

office holder has improved thousands of lives in the Kansas City area across multiple generations.

Lali's ambition throughout her career has been clear: "To make a better life for the Hispanic community through [her] involvement in various organizations." Over the last eighty years, Lali has accomplished that goal with conviction and grace. She began her activism at the young age of 13, when she first started going to the Guadalupe Center in Kansas City. At the time, the Center dedicated most of its resources to administering a school and clinic for underprivileged immigrants who had settled in Kansas City. Even at 13, Lali had a vibrant vision for what the Center could become: an integral part, a pillar, in the Kansas City Hispanic community. Serving for forty-six years on the Center's Board of Directors, including three terms as the Board President, she oversaw a massive expansion of the Center, among many critical victories. Today, the Center has grown to provide many essential services for Latinos, including healthcare, education, financial assistance, childcare, workforce development, and much more. Today, the Guadalupe Center, in no small part because of Lali's contribution, provides opportunities for newly-arrived immigrants to achieve their American Dream while also promoting pride in their culture and heritage.

But Lali, ever the visionary, was not satisfied transforming just the Guadalupe Center. She knew that change would not come for the Kansas City Hispanic community until they organized and voted for elected officials who would advocate for them at every level of government. Recognizing this, Lali founded La Raza Political Club in 1989. Under her leadership, La Raza worked endlessly to register new voters for each election, ensuring for the first time a seat at the table for the small but vibrant Hispanic community in Kansas City. Most Novembers, you could find Lali at her polling place, trying to convince everyone in her community to vote for a more equal, more just, and more promising America. Even this year, amidst a global pandemic, she has worked with her team to register hundreds of young Latino voters in what could be the most important election of their lifetime.

These actions alone would have been enough to satisfy most of us. But Lali has served Kansas City and the Hispanic community in a variety of roles throughout her career, and she is always finding new ways to effect change. She is a member the Union Cultural Mexicana Ladies Auxiliary, a full-time volunteer at the Casa Felix Senior Center, and a Board member for the Ethics, Human Relations, and Citizen Complaints Commission. She was also appointed to the Guadalajara Sister City Commission, as well as the Port Authority Board of Commissioners, and has served on the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast Committee since 1987. I list these accomplishments not to account for everything Lali has achieved—an impossible task for such a short time. Rather, I highlight her work because it teaches all of us a lesson about what it means to participate in our community. The framers of our Constitution knew they were drafting a document to govern an imperfect nation, plagued by animus and inequality. In the preamble of this document, which serves as the foundation for our entire system of government, they instructed each subsequent generation to use its articles and amendments

to form a more perfect union. The system relies on passionate, courageous, free-thinking Americans like Lali, pushing it towards a more just, tranquil, and equitable way of life. The arc of the moral universe bends towards justice, but it doesn't do it alone.

Lali recognized early on that if she could uplift voices and register voters, she could change her neighborhood for the better. If she could change her neighborhood, Lali knew she could change her city; if she could change her city, she could change her state; if she could change her state, she could change our nation. Lali represents all that is great about America, Madame speaker; she represents the audacious notion that one person in one city can change the lives of millions who have struggled to realize the full rights and protections of our government. I am eternally grateful that fate brought Lali to Kansas City and that I have been able to witness her action, advocacy, and affection for others during my time in public office. Lali has done more than her fair share to make our union more perfect.

One of the many unfortunate consequences of the ongoing public health crisis is the missed opportunities to celebrate and enjoy one another's company, whether it is graduations, bar mitzvahs, naturalization ceremonies, or the birthday party of a local hero turning 93 years young. It is imperative that we take time to celebrate life's milestones. Madame Speaker, please join me and Missouri's Fifth Congressional District as we forever enshrine our gratefulness for the work of Lali Garcia in the Congressional Record and as we wish her the happiest of birthdays. It is my fervent hope that we will be celebrating her 94th birthday in person, with a celebration fit for a local legend.

#### CELEBRATING THE MARRIAGE OF JIM BERT AND LYDIA LAUDERDALE

#### HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madame Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Jim Bert and Lydia Lauderdale of Shannon, Mississippi.

Jim and Lydia attended different high schools, with Jim graduating from Shannon High School and Lydia graduating from Okolona High School. Jim went on to become a Mississippi State Bulldog, and Lydia attended Northeast Mississippi Community College where she earned a degree in Nursing. Jim and Lydia were married on Wednesday, October 23, 1970 in Starkville, Mississippi, but later made Shannon, Mississippi their home.

Five years after their marriage, Jim started his family business, Shannon Steel Service, while also helping his father's business, Tom Lauderdale Paper Company. At the same time, Lydia was working in hospitals and nursing homes all throughout North Mississippi before retiring as a school nurse for Lee County Schools.

Jim and Lydia are the proud parents of their two sons, Bert and Stewart Lauderdale, who work alongside Jim and Jim's brother, Tommy, in the family business. They are members of Shannon First United Methodist Church, and are also proud grandparents of six.

Their commitment to each other and the community is inspiring, and we wish them many more years of happiness.

