

## HONORING THE LIFE OF EDITH CUNNANE

**HON. ANN WAGNER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 10, 2020*

Mrs. WAGNER. Madam Speaker, I rise deeply saddened by the loss of a wonderful friend and mentor and integral member of the St. Louis community. Today, in Missouri's Second Congressional District, Mrs. Edith Cunnane is being laid to rest following an incredible and selfless life of service.

Along with her beloved husband, Jim Cunnane, Edith made St. Louis her home and worked to improve the lives of the most vulnerable. She was a fixture of the St. Louis philanthropic community for decades as a community volunteer and activist, civic leader, and supporter of social services. She had an endless desire, willingness, and ability to help others. With this boundless passion, Edith founded the St. Patrick Center in 1982. The first of its kind in the region, the St. Patrick Center is a multifaceted social service agency that serves the homeless and at-risk individuals.

Over her nearly forty-year tenure at the Center, Edith sought to expand its services to unprecedented heights. Under her leadership, the St. Patrick Center opened the Shamrock Club, the first day treatment program for individuals suffering from behavioral health issues in the entire nation. Additionally, Edith spearheaded the St. Patrick Center's Casserole Program, an initiative where groups of volunteers bake, freeze, and deliver casseroles to the needy. Since its inception thirty-five years ago, this program has served over five and a half million hot meals across the Greater St. Louis area.

Edith's efforts have been an inspiration to countless individuals. During her tenure, Edith mobilized over three thousand volunteers to help their fellow citizens, turning the St. Patrick Center into a beacon for homeless assistance and social services providers. Last year alone, the Center provided nearly sixty thousand services to over three thousand people and served close to one hundred and fifty thousand hot meals.

Edith's drive to help others involved many forms of public service. A former staff member for Congressman Jim Talent, Edith went on to become a member of the St. Louis County Council in 1998. She used this experience to work with institutions and organizations throughout the region to continue improving the lives of others. She served on the board of directors for the St. Louis County Library as well as the Today and Tomorrow Education Foundation, which strives to provide educational opportunities for children in need.

For her years of generosity and hard work, Edith has been recognized locally, nationally, and globally. At the local level, she received numerous awards, most notably the St. Louis Women of Achievement Award and the St. Louis Community Leader Award. Nationally, President George H.W. Bush bestowed upon Edith the Thousand Points of Light Award in 1991. At the international level, she was awarded the United Nations Human Rights Award. I believe it is not only appropriate, but necessary, to honor Edith's incredible life before the U.S. House of Representatives.

Edith is survived by her husband, Jim, their two children, Jim Jr. and Cori, and six beautiful grandchildren, along with many family members and friends. I extend my sincerest condolences and prayers to the Cunnane family as they mourn this immeasurable loss and celebrate Edith's life and all the love she gave to those around her. Edith and her faith, work, and unwavering generosity will never be forgotten. We thank God for blessing us with her life.

## HONORING THE LIFE OF NEEDHAM SLADE HURST

**HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 10, 2020*

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Needham Slade Hurst, a renowned Hoosier business executive and dedicated community leader. His passion and drive for excellence led him to successes as a student, army officer, and business executive. Needham's philanthropic and community service helped to uplift the lives of countless fellow Hoosiers. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are forever grateful for Needham's immense contributions to the State of Indiana.

Born to parents Needham King (N.K.) and Martha Slade Hurst on October 15th, 1933, in Indianapolis, Indiana, young Needham was brought up to be industrious in his work, kind and fair to others, and to be charitable to his fellow citizens. In 1938, his father founded the N.K. Hurst Company. The company began as a distributor of coffee, tea, sugar and other food commodities to local grocers throughout the State of Indiana. In 1947, they began packaging edible dry beans, a product that has become so popular over the decades that it has made the Hurst's Beans name a nationally known brand, synonymous with the highest of quality. As the years went by, young Needham showed himself to be an exemplary student at Broad Ripple High School. It was during his time at Broad Ripple that he would meet and fall in love with fellow student Mary Lou Beesley.

After graduation from Broad Ripple High School in 1951, Needham matriculated at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. It was during this time in his life that Needham and Mary Lou would marry in 1954. In 1956 he departed from Indiana University having earned both his Bachelors of Science in Business and a Masters in Business Administration. Having been a member of the Reserve Officer Training Corp while at Indiana University Needham then went on to answer his country's call to duty, joining the United States Army in 1956. During his time in the Army, Needham served in the Quartermasters Corp, while stationed at Fort Lee in Petersburg, Virginia. By the time of his honorable discharge from the United States Army in 1958, Needham had risen through the ranks, ultimately attaining the rank of 2nd Lieutenant.

Later in 1958, Needham and Mary Lou returned to Indianapolis to settle down and raise their children, son Rick, and daughter Cathy. Upon his arrival back in Indianapolis, Needham began his career at the family business, N.K. Hurst Company, where he initially worked

in sales. In the succeeding years Needham would ascend to the position of Company President, working hand in hand with his brother Bill Hurst to grow the family business. Under the leadership of Needham and Bill, the N.K. Hurst Company expanded its operations becoming a nationwide distributor of coffee, tea, sugar and other food commodities. It was also during this time that the company became a major supplier of these food commodities to the United States Military Commissary Network. Having successfully stewarded the company through the decades, Needham and Bill, were able to pass the ownership and operations of the company to the 3rd and 4th generations of the Hurst Family.

