

Dr. Merthie struggled with substance abuse for a period of time. But he found strength and redemption through faith, overcoming personal hardship, serving as a role model to others, and becoming a pillar of his community.

Dr. Merthie's life was filled with action and achievement. He established the New Life Word Center Church, offered spiritual guidance on a weekly broadcast, and empowered the next generation by founding a K-through-12 school.

It was Dr. King who said that "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

Dr. Merthie devoted his life to serving others. He lead a good life in the most meaningful sense of the term. He will be deeply missed.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this exceptional man and offering our condolences to his family and all those whose lives he touched.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE VA MEDICINAL CANNABIS RESEARCH ACT

**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I have met with multiple veterans in my congressional district who attest to the therapeutic benefits of medical cannabis in managing their pain.

According to the American Legion, a significant number of veterans across the country—not just in my district—are currently using medical cannabis as an alternative treatment. With so many veterans using cannabis for therapeutic purposes, it is important that physicians have the information and research necessary to fully advise on the potential impacts of medical cannabis usage on post-traumatic stress and chronic pain. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is uniquely positioned to pursue that vital research.

To that end, I am introducing the bipartisan VA Medicinal Cannabis Research Act, which requires VA to conduct clinical research on the safety and effectiveness of medical cannabis, in varying forms and delivery methods, for treating veterans diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and veterans with chronic pain. The legislation requires VA to submit annual reports to Congress on the implementation of this bill for five years. The VA Medicinal Cannabis Research Act is a pragmatic and sensible approach to the need for additional research and could potentially save veterans' lives.

#### CONGRATULATING MR. JOHN ELLIOTT

**HON. JIM BANKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. John Elliott on retiring from his position as Vice President and Senior Trust Officer of 1st Source Bank in Warsaw, Indiana. For nearly fifty years, John has served the northeast Indiana community with

distinction as an engaged citizen, cherished friend, and valued trust officer.

John graduated with a business degree from The Ohio State University in 1966, and immediately began his storied career as a trust officer at First National Bank of Warsaw. To further his education, John enrolled at the ABA Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin, as well as the National Graduate Trust School at Northwestern University. John also spent countless hours consuming information at the Warsaw Public Library, with the ultimate goal of providing the best customer service possible.

Using his foundation in academia, John Elliott devoted himself to his clients, ensuring they made sound decisions that would provide future financial security. John built a reputation for honesty, integrity and service. He was known as someone who could be counted on, day or night, to provide exceptional support. When First National Bank was purchased by National City Bank, John partnered with Steve Wessell to open a 1st Source Personal Trust Office where he continued to serve clients with honesty and integrity.

John has held numerous board positions and is a longtime member of the Warsaw Educational Foundation, Right to Life Advisory Board, and the Warsaw Plan Commission. In 2008, John Elliott was awarded the Earnestine M. Raclin Lifetime Achievement Award, and the Warsaw/Kosciusko County Man of the Year for his service to the community. In 2018, he was awarded Optimist of the Year by the Warsaw Optimist Club.

I wish John, his wife Elaine, and their family all the best in this new chapter of life. Warsaw, Indiana thanks him for over 50 years of dedication and service.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE ENDING CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IN SCHOOLS ACT OF 2019

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Ending Corporal Punishment in Schools Act of 2019.

This bill would prohibit any educational institution from receiving federal funding that allows school personnel to inflict corporal punishment on students and creates grants to encourage improvements in schools, which promote positive behaviors.

Madam Speaker, corporal punishment is a form of physical punishment where someone deliberately inflicts pain on another individual in order to punish them. In schools, it includes the spanking or paddling of children by school officials.

Although corporal punishment in schools has certainly been part of this country's history, it has been a blemish on that history and must end immediately. In addition to the fact that there is no conclusive evidence that corporal punishment mollifies disruptive behavior, it is disproportionately used against African American students and children with disabilities. These punishments can result in physical as well as emotional harm to children.

Schools must be a safe place where students are protected from harm, so that they

are able to thrive, grow, and learn. Sadly, 19 states still allow corporal punishments in school. Last year, more than 100,000 students were physically punished by being hit, slapped, and spanked. This is completely unacceptable.

Madam Speaker, schools must be a safe space for our children to learn. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this critically important bill, and hope to see its swift passage very soon.

