the European theater including Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, and Ardennes. Although he suffered wounds in action, Brewer recovered to join the Allies in celebrating the epic defeat over the Axis forces. His valance earned him two Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart, and a Good Conduct Ribbon. On November 17, 1945 he was honorably discharged and rejoined civilian life.

I am honored to recognize Private Charles D. Brewer and his great contributions to the 1st District of Kentucky and the American war effort. His many decorations represent the extraordinary sacrifice and bravery of heroes like Private Brewer. Today, I join this Calloway County native's family and friends in celebrating his legacy and honoring his noble service to our nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF VICTORIA MARTIN'S PERFORMANCE AT THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD GAMES

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 29, 2019

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Victoria "Tori" Martin and her accomplishment of earning one gold medal and two silver medals at the Special Olympics World Games.

A 25-year-old woman from our local Woodbridge, VA represented the USA Team with honor at the Special Olympics World Games held in the United Arab Emirates this year. Through her hard work and dedication, Tori earned two silver medals in the 100m individual medley and the 200m freestyle, and a gold medal in the 100m breaststroke, with a winning time of 1:35:99.

Tori began swimming at the age of two and has been reaching new goals ever since. Tori comes from a family of athletes and was raised to be a team player. She encourages her teammates even when it means finishing behind them. Tori trains five to six days a week and believes that everyone can create their own path and open new doors for themselves. Tori is an avid swimmer with unrelenting passion and ambition.

Tori did an incredible job representing the United States in the Special Olympic World games and the U.S. is lucky to have her as a team member. We can all expect to see great things in the future from Tori.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the accomplishments of Tori Martin at the Special Olympics World Games.

IN HONOR OF MAJOR RUSTY RIDLEY'S SERVICE TO THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 29, 2019

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank Major Rusty Ridley, United States Air Force who has served as a Congressional Legislative Liaison Officer since October of 2017.

A Wyoming native, Maj. Ridley joined the Wyoming Air National Guard in 2001 and completed basic training in 2002. He has completed several qualification courses including Squadron Officer School, and the Logistics Readiness Officer Course. Maj. Ridley has been a valuable asset to the House and our members, serving as a source of information on a range of topics relating to the Air Force and helping members understand the impact policy decisions will have on Airmen and their families. My office has been especially grateful to work with Maj. Ridley.

Major Ridley exemplifies the best that Wyoming and our country has to offer. Again, Madam Speaker, I want to thank Major Rusty Ridley for his dedicated service to the people of Wyoming, the members of this body, and our country.

PEMBROKE ACADEMY'S BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 29, 2019

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Pembroke Academy in Pembroke, New Hampshire on the Academy's 200th birthday. Pembroke Academy serves residents in the Towns of Pembroke, as well as Allenstown, Chichester and Epsom.

Since its founding in 1818, Pembroke Academy has a rich history and tradition. Pembroke Academy was founded after Dr. Abel Blanchard left funds to a board of trustees upon his death to build the school "for the purpose of improving the rising generation in science, morality and religion". The community remembers headmasters from Isaac Walker, who was the longest serving, to Bill Marston, who was the leader of "P.A." when it became a public school.

As part of the ongoing bicentennial celebration, Pembroke Academy will announce its first class of alumni honorees into its new Athletic Hall of Fame and Performing Arts Hall of Fame. The concept is to expand the Academy's current Wall of Fame in the school cafeteria to have a designated area to best honor the contributions of alumni who have had a unique impact on the Pembroke community. Several athletes and faculty are included as honorees.

For the past year, the Town of Pembroke began a celebration of "P.A." and on Saturday, May 11, 2019, the community will gather to officially recognize this significant milestone in Pembroke history. This celebration marks a true distinction for the Town of Pembroke and all of Pembroke Academy's generations of graduates.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, congratulations to the Pembroke Academy community for 200 years and all the best in the years to come.

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER'S EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION AWARD

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 29, 2019

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lisa Hudson on receiving the 2019 Colorado/Region VIII Small Business Development Center's Excellence and Innovation Award.

As Director of the East Colorado Small Business Development Center (SBDC), Lisa provides consulting and training to maximize the success of businesses. Small Businesses are the backbone of our economy, and it is vital that we give them the tools they need to succeed. I applaud Lisa's efforts to support entrepreneurs in Eastern Colorado.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my congratulations and best wishes to Lisa Hudson. We look forward to her continued success.