

## RECOGNIZING TED HILLMER

**HON. BILLY LONG**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 6, 2020*

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ted Hillmer, Jr.'s 17 years of service as superintendent of Wilson's Creek National Battlefield in Greene County, Missouri. The park commemorates the Battle of Wilson's Creek, first major American Civil War engagement west of the Mississippi River on August 10, 1861. Hillmer's first experience at the park was in 1988, whereas project engineer he oversaw the construction of a brand-new visitor center for the 2,100-acre national park, southeast of Republic, Missouri.

Hillmer later returned to the park in 2003, where he worked for 17 years as park superintendent. He leaves the historic battlefield knowing that a new, vastly-improved, and expanded visitors center, which he oversaw the design and planning, is scheduled for completion sometime in summer. The expanded visitor's center will include a wider array of artifacts from the battle and a far more expansive retelling of the almost 5-hour long battle that claimed 2500 lives.

Hillmer has overseen a great increase in visitors and interest to the park since he became superintendent. Last year saw 220,067 people visit the historic park, including 3 classes from the Fort Leonard Wood. Without Hillmer's oversight, or the staff and experts working to meticulously maintain the surviving documents and artifacts of the battle, these lessons would have been lost to history.

Madam Speaker, the passion and hard work shown by Ted Hillmer, Jr. should be an example to all of us. The legacy Ted Hillmer leaves behind will not be forgotten, both by the staff of Wilson's Creek National Battlefield as well as the surrounding communities who cherish the historic site. I hope we can all join together in remembering him for his service, not only to the community, but to the continued remembrance of the victims of our civil war.

THE TEMPORARY REAUTHORIZATION AND STUDY OF THE EMERGENCY SCHEDULING OF FENTANYL ANALOGUES ACT (S. 3201)

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 6, 2020*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise in opposition to S. 3201, The Temporary Reauthorization and Study of the Emergency Scheduling of Fentanyl Analogues Act.

Synthetic opioids such as fentanyl have caused tens of thousands of deaths in recent years and Congress has an obligation to continue to offer solutions to this ongoing public health crisis. Unfortunately, the measures taken in S. 3201 go too far in expanding mandatory minimum sentencing and would place further burdens on our already-strained criminal justice system.

S. 3201 extends the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) "class-wide" scheduling of fentanyl-related substances, causing more

individuals to be prosecuted seeking burdensome and ineffective mandatory minimum sentences. This expansion of DEA authority raises civil liberty concerns and has the potential of reversing meaningful criminal justice reform.

In 2018, I was proud to vote in favor of the First Step Act (P.L. 115-391), bipartisan reform that overwhelmingly passed Congress and was eventually signed into law. Among other things, this bill addressed the growing bipartisan consensus that mandatory minimums are unsustainably costly and counterproductive. Rather than building on this success, S. 3201 expands outdated mandatory minimum sentences even for those caught with trace amounts of illicit fentanyl-related substances. This issue is particularly burdensome because according to the U.S. Sentencing Commission, roughly 85 percent of individuals charged with trafficking fentanyl were unaware that that they were in fact in possession of the illegal substance.

All levels of government must continue to strive towards removing illicit fentanyl and fentanyl-related substances from our communities. However, any legislation that addresses this issue cannot simply overcorrect the problem and must instead form a sustainable drug enforcement strategy.

Madam Speaker, I urged my colleagues to vote against The Temporary Reauthorization and Study of the Emergency Scheduling of Fentanyl Analogues Act.

HONORING THE LIFE OF HOWARD SKAVDAHL

**HON. ADRIAN SMITH**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 6, 2020*

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I honor the life of Howard Skavdahl, who recently passed away.

He was a native of Harrison, in Nebraska's Third District, and is laid to rest with the select men and women of our armed services buried in Arlington Cemetery.

He earned this honor through his valued service to our nation in World War II.

During World War II, Howard Skavdahl served our country in England, France, and Germany as a meteorologist in the Army Air Corps.

He continued in the Reserves until retiring in 1965 as a Major.

Major Skavdahl truly embodies our "greatest generation." He had a lifelong passion for aeronautics.

After completing his active duty military service, he completed his Masters Degree at the California Institute of Technology, and brought his aeronautical expertise to the private sector at the Rand Corporation and Boeing.

While at Boeing, he was chief technical engineer for two NASA airplanes, and worked on propulsion systems for the 747, 757, 767, and 777.

He retired in 1990 as the head of Boeing's Propulsion Research Department.

Besides his accomplishments, Mr. Skavdahl was known for his compassion for his family and friends.

Throughout his life, he touched countless others, and is survived by his three sons, ten grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

We are grateful for his service to our country.

CELEBRATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FRANCES ANN LUTCHER THEATER FOR PERFORMING ARTS

**HON. BRIAN BABIN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 6, 2020*

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Frances Ann Luther Theater for Performing Arts on its 40th anniversary. The 1,500 seat, world-class, non-profit performing arts center was opened by the Nelda C. and H.J. Luther Stark Foundation on February 7, 1980, with a sold-out performance by the great pianist Liberace!

I am proud to say that this outstanding theater is located in the 36th Congressional District in the beautiful city of Orange, Texas. The Luther Theater is the largest Performing Arts Series from Houston to New Orleans, with annual attendance of approximately 30,000 adults and children. In its first 40 seasons, the theater has brought 1,026,285 patrons through their doors to experience a variety of events from Broadway to dance recitals, Willie Nelson to Blue Man Group, Riverdance to local reading and declamation contests.

A recipient of multiple grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Luther Theater most recently received a grant to produce a professional theater event for secondary students from Southeast Texas. This event will allow students to experience the performing arts world and potentially discover a life-long love of theater. Students can see the literature from their classrooms in action, for a full 'page to stage' experience, featuring professionally trained actors and actresses. The Luther Theater creates the opportunity to share the love of art and literature with the next generation.

This theater is only one of four theaters in Texas having received with the Kennedy Center Partners in Education designation. The Kennedy Center Partnership was established in 2003 to bring nationally accredited teaching artists to work with local educators, training them how to integrate the arts into their classroom curriculum.

Embracing their mission, Luther Theater is committed to providing professional entertainment for the enlightenment and cultural growth of residents living in Southeast Texas.

For 40 seasons, the Luther Theater has enriched the region with invaluable resources and opportunities for the study and enjoyment of the performing arts. I thank them for their continued support and dedication to both the city of Orange and Southeast Texas.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF EIZO KOBAYASHI

**HON. MARK DeSAULNIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 6, 2020*

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of long-time

community member, Eizo Kobayashi as he celebrates his 88th birthday, a milestone of special esteem in the Japanese culture.

Eizo Kobayashi was born in Oakland, California in 1932. During World War II, Eizo's family was interned and moved to the Topaz Relocation Center in Utah. As a 10-year-old Japanese American, Eizo was faced with institutionalized racism, the experiences of which would stay with him throughout his life. His memories during the three years his family was interned include his father being hospitalized and subsequently moved to another location, while the rest of his family remained in Utah. Eizo would go out into the desert and collect shells, crystals, arrowheads and other artifacts he could find. Upon being released from the internment camp, the Kobayashi family moved back to California where Eizo graduated from Piedmont High School. He went on to study at the University of California, Berkeley where he received a Bachelor of Arts and a Community College Lifetime Teaching Credential. After graduation, Eizo served in the U.S. Army before turning his focus to law enforcement. In 1956, Eizo became a Deputy Probation Officer in the Adult Division of the Alameda County Probation Department. He later began working for the California Department of Corrections in 1962 and moved up the ranks until he retired as a Unit Supervisor and District Administrator in 1995.

While tirelessly pursuing professional success, Eizo always understood the importance of family and community. Eizo and his wife, Mary, wed in 1965 and moved to Concord, California where they raised two daughters, Keiko and Tamiko. Not only is Eizo a dedicated family man, but he is also passionate about his community. He has been the President of the Diablo Valley Chapter for the Japanese American Citizens League, the Vice President of the Unity Foundation in Concord, President of the Concord Senior Citizens Club, and a board member of the Concord Ambassadors. Additionally, in 1992 Eizo was appointed to the Police Facility Blue Ribbon Task Force. Eizo's connection to the local community is also exemplified by his contributions as a former columnist for the Contra Costa Times. Eizo continues his work to this day serving the homeless at the Concord Adult Homeless Shelter and is an appointed member of the Contra Costa County Merit Board, a seat which he has held for the last 30 years.

Eizo has always been a civic leader and has received the 1993 Humanitarian Award from the Unity Foundation, the 1994 Civil Rights Advocacy Award from the Concord Human Relations Commission, and the 1996 City of Concord Mayor's Award, among other awards.

Eizo's influence and strong moral character continue to foster a positive impact in the community. As a longtime friend and inspiration, please join me in congratulating Eizo on his 88th birthday and his life of service and leadership.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. SMUCKER. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll

Call No. 35; YEA on Roll Call No. 36; and YEA on Roll Call No. 37.

#### HONORING NANCY DOBBS

### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today with Representative JARED HUFFMAN to recognize Nancy Dobbs for years of exceptional public service to the people of Northern California and to honor her at the Northern California Public Media 35th Anniversary Celebration.