#### CONGRATULATING GREG POHLMAN ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Greg Pohlman, who is being inducted into the Illinois High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Mr. Pohlman served Carrollton Community High School for 40 years as a coach, teacher and athletic director.

Mr. Pohlman retired from his post as the baseball coach at Carrollton in 2016 after a long, successful career where he tallied up over 500 career wins. Under his leadership, the Carrollton Hawks went on to win the 2011 Illinois High School Association Class 1A State Championship following a 31 win season. This championship season gave Mr. Pohlman the record for most wins in a single season and is an outstanding coaching achievement. Mr. Pohlman's accomplishments demonstrate not only his extensive knowledge of the game, but also his commitment to the students he coached. Throughout his tenure, Mr. Pohlman rightfully earned a reputation of being a great role model to young student athletes and someone who truly gave his all to allow students to compete and learn to the best of their abilities. However, his impact went beyond the sports he coached—throughout all of his years as a teacher and coach, he tried to instill in his students and athletes the importance of being productive members of our society. Mr. Pohlman is an exceptional leader in our community and it is fitting that his years of service are being recognized in this way.

It is because of dedicated leaders such as Greg Pohlman that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Greg Pohlman on his well-earned induction into the Baseball Coaches' Hall of Fame and thank him for all of his service to the community.

#### HONORING GLEN WOOD

**HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I offer these remarks in honor of Glen Wood, a founder of the legendary Wood Brothers

NASCAR racing team, who died on January 18, 2019 at the age of 93. Glen Wood was a giant of auto racing, an owner and driver on the longest-running team in NASCAR history.

Stock car racing has a long and storied heritage in Southwest and Southside Virginia, and Glen Wood, a native of Stuart in Patrick County, made notable contributions of his own to the sport. A trip to Daytona Beach in 1947 fired Mr. Wood's passion for racing, but he earned his place in racing history three years later when he founded Wood Brothers Racing with his brother Leonard. As he recalled to the Associated Press, "We started racing in 1950 with a car we bought for \$50. We put No. 50 on the side of the car because it just seemed like the right thing to do."

Wood Brothers Racing eventually changed the number to 21, and they became a powerhouse, winning 99 victories in over 1,500 starts in NASCAR's top division. Glen Wood earned four of them himself as a driver. Many of the others were won by some of the sport's greatest competitors, including Cale Yarborough, Curtis Turner, A.J. Foyt, and David Pearson, driving for the Wood Brothers team. The Wood Brothers also brought innovation to the pit stop, drastically reducing its average length. These accomplishments garnered Glen Wood many accolades, including a place in the NASCAR Hall of Fame and recognition as one of NASCAR's 50 Greatest Drivers.

Glen Wood was known for his success on the race track and for his gentlemanly demeanor off it. In his later years, he could be found at the Wood Brothers Racing Museum in Stuart greeting fans with his wife Bernece. Wood Brothers Racing remains a family business to this day, with Glen's oldest son Eddie now its president. Glen Wood was a towering figure in auto racing, and his legacy still endures. I offer my condolences to Mr. Wood's family on their loss.

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#### IN MEMORY OF REDD REYNOLDS

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##### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, last week South Carolina paid deserved tribute to the late Redd Reynolds who was appreciated as the "South Carolina Bob Hope" of the National Guard. I include in the RECORD his thoughtful obituary, which was published January 15th in The State newspaper.

LEXINGTON.—Clarence T. "Redd" Reynolds, 91, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday January 13, 2019. The son of the late Henry and Lottie Reynolds, Redd was born Jan. 17, 1927 and grew up in Lexington, South Carolina, where he attended Lexington schools. He honorably served in the 78th Division of the United States Army in World War II and with the Armed Forces Radio Network. Following World War II, Redd attended Newberry College and, most importantly, married the beautiful Doris Rawl on Aug. 26, 1950.

Redd became a prominent radio personality and broadcaster at WBLR 1430 AM in Batesburg. As a result of his ties in the broadcasting industry and his patriotism, he and Doris created Caravan of Stars, a traveling music and dance group that entertained troops at military bases in Georgia,

Virginia and Mississippi. Redd was considered the Bob Hope of the National Guard, producing and directing shows for more than 30 years. In 1987 he was honored with the Order of the Palmetto by Gov. Carroll Campbell.

