

Ever the entrepreneur, Carroll would establish several businesses including an apartment and home development in Richardson, Texas, a transistor radio factory, a local television station, and a Central Systems among others.

Mr. Maxwell was particularly known for his commitment to service as evidenced by his long-time membership and involvement with First United Methodist Church of McKinney. Additional efforts to serve those around him included membership in the McKinney Kiwanis Club, Sons of the American Revolution, Collin County Foster Friends, participation as a Court Appointed Special Advocate for Collin County, and as an active figure in conservative politics.

Mr. Maxwell's impressive list of awards and accolades are a testament to the high esteem the community held him in. Carroll went home to our Lord on December 26, 2020 where he was reunited with a host of those he had loved in life most notably, his wife, Marilyn Maxwell.

While many in Collin County will miss his steadfast presence and servant leadership, those who knew him best celebrate a life well lived. Now as we recognize Mr. Carroll Maxwell, Jr., I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring his rich life and legacy.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RICHARD
BIEDER

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 5, 2021

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to honor the life of the late Richard Bieder of Stamford, Connecticut, who sadly passed on January 16, 2021. Richard was a giant in the Connecticut trial bar, who handled high profile cases for decades, always on the side of "the little guy", usually up against large institutional adversaries.

Richard's rise to prominence as a litigator was meteoric. Like all the greats in his profession he was quick on his feet, possessed a sharp wit and had a relentless commitment to preparation regarding the facts and the law in every case. Richard received a bachelors from University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Finance in 1962. Armed with that degree he entered New York University's School of Law, graduating in 1965 at the age of 25. He joined the US Navy and was stationed in the Philippines as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General Corps, which immediately got him started in the courtroom where he thrived.

In 1968, he returned from his service in the military to his native state of Connecticut, launching his 40-year journey as a top-notch trial lawyer. Within a year of his return, he joined a law firm headed by another icon in the legal profession Mr. Theodore Koskoff. Richard discovered a mentor in Ted from the outset, as he deeply aligned with his associate's passion for civil rights, fairness and the American system of trial by jury. After just three short years, Richard permanently sealed his commitment to the firm, joining as a senior partner and re-establishing it under the name of Koskoff, Koskoff and Bieder. After experi-

encing the loss of Ted Koskoff in 1989, Richard continued his work as senior partner alongside Ted's son, Michael Koskoff, who was a kindred spirit advocating difficult, and sometimes controversial cases that many other lawyers would shy away from.

The firm's high-quality work attracted many associates and clients, allowing Richard the freedom in the latter half of his career to perform a great deal of pro bono representation, oftentimes as an advocate for the most vulnerable in our communities. Whether it was a class action suit in the aftermath of a state or national disaster, a battle against a powerful institution, or the co-founding of an organization to provide pro bona representation of children under custody of the Department of Children and Families—using the law to promote a just society was his passion.

Richard Bieder's direct impact upon the lives of others and the institution of lawyering cannot be understated. After 9/11, Richard responded by helping to organize a nationwide network of lawyers and create Trial Lawyers Care (TLC), which is believed to be the largest pro bona legal program in the history of the U.S. Under his stewardship as President, TLC assisted families eligible to file claims under the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund. Meanwhile, between 2001 and 2009, Richard was appointed by a U.S. District Court Judge to oversee ongoing suites between the City of Hartford and its minority population on a range of issues.

Richard took his experience from the senior Kirkoff to heart, always generously mentoring fellow lawyers. As former President of the Connecticut Trial Lawyers and National Board of Trial Advocacy as well as a member of countless lawyers' organizations, he frequently lectured these groups on the responsibility that all lawyers have to give back to their community. Such service and leadership resulted in the bestowment of countless awards and accolades throughout his career.

Madam Speaker, it is difficult to encapsulate the enormity of Richard Bieder's life. I had the privilege of knowing him, both as an attorney when I practiced law in Connecticut for 27 years, and as a member of United States Congress, for whom Richard was always a great source of encouragement and passionate advice about the need to keep our civil justice system open and accessible to all Americans. Richard leaves a loving family behind him, particularly his son Erik, his daughter Julie his grandchildren and great grandchildren and his law partners, associates and staff who were a huge part of his life. His wife Bonnie who was his partner in his amazing life, predeceased him not long ago. Madam Speaker, I ask that this body please join me in expressing our deepest condolences to their family and friends in their passing. In many respects, their lives are an example of, "Taking The Road Less Travelled" that should serve as an inspiration to us all.