#### RECOGNIZING MAJOR MICHAEL VINACCO

#### HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Air Force Major Michael Vinacco on the completion of his Legislative Fellowship with my personal office. Major Vinacco has been assigned to my staff since January 2020 and has done a superb job as a trusted advisor for national security, foreign operations, and veteran policy issues.

Major Vinacco was raised in a military family and earned his commission from Virginia Military Institute in 2008. Prior to being selected for his prestigious Defense Legislative Fellowship, he served as a Program Manager for a multibillion-dollar Air Force program. Additionally, he has over a decade of experience in engineering and aircraft maintenance, to include a combat deployment to Afghanistan in 2012.

During his Fellowship, Major Vinacco was instrumental in helping my staff and I develop the fiscal year 2021 House defense appropriations bill. His direct contributions will help provide our nation's uniformed men and women with the resources needed to defend our nation. Additionally, Major Vinacco coordinated dozens of engagements with senior departmental officials to include a tour of the Southwest Border with Deputy Secretary of Defense Norquist and a tour of Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth. In addition to departmental engagements, Major Vinacco served as my connection to the defense industrial partners that make Fort Worth and North Texas our nation's defense aviation production hub.

Airmen like Major Michael Vinacco are the reason our nation's Air Force is the best in the world. On behalf of the 12th District of Texas, I offer my congratulations and best wishes to Michael, his wife Lisa, and children Luca, John, and Zachary, as they continue their military journey in service to our great nation.

#### HONORING EDWARD J. TRACEY

#### HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Mr. RYAN. Madame Speaker, in this the 75th anniversary of the end of WWII, I rise to pay tribute to Edward J. Tracey. Like so many of our courageous WWII veterans, Ed is gone but will not be forgotten. Madame Speaker, I am confident that the following highlights of the contributions Ed Tracey made to the War effort will reveal a legacy, not just for the 13th District of Ohio, but for the broader impact Capt. Tracey had on the victory against tyranny.

Ed, along with his two brothers and two sisters, grew up at RFD No. 3, a farm located in Cortland, Ohio.

Ed began his lifelong love of flying by taking lessons from a local flight instructor by the name of Ernie C. Hall at Hall's Airport. Ernest "Ernie" C. Hall who is widely recognized for his long career in aviation, was born near Warren, Ohio in 1890. A friend of the Wright brothers, Hall built his first powered airplane in 1909 and flew it in 1911. He began his career as a civilian flight instructor in 1913, opening a flying school in Pennsylvania in 1915. During World War I he transferred to Call Field in Wichita Falls, Texas where he trained over 500 military pilots for combat. In 1922 Hall relocated his flight school to Warren, Ohio where he taught until his death in 1972. His 1911 monoplanes have been displayed at the Smithsonian's National Air & Space Museum in Washington, D.C., and at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force in Dayton, Ohio. Ed logged a total of 110 Hrs. at Hall's Airport.

Ed left the family farm and traveled to Canada to join the Royal Canadian Air Force in May 1941, seven months before Pearl Harbor. Ed became a Flying Sergeant in the Royal Canadian Air Force and trained in the following aircraft: Fleet Finch, Harvard, Tiger Moth and the Fairey Battle. Ed logged a total of 375 Hrs. in the RCAF from May 1941 through May 1942 and was awarded the Canadian War Medal.

After serving one year in the RCAF, Ed transferred to the U.S. Army Air Corps in June 1942 and was posted to Tyndall Airfield Gunnery School near Panama City, Florida for combat training. During training at Tyndall Field, 2nd Lt. Tracey met 2nd Lt. Clark Gable, the "King of Hollywood" and one of the stars of the 1939 film classic "Gone with the Wind." After what must have been a night full of many stories, most likely related to training and the uncertainties that lie ahead, Tracey left sporting Gable's service hat (also known as a crusher) and vice versa. They met again the next day for the ROTC (Return of The Crushers). Ed logged a total of 264 Hrs. in the following aircraft from June 1942 through September 1943: O-46A, L-4B, AT-6A, AT-6C, BT-13A, O-47A, O-47B, (P-51A, P-51B Mustangs), A-33, AT-9, AT-9B, P-40L Warhawk, (B-25C, B-25D Mitchells), B-26 Marauder, B-34 Lexington.

In October of 1943, Ed transferred to the 522nd Squadron—27th Fighter Bomber Group. The 27th supported the 5th Army's drive toward Rome. Ed flew the A-36 Apache, the P-40F Warhawk, and the P-47D Thunderbolt in combat. The nose Art on his Thunderbolt read RFD No. 3—Ed wanted the enemy to know where his special deliveries were coming from, and there were many.

January 12, 1944, Ed was on a mission to take out enemy gun positions close to the front lines in South Central Italy. His A-36 Apache developed engine trouble near Gaeta Point and he had to leave the formation. Ed got as far as the Volturno River Valley before coming down in a field for a belly landing.

The impact caused the prop to slice through the canopy. Lucky for Ed, his head went down and forward, just in time to avoid disaster. Ed flew a total of 102 air combat missions from October 1943 through August 1944 and logged a total of 165 hrs. of flight in the Mediterranean Theatre of War. Rome was liberated on June 5, 1944. "ANGELS ON OUR SHOULDERS" said Captain Mille (Tom Hanks), in reference to the P-51 Mustangs in one of the last scenes of the movie, "Saving Private

Ryan." Many of the Angels of the 27th Fighter Bomber Group did not return.