Nancy Dobbs was born in Los Angeles, California. She earned her bachelor's degree in Political Science from Sonoma State University. She has dedicated her career to helping shape the health, education and civic engagement of the North Bay. She has developed a variety of TV and radio programs to educate and encourage people to explore our community. She has always believed that media can act as a springboard for action to improve our region and our relationships with our neighbors.

Ms. Dobbs is the Founder, President and CEO of Northern California Public Media, which works to empower individuals to explore their world with informative television, radio and other media programs. For 38 years, Ms. Dobbs has worked tirelessly to serve the Bay Area with a reliable news outlet and accurate news coverage. In 1994, she launched KRCB FM Radio 91, which is celebrating its 25th year of broadcasting. Among her many accomplishments are board memberships with Roseland University Prep, North Bay Leadership Council and California Public Television as the chairwoman. In addition, she has played a crucial role in the creation of the TV series "Natural Heroes," which documents successful local efforts to be environmentally conscious. Her commitment to enriching the education of our youth through insightful media programs is truly unprecedented and deeply appreciated by our community.

Madam Speaker, Nancy Dobbs is a dedicated seeker of truth who has made great contributions to better our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

#### REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF LEO GOLDNER

### HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of an extraordinary man, Leo Goldner. Leo lived a full life, brought joy to so many, and served as a valued member of the Toledo community. Today his family and friends gather to eulogize him, and I would like to read his obituary into the RECORD on this day:

"Leo Goldner was born in Toledo Hospital on July 3rd, 1923, son of Herman and Margaret Fleichocher Goldner and brother to his beloved sister. For many years the Goldner's

lived above their family dry goods store called the Chicago Bargain House.

"He lived in a Hungarian immigrant neighborhood in East Toledo and learned to speak fluent Hungarian. He was an avid Stamp collector and a Yo Yo champion.

"Leo was the only Jewish boy in his elementary and high school and learned to defend himself against neighborhood bullies by learning Judo and quickly worked his way up to Black Belt 5th degree status. He had release parochial time in elementary school, but instead of taking two buses to go to his synagogue, he agreed at the request of the Monsignor of St. Stephen's Church to become an altar boy at St. Stephens Church, an interesting choice for a Jewish boy.

"There are pictures of Leo hanging in Waite High School and in St. Stephen's Church where he donated the bronze statue of St. Stephen, which still stands there out front today on Genesee Street. He graduated from Waite High School as a member of the National Honors Society.

"Leo attended the University of Toledo to study pre-law, was on the wrestling and tennis team, and joined the Lamda Chi fraternity. Upon the invasion of Pearl Harbor, he enlisted in the U.S. Army. There, as a lowly private, he was eventually sent to officer's candidate school to become a Lieutenant.

"In the Army, he served under General George C. Marshall as chief of staff and helped liberate the Philippines under General Douglas MacArthur where he was injured in hand to hand combat. He had no less than 12 medals and five decorations, including the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

"He served as director of USO Camp Shows in the Western Pacific after being wounded in battle. He was an expert Magician and Hypnotist.

"During the time he was an infantry officer, he used two three day passes to marry the love of his life Marian Rachel Baron, to whom he was married for 76 years.

"After being discharged from the Army, he worked at the family dry goods store, but really wanted to have a store of his own. He accepted a job offer from his brother-in-law, Jerry Baron at Baron Steel Company. There he flourished as a salesman, making an unheard-of million dollars for the firm his very first year. Later, he and his brother-in-law Sidney Baron, started Tyler Steel, in 1953. Two years later, Leo started Parker Steel Company, which today is the number one distributor of metric metals in the nation.

Leo and Marian began their married life in a house on Vermont Street in Toledo. In 1955 they built a home in Ottawa Hills. He included in the home a Theater room where he could perform magic tricks.

He was past president of the Association of Steel distributors and a founding member of Magician Ring 68, Toledo, Ohio. He was the longest living member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians (where he was awarded the Order of Merlin), which he joined on his 16th birthday.

Leo and his wife Marian were founding members of the Toledo Chapter of Hillel at the University of Toledo. He did hundreds of Hypnosis demonstrations benefiting Waite High School and raised over \$200,000 for scholarships.

For well over 34 years, he was the State of Israel Bond Chairman for NW Ohio and traveled to Israel over 20 times. He was on the National Board of Myasthenia Gravis Foundation, the Darlington House, (home for the aged) the Elks Club, the Kiwanis, a 32nd degree Mason, the Damaseus Lodge, as well as a member of Temple B'nai Israel, Temple Shomer Emunim, Congregation Etz Chayim, and the American Israel Policy Conference.

"Leo was also a member of the American Society of Clinical Hypnotists, the National