

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF
BEN JONES

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Ben Jones, a beloved high school football coach at Cranbrook Kingswood High School, who recently passed away at the age of 30 in a traffic accident.

Ben went to Muskegon Catholic Central High School, where he played football, basketball, baseball and track. He led his football team to a state championship as a senior in 2008. While at Central Catholic, Ben found his favorite motto, "Get To." Every day, Ben would tell his teammates how they 'get to' play football today. Ben went on to play football at Hillsdale College. His teammates remember him as the hardest worker on the field, a great teammate and an even better friend.

Not surprisingly, Ben was also a great football coach. His players knew him as not only someone who understood the game, but someone who knew how to lead and loved his players. The players know that Coach Jones cared about their lives at home, how they were doing in school, and how they were developing as men.

"Get To" wasn't just a motto to Ben. It was how he lived his life. He attacked each day with enthusiasm, hope and excitement. The Muskegon Catholic Central, Hillsdale College, and Cranbrook communities have lost a dear friend and mentor. He will be greatly missed.

My Prayers go out to Ben's parents, Theresa and Bruce Jones, his sister Alissa, his brother Nate, his extended family, his friends, and the countless others who will mourn for him.

Madam Speaker, I join with those throughout Michigan in remembering the extraordinary life and legacy that Coach Jones has left behind.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH
BIRTHDAY OF MRS. BERNICE
TODD

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today with profound joy, deep admiration, and endless blessings to recognize the 100th birthday of Mrs. Bernice Todd. One cannot tell the story of America without telling the story of Kansas City Jazz, and one cannot tell the story of Kansas City Jazz without telling the story of Bernice Todd.

Mrs. Bernice Todd was born September 8, 1920, and has made significant contributions to the Jazz music and culture of the 18th and Vine District of Kansas City. She performed with many of the big bands and Jazz greats of her day, both as a stellar singer and as a skilled dancer. However, Jazz was not only a career for Mrs. Todd. It was also a family affair. Her husband, Oliver Todd, was a trumpet player and bandleader who would go on to become a fixture of the burgeoning Jazz scene

in Kansas City, playing with everyone from Count Basie to Duke Ellington. And when a certain young virtuoso named Charlie Parker still carried his makeshift horn in a cloth sack, he would often come over to the Todds' home to eat lunch and play some music. Mrs. Todd was actually just one week younger than the Bird, and the three of them became close friends. Often, Parker would leave his horn in their living room and ask them to bring it to his performance the next night. Needless to say, the horn bought them free admission.

Mrs. Todd is a mother, a grandmother, and a friend to many. She has also been a loyal member of the St. James United Methodist Church, where I was a pastor for thirty-seven years. From personal experience, I can attest that Mrs. Todd keeps us all laughing. Mrs. Todd is also a caretaker of our Jazz history, as well as our Jazz musicians, through her involvement with the Coda Jazz Fund, which pays funeral and burial expenses for area Jazz musicians whose families cannot afford them. As I have said before, a gift is never truly received until you acknowledge the giver. Mrs. Todd has honored so many determined artists with that sacred acknowledgement as they enter the coda of their life. It is an honor to be able to acknowledge Mrs. Todd's legacy while her chorus is in full swing.

Since I began thinking about this momentous occasion, there's a song that's been stuck in my head. It is from an old compilation of Jazz standards released December of 1945, just a little over a year after I was born. The album sleeve must have weighed ten tons with heft of the names which graced it: Jay McShann, Nat "King" Cole, and of course, Oliver Todd. The song, by McShann, with Mrs. Todd's late husband on trumpet, is an instrumental version of an old standard. Nevertheless, I remember the lyrics well: "I used to walk in the shade," it went, "With those blues on parade / But I'm not afraid / This rover crossed over / If I never have a cent / I'd be rich as Rockefeller / Gold dust at my feet / On the sunny side of the street."

Now, as we stand not only at Mrs. Todd's centennial, but Charlie Parker's as well, I cannot help but reflect on our collective good fortune. We lost the Bird in '55, but God has generously allowed us a full century of Bernice. For that, I am immensely grateful. Madam Speaker, please join me, the world of Jazz, and everyone in Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in wishing Mrs. Bernice Todd a happy 100th birthday. Here's to many more years, Mrs. Todd, "on the sunny side of the street."

