

The Center also cheers inclusion in the HEROES Act of a provision that would provide grants to community-based organizations to help low-income divorced women and survivors of domestic abuse receive their court-awarded retirement benefits. This provision was originally introduced by Senator Patty Murray (D-WA) and House Members Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) and Lauren Underwood (D-IL) as part of the Women's Retirement Protection Act (S. 975, H.R. 2005).

RECOGNIZING EDUCATIONAL AWARD PROGRAM HONOREES

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 22, 2020

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize 17 incredible high school juniors and seniors from central Arkansas.

When I came to Congress, I began my Educational Award Program, which allows high school teachers, counselors, and principals to nominate one junior and one senior each year.

Students are nominated to receive an Educational Achievement Award for their academic success, character, and service to school and community.

This year's honorees are: Jayce Pollard and Catie Overton from Conway High School, Jessica Hoffman and Logan Carney from Episcopal Collegiate School, Emma Anderson and James McConnick from Harmony Grove High School, Robin Eluvathingal and Kelvin Kang from Little Rock Central High School, Anna McDonald and Ella Beth Wengel from Little Rock Christian Academy, Jie Loken and Caleb McGill from Maumelle Charter High School, Lily Wewers from Mount Saint Mary Academy, Lilly Hawkins and Logan Miller from Pulaski Academy, and Ethan Williams and Taylor Zimmerman from Wonderview High School.

Congratulations again to these fantastic students across central Arkansas. They're a testament to our state and Nation's bright future and it's been my honor to recognize their achievements and hard work.

LILIE STOOLMAN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 22, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Lilie Stoolman for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Lilie Stoolman is a 12th grader at Horizon High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Lilie Stoolman is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Lilie Stoolman for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING ELIZABETH S. ELLIS

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 22, 2020

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I would like to include in the RECORD the following article honoring Elizabeth S. Ellis, the longtime influential publisher of Connecticut's Journal Inquirer newspaper, who passed away on May 4, 2020. Dedicating 53 years of her life to the Journal Inquirer, Ellis successfully expanded the small, local newspaper from five to eighteen towns. She notably broke gender barriers by directing the paper when few women were afforded leadership roles in journalism. What impressed me the most was how she was able to, in a relatively short period of time, rival the State Paper of Record the Hartford Courant. She attracted talented journalists including the state's leading sports writer, Randy Smith and editorial page editor and writer, Chris Powell. Elizabeth Ellis' dedication to her community is commendable, and I believe it deserves recognition.

[From the Journal Inquirer]

PORTRAIT OF A LADY, AND US

(By Keith C. Burris)

Seekers look for teachers. They sit at the feet of those who can teach them something about how to live. My Uncle Tom, at whose feet I sat for a time (actually we sat in deck chairs on a high-rise balcony drinking gin), was an old test and fighter pilot with an eye for character and detail. He called me "little grasshopper" when I was in college.

But I want to tell you about another person who taught me, and did so for 21 years, never once in didactic fashion.

Her name was Elizabeth Ellis, and she was my boss, mentor, friend, life coach, and master teacher for all those years, at the Journal Inquirer.

Betty died this week at the age of 92.

The first thing she taught me was to be independent—to steer my own path and not to be intimidated. I never saw or heard her worry about "what people might say" or think.

She had a worldview. I would call it Roosevelt liberalism, but this worldview was as practical and subject to empirical testing as it was principled. She was an intellect, but she did not live in the world of abstraction. She lived in the world of the possible.

An early lesson in her independence and pragmatism was the case of two young, inexperienced cops shooting and killing a man who was high and charged at them, threatening to take them out. He had a knife, but was otherwise unarmed.

I wanted to hammer the cops in an editorial. I wanted to say their lives were never at risk and they should have shot the guy in the foot or leg. And, anyway, their superiors should not have sent two green cops on this call. These were not unreasonable positions.

Betty quietly asked me some questions: Had I considered the dilemma from the

young cops' point of view? How long did they have to think? What information did they have? What did I know about the size, distance, and disposition of the man who came at the cops? And, most devastatingly, had I ever tried to shoot someone in the foot or leg? Had I ever been in a situation remotely similar? Did I know anyone who had?

This was my lesson in empathy, with side tutorials in balance, skepticism, and judgment.