RECOGNIZING RAEVEN PERISO ON BEING NAMED THE 2021 JUNIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR BY THE CASS CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 5, 2021

Mrs. McCLAIN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Raeven Periso on being named the 2021 Junior Citizen of the Year by the Cass City Chamber of Commerce. Raeven has volunteered at Northwood Meadows for banquets, the VFW Hall for Christmas in the Village, and for many other activities. Raeven is also the current Salutatorian and is preparing to become a registered nurse. I thank Raeven for the tireless dedication and selfless service given to the Cass City community.

SMITH SPECIAL ORDER ON MARCH FOR LIFE

SPEECH OF

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

Mrs. LESKO. Madam Speaker, 48 years ago, the United States Supreme Court ruled against basic human rights when they issued the Roe v. Wade decision. Since this decision to legalize abortion in all 50 states, over 62 million babies have been denied a chance at life. My colleagues and I gather here today to honor them and to affirm our determination to protect the unborn.

The billion-dollar abortion industry has pervaded our communities and has attempted to normalize the horrors of abortion in our society. Abortion providers like Planned Parenthood call it "essential" and insist that it is health care. Abortion is not health care. Abortion procedures do not fight disease or heal a sickness, they deliberately and brutally end human life.

Abortion is one of the great stains on America's culture and society. As a mother and a grandmother, my resolve to fight for life has only strengthened as I have served in Congress. I am grateful that so many of my colleagues and constituents stand with me to protect the unborn.

CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT
AWARENESS WEEK

HON. JOHN W. ROSE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 5, 2021

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of February 7–14th being recognized as Congenital Heart Disease Awareness Week. Each year in the United States, more than 40,000 babies are born with a congenital heart defect. The medical community has identified congenital heart defects as the leading cause of birth defect-related deaths. Currently, there is no cure for congenital heart defects, and it is a lifelong disease requiring ongoing specialized care.

Chance Bond, a ten-year-old boy that resides in the Sixth District of Tennessee, was born with hypoplastic left heart syndrome, or HLHS. He had received three open heart surgeries by the age of two. He is now ten years old and his mother, Amanda Bond, says that he is still living his life to the fullest. I was blessed to meet Chance last year when he visited Washington, D.C. His courage and bravery at such a young age is truly an inspiration.

Fewer than 10 percent of adults with congenital heart disease are receiving the recommended care they need. Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week provides the opportunity for patients and families affected by this condition to share their experiences and knowledge, so that the general public may be made aware of how this defect affects their lives. I urge all of my colleagues to support the recognition of February 7–14th as Congenital Heart Disease Awareness Week.

RECOGNIZING THE TEXAS NURSES
ASSOCIATION

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 5, 2021

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition for and in support of the Texas Nurses Association during their 2021 Nurse Day at the Texas State Capitol. Nurses from across my home state will gather virtually to make their voices heard.

It is critical that the concerns of our frontline essential workers are heard by policymakers at the local, state, and federal levels. The timing could not be more apropos as our nation is still faced with fighting the COVID-19 public health global crisis. As the first Registered Nurse elected to the Congress, I am grateful that nurses across Texas are convening today to support of one another. They will learn about the health landscape in Texas, meet with legislators, and discuss ways that they can positively influence policy. It is essential that nurses are supported by our policies and programs, and I look forward to continuing my work in the House of Representatives to bring light to the needs of our medical professionals in Texas and across the nation.

Prior to my time as a federal legislator, I had first-hand knowledge of the hard work, sacrifices, and expertise that nurses bring to their work. Therefore, during these particularly challenging times, we must provide nurses with the adequate resources to meet the dangerous demands of the nursing profession. My commitment to recognizing their selfless contributions to the medical field will always remain at the forefront of my work in the Congress.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to rise in support of Texas nurses during the Texas Nurses Association 2021 Nurses Day at the state Capitol. I invite House colleagues to join me in honoring the sacrifices and tireless work of nurses in Texas and across these United States.

CONDEMNING THE BEHAVIOR OF
CONGRESSWOMAN MARJORIE
TAYLOR GREENE

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 5, 2021

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to condemn the behavior, comments, and beliefs of Rep. MARJORIE TAYLOR GREENE of Georgia.