Captain Tracey transferred to the 3rd Army Air Force in July 1944, and trained and prepared students for combat in the P-40 and P-51 Mustang. Captain Tracey logged a total of 362 Hrs. in the following aircraft until his discharge on December 7, 1945: B-17F Fortress, P-47D Thunderbolt, BT-13B, C-47A, UC-78, (P-40, P-40F, P-40K10, P-40L, P-40N, P-40N15, P-40N20, P-40N25, P-40N35, RP-40N, RP-40N25 Warhawks), (P-51C, P-51C6, P-51C10, P-51D, P-51D20, P-51K5, P-51K10 Mustangs).

All together Captain Tracey served a total of one year in the Royal Canadian Air Force and three years and seven months in the U.S. Army Air Forces. Ed logged 375 hours in the Royal Canadian Air Force and 825 hours in the U.S. Army Air Forces for a total of 1,200 hours. Ed logged flight time in a total of 45 individual aircraft.

Ed's love of aviation was not about to end. He became a member of the EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) and built and flew his homebuilt Mustang II.

I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in saluting the legacy of a very accomplished WWII combat pilot and instructor, Edward J. Tracey.

#### HONORING BRUCE JOHNSON

#### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 23, 2020*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the outstanding achievements of Bruce Johnson, who will retire on December 31, 2020, after 44 years as a distinguished television news anchor and reporter. I have worked with Bruce Johnson ever since being elected to Congress and will miss his heavy hitting questions and incisive reporting.

Bruce Johnson has won 22 Emmys, is a member of the Society of Professional Journalists Hall of Fame, the Washington, DC Hall of Fame and will soon be inducted into the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame at the University of Kentucky. He has also received the Ted Yates Award and the NATAS Board of Governors Award and is a member of the National Association of Black Journalists and the National Press Club.

Throughout his career with WUSA9, a CBS affiliate in the District of Columbia, Bruce Johnson has reported on stories ranging from local D.C. news to federal matters, from the local real estate market to government shut-downs and from D.C.'s mistreatment in the CARES Act to violence on the streets of D.C. During Johnson's distinguished career, he has shed light on difficult topics for his audience in D.C. and across the nation.

Bruce Johnson's career took him from his hometown of Louisville, Kentucky to places as far away as Rome, Bangkok, Dakar and Tokyo on special assignments for WUSA9. Even before the international chapter of his career, Johnson made a name for himself in D.C. by reporting on notable stories, including the 1982 Metro train derailment and the 1977 Hanafi Siege, in which 142 people were held hostage by 12 gunmen leading to the deaths of two individuals.

Bruce Johnson endured a difficult blow from a heart attack in 1992 while on assignment in Southeast D.C. His journey back to health included completing the Marine Corps Marathon. In 2018, he was dealt a second blow when he was diagnosed with cancer. He responded to these illnesses as a true reporter, taking Americans along with him to help provide clarity on difficult experiences. Johnson stayed true to his honest reporting even when he became the story. He is the author of two books. The first, entitled Heart to Heart, was inspired by his heart attack, and the second, All or Nothing, was an exposé on the life of D.C. basketball player Victor Page.

I have known Bruce my entire career, and I had hoped that he would remain at Channel 9 as long as I remained in Congress. Bruce commented once during an interview that he covered my first congressional campaign. Having been on his show many times to discuss issues that affect D.C. residents, I have grown to consider Bruce a friend. He has helped tell the story of D.C.'s challenges and triumphs and lent his platform and voice to the fight for congressional equality for the District.

Bruce's demeanor and his down-to-earth, relatable storytelling will be missed on the air as he goes on to pursue other accomplishments in the next chapter of his life. I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Bruce Johnson for his distinguished career in journalism. I wish him the very best in the years to come.

#### LORRAINE KNUTH'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

#### HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 23, 2020*

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I am most proud today to rise today to recognize Ms. Lorraine Knuth, a long-time resident of Waukegan, Illinois, who will celebrate her 100th birthday on October 31.

I first met Lorraine through Mary Carmody at Midwest Veterans Closet where she has volunteered for many years. In honor of her centenary year, Lorraine has asked for donations to be made to Midwest Veterans Closet to help her construct a new building and expand their service capacity to our men and women veterans in the area.

To mark her lifetime of service, I wish to share Lorraine's life story today, for it clearly embodies so much of the opportunity, perseverance, and sacrifice that makes her and our nation so special.

Lorraine was born on October 31, 1920, in Langlade, Wisconsin, the seventh of nine children. She excelled in school, entering high school a year early. During the Second World War, Lorraine enlisted in the U.S. Army as part of the Women's Army Corps. After basic training at Daytona Beach, Florida, she headed west to Camp Stoneman in northern California. She served there until the war ended, working in the camp hospital as a Special Diet Cook.

After the war, Lorraine met her husband and travelled the world through his military service. She decided to move to Waukegan after visiting her late sister, who was already living in the area. She has lived in the same house for