

As a teenager, his family moved to North 8th Street just across from Cliff Hare High School where he graduated in 1937. He worked several after-school and summer jobs including working as a soda jerk at a local pharmacy. Always a music lover, Mr. Brown played the alto saxophone with a small group of friends in town.

After high school graduation, he attended Alabama Polytechnic Institute (API), now known as Auburn University. With World War II looming, Mr. Brown joined the Air Cadet program, but failed the initial physical because he didn't meet the weight requirement. After increasing his dietary intake, he passed the physical. He graduated in 1941 with a degree in Aeronautical Supervision and was then commissioned in the Army Air Corps.

Mr. Brown was assigned to Cherry Point, North Carolina where he learned to fly anti-sub patrol as a navigator/bombardier. When the U.S. joined the war, his group was sent to England as part of the 8th Air Force. He flew 30 missions in B-24s dropping supplies and agents to the French, Belgian and Norwegian resistance. He remained in the National Guard after the war and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

After returning to Opelika, Mr. Brown worked assisting veterans with loans. He met his future wife, Barbara Saunders on a blind date. They married in October of 1947 and were blessed with three daughters: Barbara (Bebe) and twin sisters Stephanie and Debbie. Mr. Brown has ten grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Mr. Brown worked at the Alabama Gas Company and later with Botsford Knight Insurance Agency until his retirement. He was an active member of First United Methodist Church where he sang in the choir and participated in the Lumpkin Sunday School Class. He has been a member of the Kiwanis Club for over 60 years and was a member of the Saugahatchee Country Club where he enjoyed playing golf and preferred walking to riding in a golf cart. He still enjoys watching Auburn and SEC sports.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Mr. Brown and wishing him a very happy 100th birthday.

INHUMANITY IN AFGHANISTAN

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday May 12th there was an inhuman murderous attack by terrorists of a 100-bed hospital compound in Kabul, Afghanistan, which included a maternity ward run by aid group Doctors Without Borders. Gruesomely, the terrorist attack left 16 murdered, including mothers, infants, and healthcare workers, and 15 others were wounded. Shortly thereafter, a cowardly suicide bomber targeted a funeral ceremony of a local police commander in Nangahar, leaving at least 24 dead and 68 injured. This level of fanaticism underscores that we must secure Afghan families or the terrorists will again eagerly kill Americans as they did on September 11th from a cave in Afghanistan.

Tuesday's gut-wrenching attacks are unfortunately not an aberration in Afghanistan, as

terrorists who would like to stifle freedom and liberty continue to destabilize the country and threaten the democratic trajectory of the Afghan government. Although the Afghan Taliban have formally denied their participation in these attacks, President Ashraf Ghani pointed an accusatory finger at the terrorist group and called on them to cease and desist. "I once again call on them to embrace peace," President Ghani said in an official statement, noting that it is "not only a demand of the government, but the nation and the international community." America is grateful for President Ghani's courageous leadership. As Co-Chairman of the Afghan Caucus, I especially have appreciated meeting with the President in Kabul where I found firsthand his devotion to the people.

If the Taliban truly did not participate in these heinous attacks, the group should work with the Afghan government to bring the murderous perpetrators to justice.

It is especially tragic that these attacks occurred during the Muslim holy Month of Ramadan, a time meant for solemn prayer and peace. The people of Afghanistan deserve a peaceful future, free from terrorism and death that they have been plagued with for far too long.

Americans pray that peace, stability, and security return to Afghanistan and we stand ready to support Afghanistan's government and security services in their efforts to realize this dream for prosperity of Afghan families.

TRIBUTE TO MR. LESLIE HERBERT WEXNER

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. STIVERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of myself and my colleagues, Representatives TROY BALDERSON and JOYCE BEATTY, as well as the people of Central Ohio to celebrate the career of one of Ohio's most distinguished citizens, a man who devoted his life to building a historic company and to the improvement of his community, Mr. Leslie Herbert Wexner.

Born in Dayton, Ohio, Mr. Wexner has lived the American Dream. The child of a Russian-Jewish immigrant and a first generation American, he attended The Ohio State University and served in the Ohio Air National Guard. He then got his start in the retail industry working at his family's store, Leslie's. He used that first-hand experience to found The Limited, taking the company public on the New York Stock Exchange just six years later.