Wanting to spread the good fortune of the company's success to those less fortunate in Indiana, Needham and Bill continued the company's long history of supplying local food banks and charitable organizations with food supplies. This commitment to the betterment of his fellow Hoosiers is something that Needham practiced throughout his life. Needham served others in the community in a variety of different roles including serving as a church elder and deacon at the Second Presbyterian Church. He also maintained a role in encouraging youth sports as a basketball coach at the Jordan YMCA, and as a board member of the Indianapolis Junior Tennis Board.

Needham also lent his leadership skills to many organizations throughout the State of Indiana. Terms serving on the Board of Directors of the Indiana University Foundation, as Governor of the Orchard School of Indianapolis, and as a Franklin College Trustee allowed Needham the opportunity to provide countless educational opportunities to ensuing generations of Hoosiers. Needham also served his community through his membership in organizations including the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity, the Junto Club, the YPO (formerly the Young President Organization) and the University Club of Indianapolis.

Along with his beloved wife Mary Lou, and son Rick, Needham served on the Board of St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. Having also served as a member of the Board of St. Vincent Hospital, I had the distinct pleasure of developing a close friendship and working relationship with the Hurst Family.

Needham cherished the summers he would spend with his family and friends on Lake Wawasee. His love of boating was a lifelong passion that he shared with succeeding generations of his family. Trips around Lake Wawasee in his boat "Little Sugar", a 1951, 16' Century inboard were a favorite pastime of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, especially during the "Thunder Run" parade of vintage boats on Sunday mornings. Needham's love for Lake Wawasee inspired him to serve on the Wawasee Area Conservancy Foundation, an organization aimed at keeping a clean and healthy lake for future generations to enjoy.

After a long life of service to others, Needham passed away surrounded by his family and loved ones on January 1, 2020. Needham will be forever missed by the many Hoosiers whose life he impacted. On behalf of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I extend my deepest condolences to Needham's beloved wife Mary Lou, their daughter Cathy Meyer and her husband Philip, their son Rick Hurst and his

wife Lisa, their grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as all past and present employees of N.K. Hurst Company, and all others who mourn his passing.

CONGRATULATING BRIAN HINTZ  
ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE  
POLICE DEPARTMENT OF  
GRAPEVINE, TEXAS

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 10, 2020*

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Brian Hintz on his well-earned retirement from the Grapevine Police Department after more than twenty years of dedicated service.

Brian is a hardworking and highly respected Senior Officer at the Grapevine Police Department. He has honorably served as an officer in the state of Texas since beginning his distinguished career with the Midland Police Department in August of 1990. During his time in Midland, Brian served as a K-9 officer along with his K-9 partners, Lex and Rio.

In 1999, Brian joined the Grapevine Police Department where he has served for more than two decades with the K-9 unit. Attaining the rank of Senior Officer, Brian has received numerous recognitions throughout his career, including the 2014 Medal of Valor and the 2016 Life Saving Award. Furthermore, Brian, along with his K-9 partners Darby and Brinkley, have won numerous K-9 competition awards, advancing to the United States Police Canine Association Nationals. Brian's commitment to service is apparent through these outstanding achievements, and his dedication to continuing his law enforcement career is demonstrated through the 6,791 training hours that he has accumulated.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the exhaustive work that Brian has contributed

to the City of Grapevine and the state of Texas. I applaud his work and ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing Senior Officer Brian Hintz for his many years of service.

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**HON. GARRET GRAVES**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 10, 2020*

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, this week the House considers important pieces of legislation related to the global race to 5G. 5G is the newest iteration of wireless technology, and as telecommunications companies and service providers begin deploying their digital cellular networks, I want to take a moment to discuss an important aspect of the 5G rollout: consultation with local governments and homeowners.

Last year, the 5G rollout began in my district in parts of Baton Rouge. The utility poles needed to support the new small wireless facilities and other 5G infrastructure are being installed in public rights of way in front of homes. While it is absolutely an economic and national security priority to win the race to 5G, it is vital that Congress consider the impact that this rollout will have on communities across America.

In June, I sent a letter to Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai outlining my concerns and urging service providers to work closely with local stakeholders as they install this new technology infrastructure.

Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following letter to the FCC from June 13, 2019.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, June 13, 2019.

Hon. AJIT PAI,  
Chairman, Federal Communications Commis-  
sion, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN PAI: Recently, telecommunications service providers have begun installing the new wireless broadband infrastructure that is necessary to support 5G in cities across America, including Baton Rouge. While I share your appreciation for the tremendous role that technology plays, both in the economy and in the lives of its users, I am concerned by the roll out of these small-cell facilities in homes and neighborhoods across my district.

A technological transformation of 5G's magnitude requires a massive support structure, but that deployment cannot come at the expense of property values and neighborhood aesthetics, especially in historic communities. America's 5G leadership is an important national priority, but even a national priority demands consultation with local stakeholders. I respectfully ask you to encourage wireless carriers to collaborate with municipalities on the placement and design of these new transmission systems.

Additionally, recent reports by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) suggest that the 5G network could interfere with satellite data, reducing the accuracy of weather forecasting by as much as 30 percent. I urge you to work closely with the NOAA, NASA, and any other stakeholders to investigate any potential effects of 5G on our nation's ability to forecast and prepare for severe weather events.

As the FCC continues to oversee the deployment of the 5G network, we must remember that the rollout is not happening in isolation. It is crucial to consider the effects that these innovations will have on existing technologies and communities across America. Thank you for your prompt attention to these important issues.

Sincerely,

GARRET GRAVES,  
Member of Congress.