Redd was a committed member of American Legion Post 7 for more than five decades, dedicating his time and talents to the cultivation of his beloved community. He made significant contributions to the Palmetto Boys and Girls State programs, as well as American Legion Post 7 baseball. He also served on Lexington Medical Center's board of trustees from 1978 to 1987.

In 2012, Redd was thrilled to be selected for the Honor Flight program, joining other South Carolina World War II veterans on a trip to visit war memorials in Washington, D.C.

Redd was a vibrant member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Lexington, serving with Lutheran Men in Mission and as a Sunday School teacher, Young at Heart member and church council member. He and Doris also teamed tirelessly to care for the grounds of St. John's. If it was happening in God's house, Redd participated.

Surviving Redd are his wife of 68 years, Doris; children Terry (Anne) Reynolds, Phil (Janice) Reynolds, Jandell (Richard) Morrison and Barry (Jeanne) Reynolds; grandchildren Clay (Lindsey) Reynolds, Justin (Rachel) Reynolds, David (Ann Marie) Reynolds, Macaulay Morrison and Caroline Morrison; and great-grandchildren Cale, Jack Wyatt and Amelia Reynolds. Redd was predeceased by his two sisters, Betty Hutto and Pauline Salter.

The family will receive friends and the community at Barr-Price Funeral Home and Crematorium, Lexington Chapel from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 15, 2019. A celebration of life and interment will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church 3:00 p.m. Wednesday January 16, 2019. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to St. John's Lutheran Church or to the Redd and Doris Family ROTC Grant-in-Aid at Clemson University. (Mail to Deborah Towery, Clemson University Foundation, P.O. Box. 1889, Clemson, SC. 29633.)

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#### HONORING RABBI EPHRAIM SIMON OF TEANECK

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##### HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the outstanding and selfless achievements of Rabbi Ephraim Simon.

Rabbi Simon is the director of Chabad of Teaneck, New Jersey. As a rabbi, he has focused his studies on the three intellectual divisions of wisdom, comprehension, and knowledge but also a great focus on responsibility and love. For some, these may just seem like religious principles, but to Rabbi Simon they are more than that: they are guiding outlines for how to live one's life that he emphasizes every day in service to his community.

Rabbi Simon's commitment to community and charity was evident in 2009 when the rabbi selflessly donated one of his kidneys to a total stranger. This noble act saved the life of a father of 10. Because of Rabbi Simon's generosity, he inspired others in the Teaneck community to follow in his footsteps and register as organ donors.

Rabbi Simon could have stopped there, but he did not. Nearly a decade later he saved yet another stranger's life. Enduring a difficult surgery, on December 20, 2018 Rabbi Simon donated a third of his liver to Adam Levitz, a father of three suffering from critical liver failure. This act of goodness has given Mr. Levitz a new chance at life.

To give a kidney or a liver is an act very few can say they have done, to have given both to complete strangers is an act of generosity unknown to nearly all of us. The rarity of these procedures is not only due to a requirement of great courage and selflessness, but also due to the great physical risks they carry for the health of the donor. Donating part of one's liver, when one also only has one kidney, has such risks of complications that Rabbi Simon and Mr. Levitz could only find one clinic in the country who would perform the procedure.

Rabbi Simon's inspiring acts are done not for publicity, but out of a desire to inspire others to have a positive impact on those around them. In the words of Rabbi Simon, "a rabbi's greatest lesson is how he lives his life."

Madam Speaker, Rabbi Simon's selfless acts serve as an inspiration not just to his wife and nine children, but also to the community in Northern New Jersey and across our country. Rabbi Simon deserves great respect for his deeds.

To honor Rabbi Simon and his acts, I wish to recognize his commitments to saving lives and improving the world around him.

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

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##### HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 44, and YEA on Roll Call No. 45.

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

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##### HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, on January 22, 2019, I missed recorded votes No. 44 and No. 45 due to travel delays.

Had I been present, on Roll Call No. 44, I would have voted YEA (Passage of H.R. 328); and on Roll Call No. 45, I would have voted YEA (Passage of H.R. 676).

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

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##### HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote on January 22, 2019 for Roll Call Vote 44 and Roll Call Vote 45. Had I been present, my vote would have been the following: "yea" on Roll Call Vote 44 and "yea" on 45.