Rep. GREENE has stated or shown support for a number of baseless conspiracy theories and criminal actions against American elected officials and institutions. Even before she represented the people of Georgia's 14th District, Rep. GREENE said or supported beliefs that 1) House Speaker NANCY PELOSI should be shot, 2) the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 did not happen, and 3) the shooting at a Parkland, FL high school that killed 17 people was staged.

Since Rep. GREENE has been elected to Congress, she has continued her horrific, incendiary and anti-American rhetoric and behavior. Rep. GREENE has encouraged and incited the disgraceful attack on our nation's Capitol Building on January 6, 2021 as well as acts of violence against former presidents of the United States. She has posted on social media a split-screen picture of herself with an AR-15 automatic weapon on one side and three female Members of Congress on the other with the caption, "The Squad's Worst Nightmare." No Member of Congress should have to worry about being in pictures with an AR-15 pointed at them. As a deliberative body, we debate, and we disagree. But we do not abide death threats of any sort.

Her attempted apology on the House floor was just a disingenuous attempt at covering her true beliefs. Never once did she address the violent comments towards Democratic Leadership that she made or agreed with.

The Republican leadership refused to punish Rep. GREENE for her statements and behavior. In fact, they thought it was a good idea to put her on the House Education and Labor Committee. For a Member of Congress to claim that the Parkland tragedy is fake and then be assigned to the Education Committee is outrageous. It is a slap in the face to all the families who lost children and loved ones during that horrible day.

Never at any point has Rep. GREENE fully recanted, repudiated nor apologized for any of her statements and behavior. Every day she is a sitting Member of Congress brings shame and dishonor to the U.S. House of Representatives. Her actions are absolutely unacceptable and beneath the dignity of this body. I strongly believe that Rep. GREENE poses a continuous threat to the safety of several Members of this body and the institutions that have been the pride of America for more than 200 years.

That is why I voted for the removal of Rep. MARJORIE TAYLOR GREENE from all committee assignments and will further push for her removal from Congress.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. JAY
SCOTT MYERS

HON. TONY GONZALES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 5, 2021

Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable life of the late Jay Scott Myers. A World War II veteran and longtime resident of Carrizo Springs, Texas, Jay passed away on Sunday, January 3, at the age of 99. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring his achievements and extending my condolences to his loved ones.

Born to Cullie Scott and William S. Myers in Houston on March 22, 1921, Jay graduated from San Jacinto High School and enrolled in the prestigious Harvard College in 1938. As an undergraduate, he majored in economics and participated in Naval ROTC until his graduation in 1942. That same year, he was commissioned to the USS *Mississippi* in San Francisco and deployed as a gunnery officer to the Pacific Ocean.

In 1944, Jay served valiantly in the Battle of the Philippines, a major victory against Japanese Imperial Forces. He was also scheduled to take part in the invasion of Japan in the fall of 1945, but the war came to a close with the dropping of the atomic bomb.

Back home, Jay accomplished the goal of a lifetime, and married the late Lucille White of Carrizo Springs, a childhood neighbor to his parent's adjoining ranch. When Jay first met Lucille at the age of eleven, he said to himself, "That's the girl I'm going to marry", and more than a decade later, he fulfilled that promise.

Joined in matrimony, the couple made a life for themselves in Houston, where Jay worked for his father's company, Myers-Spalti. While living in Houston, the couple had three of their four children: Barbara, Scott and Marilyn. In 1953, Jay thought that ranch life in a small town sounded exciting, so the family moved to Carrizo Springs in 1953 where they had their fourth child, Beverly.

Over the rest of Jay's life in Carrizo Springs, he actively participated in his community's civic life. In 1953, he helped found the area's Lion's Club, where he engaged in the scholarship committee and helped youth develop leadership skills. He also served as County Judge from 1954 through 1958, served on the Chamber of Commerce, and played an active role in the American Legion, where he oversaw the Homecoming Parade for 25 years.

Jay was also a member of numerous commissions, including the Hospital Board and Library Board. He was also appointed to the Underground Water Conservation Board by Texas Governor Dolph Briscoe. In 1976, Jay was named Citizen of the Year, and he served steadfastly as Republican County Chairman for thirty years.

Madam Speaker, Jay's accomplishments are truly extraordinary, and his legacy will be remembered for many years to come. I extend my thoughts and prayers to his family and ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Mr. Jay Scott Myers.