I never thought of Betty as a religious person. But she was a deeply sensitive person and a profoundly Jewish person. Hence her innate sense of justice and understanding. I never once saw her get emotional or sentimental, but she walked me through the death of my father, and the long illness and death of my mother, as no one else did—with the blessed assurance of the psalmist. Or maybe just a mom.

She once told me that a newspaper should be a place where a person could go when he has exhausted all other options—the paper should be the recourse of last resort.

The third thing I learned from her was a sense of fun.

Yes, she regarded journalism as a high calling. But there is no sense in owning or producing a daily newspaper, she thought, if you don't have some fun—afflicting the comfortable as well as comforting the afflicted. Every day.

And we did have fun. We laughed a lot and rattled a lot of cages. And we regularly surprised people. And formed no permanent alliances. (We didn't endorse in political races.)

We took the work seriously but ourselves not so much. We had a feisty little newspaper. At one time, when such things were possible, the *JI* was the fastest growing paper in New England. The paper's motto was: "We tell it like it is, somebody has to."

Betty set the tone and tenor. She was rightly called, in her *JI* obit, "the soul" of the paper. She drew the boundaries and let us all roam within. She never stopped being a fan of good journalism or good writing and she was lavish with praise when she thought any one of us reached the top. But occasionally she would intone, always with a wry smile, "remember, it's my sandbox."

She relished being the underdog and she loved a good fight. She adored jazz and theater and she liked cocktails, and sentences, that packed a punch. Her wit was sharp and dry and her composure eclipsed the truth that she was actually tough as nails. But she was also, in every sense of the word—a word in unfortunate retreat these days—a lady.

And when I say tough, I refer not only to things she endured in life—loss, pain, the ruthlessness of age—but a certain mental toughness about the world. She was an old-fashioned progressive, but there was nothing of what we would today call "woke" about her. Not one ounce of preciousness or virtue signaling. And when I think about her I wonder if we have lost all rigor, both in our profession and in our society. What would she think about an entire economy shut down; a whole society sheltering in place, ad infinitum?

Maybe that it is good that we are starting to reopen America; good that we are starting to come out. Maybe she would say that risk is part of life and we take a risk every time we leave the house or turn the key in the car. And who wants to live in a society where you can't shake hands or hug your kid or visit your aging mother or your newborn granddaughter? Life is risk. And either you risk or you live by fear.

Elizabeth Ellis took risks. It seemed to me she was never afraid.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 22, 2020

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, on Thursday April 23 and Friday, May 15, 2020, I was not able to make the recorded votes below. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 103; YEA on Roll Call No. 104; YEA on Roll Call No. 105; YEA on Roll Call No. 106; YEA on Roll Call No. 107; NAY on Roll Call No. 108; and YEA on Roll Call No. 109.

HEALTH AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY OMNIBUS EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. KWEISI MFUME

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. MFUME. Mr. Speaker, we have had a lot of talk on this floor today about this bill with people pointing fingers and saying: It doesn't do this or it doesn't do that.

However, if we were to examine the intent of this bill we can see one thing with crystal clarity.

What it does do is to provide real support for American heroes: our physicians, our nurses, our cops, our teachers, our firemen, and our first responders.

But there are many other heroes moving our country forward during these perilous times.

Our grocery store clerks, bus drivers, mental health counselors, food bank employees, farmers and the list would certainly include leaders at every level of State and local governments.

And this is not just a Democratic effort.

This is an effort that is supported by Republicans as well, and somebody needs to say that.

Republican Governors, Republican mayors, Republican County officials, and there will be some Republican Members on that side of the aisle who vote for this bill because it is the right thing to do.

It provides needed testing, and it provides the resources those on the front lines in this war against our common enemy—the Coronavirus pandemic—who need to survive and to thrive once again.

It is a critical way for us to do more than to simply offer words.

It allows us to offer hope to these true American heroes.

EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO MARK PETTITT FOR HIS SERVICE TO AMERICA

HON. MO BROOKS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 22, 2020

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, after ably and honorably serving as my chief of staff for more than 9 years, Mark Pettitt will

retire in June. Mark has provided exceptional leadership, and I've greatly benefited from having him as my chief advisor. I will miss his sound and candid guidance.