Since then, he grew L Brands to, at one point, include household names such as Victoria's Secret, Bath & Body Works, Abercrombie and Henri Bendel. He has consistently been ranked among the Top 100 Best Performing Chief Executive Officers and was named the longest-serving CEO of a Fortune 500 company in 2012.

His success as an entrepreneur is matched only by his extraordinary impact as a philanthropist who has made incredible contributions to Central Ohio. The Wexner Foundation began in order to fill a void in the North American Jewish Community, and has since expanded its mission, with programs including

the Wexner Service Corps, the Wexner Field Fellowship, Wexner Senior Leaders, and Wexner Alumni Summits.

Beyond that, he and his wife, Abigail, have empowered individuals throughout Central Ohio with their charitable works, including support for the Columbus Foundation, The Ohio State University's Wexner Medical Center, the Abigail Wexner Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital, and the Wexner Center for the Arts.

To attempt to quantify Mr. Wexner's impact is impossible. As Mr. Doug Kridler, president and chief executive officer of the Columbus Foundation once said, "Les blew the ceiling off our sense of the possible in Columbus."

Mr. Wexner tackled projects large and small. From growing his business and providing thousands of jobs, to supporting developing leaders and encouraging medical breakthroughs, he has undeniably helped make Central Ohio a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family.

We all have come to know Mr. Wexner for his tireless work ethic, and his commitment to improving the lives of his neighbors. He has done a phenomenal job of building consensus and demonstrating the importance of civility in the process. His impact will be far-reaching for years and years to come, and as he begins this next chapter in his life, we are confident that our communities will continue to benefit from his exemplary leadership.

It is an honor to recognize his retirement, and we ask all of our colleagues to join us in congratulating Mr. Les Wexner on an extraordinary career and wishing him and Abigail all the best.

HONORING RICHARD L. JACOBS ON THE CELEBRATION OF HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to rise today to join the New Haven community in extending my heartfelt congratulations and very best wishes to Richard L. Jacobs, Esq., as he celebrates his 90th birthday. A New Haven native who has dedicated a lifetime to the pursuit of advocacy and justice, this is a remarkable milestone for this pillar of our community.

The Jacobs family's law practice has been an institution in the City of New Haven since its founding by Dick's father, Israel, more than a century ago. Following his graduation from Yale University and Yale Law School, Dick joined the family firm where he has been practicing for more than six decades. He is well known for both his staunch advocacy on behalf of as well as his sincere affection for his clients. Dick's commitment and determination to ensure justice for all led to his early and unfailing support of the New Haven Legal Assistance Association and ensuring that those most in need had access to quality, affordable legal services.

Throughout his professional career, Dick has demonstrated an unparalleled commitment to the justice system. He has been a member of the New Haven County Bar Association and the American Association for Justice since his bar admittance in 1957 and has

served four years as both a member and section chairman on the Connecticut Bar Association. Among the many accolades he has earned, Dick was honored with both the Connecticut Bar Association's Special President's Award as well as the New Haven Legal Assistance Association's Award for Support and Equal Access to Justice. Dick is endowed with an unwavering duty to pursue what is right and it is that indefectible spirit that has won him the respect and admiration of those fortunate enough to know him both in and out of the courtroom.

A lifelong resident of New Haven, Dick has always shown a deep commitment to the community. It is where he and his wife, Cary, raised their own family and where they continue their good work to make a difference. A proud graduate of Yale University and Yale Law School, Dick is an Eli through and through—never missing a home football game, often simply walking right to Yale Bowl to see the games.

Like so many others, I consider myself fortunate to know Dick Jacobs and I am honored to have this opportunity to celebrate this very special occasion. Today, as he marks his 90th birthday, we pay tribute to the lifetime of dedication Richard L. Jacobs has made to the City of New Haven and our legal system. I wish Dick all the best for many more years of health and happiness. Happy Birthday.

CONGRATULATING RANDY THOMPSON ON SELECTION AS A FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Randy Thompson on being selected as one of only fifteen journalism and communications students in the 2020 Berlin Capital Program. Funded through the Fulbright Commission, this elite educational program highlights the best and brightest of America's students.

Thompson is a senior mass communications major at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, set to graduate in May 2020. He is also a member of the Collegiate 4-H Club, the Peace Corps Prep Program, and the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity. Throughout his education at UAPB, Thompson travelled all over South America and Asia, studying Spanish and Chinese.

The 2020 Berlin Capital Program will focus on introducing Thompson and other participants to German politics, society, and cultural affairs in remembrance of the 20th anniversary of German reunification. Thompson will also have the opportunity to explore the role of media in nurturing democracy.