PEG FITZGERALD

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to provide my warmest congratulations and thanks to Peg Fitzgerald, a long-time resident and public servant in the State of Connecticut, who is retiring on October 1st after more than 42 years of service to our state. Like so many other citizens of our great state, I had the privilege to interact with Peg in government and had a front-row seat to watch her skillful use of shrewd intelligence, empathy and

humor to advance the public interest in whatever role she took on. I first met Peg when I was an intern at the State Capitol for then-State Representative Sam Gejdenson in 1978 when Peg first went to work at the State Budget Office under Governors Ella Grasso and William O'Neill. Despite being a young woman given the weighty task of securing legislative support for the Governor's budget, she did not back down and could go toe-to-toe with the crustiest older male legislators and yet still make them laugh at her sharp Irish wit. When she would walk into Sam's committee room, he would yell, "Hey Irish, what's going on?" and the two of them would start busting each other, leaving all of us in stitches. It was like watching a sitcom.

Seriously though, during her twelve years at the State Capitol, Peg worked with legislative leaders on both sides of the aisle, crafting compromises and ultimately promoting bills that would advance the health and welfare of citizens of the State of Connecticut. She provided training, guidance, and supervision to dozens of state agencies and their staff at the state Capitol in their own advocacy efforts for the Executive Branch.

In 1990, Peg joined the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority, bringing with her outstanding expertise in the legislative process and a passion for affordable housing. In her thirty years at CHFA, Peg has continuously fought for the underserved, and taught dozens of employees what it means to be a true public servant.

For Peg, service to others never stopped at the office. When Peg wasn't at the Capitol, she often dedicated her time to organizing food drives or donations for local hunger relief organizations or finding homes for animals in need of adoption, including her own, many times over.

Peg Fitzgerald—through four decades—has been the embodiment of public service, showing a uncompromising commitment to the public good, a passion for the democratic process and a dogged determination to help those most in need.

I thank Peg for her service to the State of Connecticut and offer best wishes to her on her well-deserved retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF KAROLE
HONAS SERVICE TO IDAHO

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my friend Karole Honas on a well-earned retirement after an extraordinary broadcasting career.

Karole grew up in Gooding, Idaho and graduated from the University of Idaho with a degree in radio-TV, communications. Shortly after graduation she married her husband, Ken. They have been happily married for forty years.

Karole started her career at KPVI in Pocatello. After seven years, she left KPVI to raise her three sons. In 1990 Jay Hildebrandt called and asked her to fill in as an anchor for 6 weeks while another anchor was on maternity leave. Those 6 weeks turned into thirty years of co-anchoring with Jay Hildebrandt. Together

they were an iconic news team that the community trusted.

In addition to her role at KIFI with Jay, Karole mentored new journalists who were getting started in the industry. She also spent fourteen years as an adjunct instructor at Idaho State University. She has served as a member of the advisory board for the School of Journalism and Mass Media in the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences at the University of Idaho. She continues to reach out to students interested in television news, informing them of internship opportunities and job openings at her station and elsewhere.

Karole has served on several community boards and committees. As an active member of her community, Karole is committed to leaving this area better than she found it.

It has been my privilege to be interviewed by Karole throughout my political career. Even though we were friends she didn't hold back the tough questions. I have always appreciated her honesty and fairness.

Madam Speaker, Karole Honas has provided an immeasurable service to Eastern Idaho for the last thirty years. I want to thank her for that service and wish her well in a well-earned retirement.

IN APPRECIATION OF MAJOR ANDREW CROWE FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. MICHAEL WALTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Mr. WALTZ. Madam Speaker, today I recognize Major Andrew Joseph Crowe of the United States Army for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to our Nation. Major Crowe recently transitioned from his assignment as an Army Congressional Liaison in the House of Representatives to attend Army Command and General Staff College with follow on assignment at Fort Belvoir.

MAJ Crowe, having grown up in a non-military family, joined the Reserve Officers Training Corps through Western Michigan University and commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in 2006. He has held numerous leadership positions in a variety of units, highlighted by combat service in Iraq and Afghanistan with the 25th Infantry Division and the 75th Ranger Regiment. During his time in Washington, MAJ Crowe attended The George Washington University earning his Masters Degree in Legislative Affairs and served as a Congressional Fellow for Congressman JOE WILSON of South Carolina.

In the winter of 2017, MAJ Crowe was selected to serve as a Congressional Liaison in the United States Army House Liaison Division. As the primary liaison between Members of the House of Representatives, their Staffs, Committees, and the Army, he provided insight and understanding of Army policies, actions, operations, and requirements. His firsthand knowledge of the military, its culture, and traditions has been a tremendous benefit to Congressional offices. His wit and humor kept everyone around him in good spirits and kept me on my toes. As a busy freshman office with great ambition, our legislative successes would not have been possible without him.