When asked how he came to be my chief of staff, Mark will often reply, "I complained about politics too many times to an old friend." That is only partly true. Really, it was Mark's deeply ingrained sense of patriotism that led him to Capitol Hill.

Mark's tenure as chief of staff caps an already exemplary career as a successful private sector engineer. For Mark, there are few more patriotic acts than simply working hard and contributing each day to America's economic and industrial prowess.

Mark worked hard throughout his career. He earned both his masters and undergraduate degrees in engineering from Brigham Young University. He served as an R&D Engineer and Project Manager at Wylie Laboratories in Huntsville, Alabama from 1978–1989. While at Wylie, Mark earned his Professional Engineer license. He went on to work as an Executive Consultant and Product Manager for Intergraph Corporation from 1989–2010. As an aside, Mark is a 10th degree Jiu Jitsu black belt.

Given his private sector background, Mark offers a unique perspective on federal policy issues. Always one to put America first, Mark has been particularly active in addressing America's trade imbalances and has long advocated for trade policies that benefit American workers.

As Mark's career concludes, I cannot thank him enough for the value he provided me, the Tennessee Valley, and America. I wish Mark joy and contentment as he embarks on this next phase of life. He is looking forward to enjoying well-deserved time with his wife, Diane, five children—John, Jared, Ben, Nichole, and Joseph—and 12 grandchildren! Mark has earned every bit of that family time.

America is a stronger, more prosperous nation thanks to Mark's exemplary career.

ALDEN BURCH NARANJO, JR.
TRIBUTE**HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 22, 2020

Mr. TIPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Alden Burch Naranjo, Jr. of Ignacio, Colorado, a leader within the Southern Ute Tribe who recently passed away.

Alden attended Ute Vocational School and later graduated from St. Catherine's Indian School in Santa Fe, New Mexico. After pursuing his education, Alden enlisted in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and served his country honorably. His service to others continued following the Vietnam War, when he transitioned into a career with the Southern Ute Tribe which spanned 40 years.

Alden served as the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Coordinator, working to ensure federal laws protect Native American lineal descendants with respect to the treatment, repatriation, and disposition of Native American human remains and culturally important objects were implemented. He also served as a police officer, staffer for the Division of Wild-

life, probation officer, and historian. He was also a member of Keepers of the Treasures—which predated NAGPRA—and a spiritual leader for tribal members. This role sent him around the world to educate people on Native American rights, spirituality, and culture.

Alden also held the role of President of the Native American Church of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and the United States Chapters. In what free time he had, he was a traditional Sun dancer and took great pride in his Native American heritage. He will be sorely missed by his large extended family, the entire Southern Ute Tribe, and State of Colorado.

Madam Speaker, Alden's death is a loss for not only the Southern Ute Tribe but for the entire State of Colorado, and all of us who value the rich culture and historical heritage he worked so passionately throughout his life to share. Alden's legacy will be remembered and live on for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING HANK BROWNE

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 22, 2020

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Mr. Hank Browne, who was inducted into this year's Arkansas Outdoor Hall of Fame by the Arkansas Game and Fish Foundation.

Hank is a lifelong hunter and dedicated supporter of the Arkansas Game and Fish Foundation.

He also founded his own business in Arkansas in 1975, Hank's Fine Furniture, which was recognized as one of America's Top 100 Independent Furniture Retailers.

As a member of The Nature Conservancy Arkansas' Last Great Places Society, he has been a champion of conservation efforts in the Natural State throughout his lifetime.

His service to the state of Arkansas and to wildlife and conservation will never be forgotten, and I join all Arkansans in congratulating Hank on this achievement and wish him much continued success.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF
PAM BROWN LARSEN**HON. DAN NEWHOUSE**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 22, 2020

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, today, the Tri-Cities community celebrates and honors the career of Pam Brown Larsen. For the past 25 years, Pam has served as Executive Director of Hanford Communities, an intergovernmental cooperative organization embraced by four cities, two counties, and a port district. Pam began this journey in 1994 when she became the first and only person to fill the position created by the City of Richland.

Throughout her career, Pam has been a steadfast advocate for the cleanup of the Hanford Site and for the people and communities surrounding it. Her leadership has been crucial to the progress seen at the 586 square mile site. Pam has played a pivotal role in increasing the public's access to information about