Randy Thompson's accomplishment is to be commended not just in our district, but across our state and nation. Not only does his work serve as an example of academic excellence and perseverance, but it also serves as a source of pride for the citizens of South Arkansas.

HONORING SACRAMENTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY MARK STASYUK

HON. AMI BERA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. BERA. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Police Week and to honor a fallen law enforcement officer who served my community, Sacramento County Sheriff's Deputy Mark Stasyuk.

On September 17, 2018, Deputy Stasyuk and Officer Julie Robertson responded to a call at a local auto parts store. A gun battle ensued at the store and Deputy Stasyuk was killed in the line of duty. Sheriff's Deputy Mark Stasyuk was a four-and-a-half year veteran of the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office.

Deputy Stasyuk was a beloved son, brother, and newlywed husband to his wife, Amy. He was a member of Sacramento County's vibrant Russian-American community, had a strong faith and a love of the outdoors.

Deputy Stasyuk had planned on creating his wife's dream backyard at their new house. Tragically, he was killed before he could fulfill her dream. To honor his life and service, his fellow deputies at the Sacramento County Deputy Sheriff's Association stepped in—working with local contractors to make sure that the backyard was finished and could be a healing place for Amy and the Stasyuk family.

This week in May marks the annual observance of National Police Week. Deputy Stasyuk's bravery and sacrifice for the Sacramento community and his fellow deputies' support of his family is a testament to the commitment to service that law enforcement officers bring to our communities every day. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring all those have taken the oath to protect and serve, and who have fallen in the line of duty. We are forever grateful for Deputy Stasyuk's sacrifice, and he will not be forgotten.

CAROLINA COVERTECH MAKES A DIFFERENCE

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, in the midst of the battle against the Wuhan Virus it is refreshing to read of innovations by small businesses to protect our courageous health professionals.

The Augusta Chronicle first page featured Lisa Stuart of Carolina CoverTech on May 4th with a thoughtful article by Staff Writer Damon Cline, which I include in the RECORD:

Carolina CoverTech makes 12,000 products that—as the company slogan says—“cover, protect, contain and enclose.”

But it wasn't until this month that the third-generation manufacturer made a product to cover and protect health care workers.

The North Augusta-based custom fabricator—best known for producing commercial awnings, golf car fabrics and spill-control guards for the oil industry—is making disposable isolation gowns for University Hospital.

With the COVID-19 pandemic draining the nation's supply of personal protection gear, the hospital called on CoverTech to produce a special run to help get it through the shortage.

“Three weeks ago we had never made one, ever,” CoverTech President Rian True said. “Now we're making 2,000 a day.”

Although the company and the hospital are less than 15 minutes apart, the idea of a supplier-customer relationship was something neither knew was possible.

But when gown stockpiles started running low, University began searching for options while volunteers and staff cranked out up to 1,200 smocks a day using inexpensive sealing machines and plastic sheeting from home improvement stores.

In a facility that disposes of 2,000 gowns a day, hospital officials predicted all inventory would be exhausted by the time the pandemic's predicted “curve” began its upward ascent. Mike Brown, University's director of materials management, offhandedly mentioned the dilemma to Greg Shuford, the pharmacy manager at University's Summer-ville campus.

Shuford happened to know True, and he quickly put the two together.

CoverTech operations manager Lisa Stuart said the plant started producing prototypes using existing material within a day of the first meeting.

“We like people who come to us and need us to solve a problem,” she said. “We can be agile and do things quickly.”

After a few modifications and switching the material to a textured plastic sheeting, the plant had created a gown that fit the hospital's needs. True said it took a little over a week to get the gown line up to full production.

Brown said some of the hospital's nursing staff have mentioned they prefer CoverTech's smock to the ones sourced from the hospital's medical-equipment supplier.

“They say its a little more durable,” Brown said. “So they have managed to make a gown that is of equivalent quality and is a little more durable.”

The gowns, generally light blue in color, keep bodily fluids from contaminating health care workers' clothing and scrubs. The gowns are worn by all workers treating suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patients.

Reed said he enjoys designing products for all designing products for all types of applications, but that the gown project was especially satisfying.

“We feel like we're helping make a little bit of a difference,” he said.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN HAMERNIK ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. LATTI. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that John Hamernik of Maumee, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

John's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2024. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only