In 2019, I had traveled with MAJ Crowe to Normandy France for the 75th Anniversary of D-Day. It was a historically significant event in which MAJ Crowe planned and executed the largest overseas CODEL in history.

Madam Speaker, it has been a pleasure to work with MAJ Crowe during his time as an Army Congressional Liaison Officer in the House of Representatives. On behalf of a grateful Nation, it is my honor to recognize the selfless service and sacrifice of Major Andrew Crowe, his wife, Michelle, and their children, Charlie and Samantha. I wish them the very best as they continue their journey in the United States Army. They have dedicated their lives to the service of our Nation.

Rangers Lead The Way.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I was unable to attend votes on September 14, 2020 due to a medical procedure a family member underwent in Chicago. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 183 and YEA on Roll Call No. 184.

REMEMBERING JACK L. LOVEALL

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Jack L. Loveall. Affectionately known as "Captain Jack", he led a life best defined as that of a loving family man, mentor, humanitarian, and labor leader of over 60 years. Jack embodied the American dream and will be remembered as a legendary figure in the cause of justice and fairness for working people and their families.

Born on Leap Day, February 29, 1936, Jack earned his first job at the age of 13 when he was hired by Wrigley Markets in Detroit as a grocery clerk. In 1958 Jack became a Union Representative for Local 876, beginning his storied work as an advocate for the American worker. His dedication to that mission led his colleagues to repeatedly select him as their representative in the upper echelons of the International Union. As an international vice president of the United Food and Commercial Workers, he served working families throughout the United States, Canada, Asia, and Europe.

In 1984, Jack was elected president of UFCW 588-Northern California, where he continued his passionate and highly effective advocacy for the members of his Union, including those who work in supermarkets, drug stores, pharmacies, food processing plants, wineries, distilleries, medical offices, and more. Jack lived in the spirit of "Solidarity Works," which he established as the motto of his Union and continues as the motto of UFCW 8—Golden State, now led by his son, Jacques Loveall.

Captain Jack was married to his first mate, Patricia, whom he adored for 67 years. He

was the father of seven, a grandfather, a great-grandfather, and a beloved mentor and teacher to countless others. His memory and legacy will be kept alive by those who use his lessons and beliefs as guideposts to building better families, better communities, and a better world while always being kind to one another.

CELEBRATING MR. WILLIAM BOSHART'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. MO BROOKS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. William Harvey Boshart on the occasion of his 100th birthday.

Mr. Boshart was born in Marshall County, Alabama on September 24, 1920. As a child during the Great Depression, Harvey is thankful he was able to finish his 1933 academic year. The local school system lacked funding to keep schools open but Harvey's teacher, Dr. Collins, finished the school year without pay. Later, in 1934, Harvey worked to support his family at only 14 years old.

In 1941, Harvey married Nina Hodges, which he considers to be "the best thing that ever happened to him." As newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Boshart lived on a family member's farm in Woodville, Alabama. Then in 1944, Harvey received notice he was drafted to serve in World War II. Thankfully, Harvey was able to spend Christmas with his family, but in January of 1945, Mr. Boshart was officially sworn into the U.S. Navy and began training in California.

Harvey was first assigned to the USS *Menard* (APA-201), a Haskell-class attack transport, on which he sailed to Pearl Harbor to train for the invasion of Okinawa, Japan. After months of training and active evasion of Japanese submarine screens, on March 16, Seaman First Class Boshart and the crew reached the Leyte Gulf in the Philippines to begin the campaign to retake Okinawa.

Later in his career, Harvey was assigned to the second USS *San Jacinto* (CVLS-30), on which President George H.W. Bush served. Once the war and his service were over, Harvey came home to Nina, and in 1947, they bought a farm in Rainsville, Alabama. From 1951 to 1980, Harvey served in a different capacity on Redstone Arsenal. Today, Harvey still lives in the same home he and Nina purchased in 1955, where he takes great pride in cooking and tending to his garden.

Madam Speaker, the Tennessee valley is fortunate to have such an exemplary citizen for 100 years. Harvey Boshart's bright spirit and servants' heart are a blessing to us all.

I wish Harvey and his entire family the very best as they celebrate Harvey's centennial birthday.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, on September 14, 2020, I regrettably missed votes in