

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF
MATTHEW BRADY

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 28, 2022

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Matthew Brady, who peacefully entered eternal life on Thursday, February 10, 2022. Nicknamed by family and friends as "Fred, Brady, and Big Uncle," Matthew Brady was a larger-than-life figure that left a positive impact on the lives of those he met.

The son of Frank and Emma Brady, Matthew Brady was born on Monday, February 7, 1938, in Youngstown, Ohio. Matthew would graduate from South High School in 1956, where he was known as an all-around athlete and the community's star football player. He would opt out of a football scholarship and join the workforce at Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company until 1961, where he would enlist into our nation's army, where he would serve until he was honorably discharged in 1963 and returned to work as a steelworker. Matthew would eventually earn his stationary steam engineering license in 1978 and continue to work in the steel industry until 1981. He would transition over to a 35-year career as a stationary steam engineer until his retirement with the Trumbull Memorial Regional Hospital in 2013.

Outside of his professional life, Matthew was a linchpin of entertainment and gaining understanding with those close to him. He would entertain his seven children with several versions about how he and Laura Cooke, his wife of 57 years, met. Each tale would be funnier than the previous one. His love for reading books and newspapers helped his far-reaching knowledge continue to grow, possibly allowing him to be tricked into writing a few political science and history papers for college students.

In all, Matthew Brady was a quiet, humble, hardworking man who cared for those he loved since he was young. The epitome of selflessness, Matthew would become the caretaker of his mother, an older brother that was incapacitated by the war, and a niece while in high school. Matthew would continue to be their caretaker of his mother and brother until their passing 40 years later. That love and care will be what our community misses the most.

Matthew will be dearly missed by his wife Laura Thornton Brady and his children Tisha P. Brady; Pia N. Brady; Jada M. Brady; (Andre) Ian Brady; Avery (wife Patrice) Brady; Leah A. Brady; and Aaron A. Brady. He was also greatly loved by his four grandchildren Julien and Justin Aina, Hannah Brady, and Ava Brady, the niece he adored and reared (Lenore "Bugs" Brady of Bryans Road Maryland, his sister-in-law DeLois Grant Brady, brother-in-law Ronald Thornton and his many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents; and siblings, Frank (June) Brady, Jr., Edward Brady, Norman (Bobby) Brady, Helen Brady Traylor, Herbert (Billy) Brady, Margaret Brady, Eleanor (Betty) Brady Owens; and most recently by his youngest brother Samuel (Dickie) Brady.

RECOGNIZING VETERAN REMMIE
CHEW, U.S. MARINE CORPS, AND
HIS VOLUNTEER WORK

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and honor Mr. Rennie Chew for his service to our country and his continuing service to our Richmond community.

Mr. Chew served in the United States Marine Corps for sixteen years, and was stationed across the globe, from Okinawa, Japan to Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. He now continues his service in the Richmond community with his non-profit organization, A Servant's Heart Ministry, that collects goods and distributes them to those experiencing homelessness.

His inspiration for his non-profit came while getting his master's degree at Virginia Union University's School of Theology in 2020. As a fellow alumnus of that venerable institution, I have the utmost respect for the way Mr. Chew lives the values we learned. As churches and others serve meals, it was important to Mr. Chew to provide food, clothing, and other essential items to the people of Richmond, wherever they may be.

Instead of looking for praise, Mr. Chew finds reward with helping and making connections with our communities. Mr. Chew's dedication to others, both in our Richmond communities and to our nation during his time in the U.S. Marine Corps, exemplifies his selfless service.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Rennie Chew for his devotion and service to the public good, to our communities, and to our Nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 70TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF THE MARINE
CORPS LOGISTICS BASE IN AL-
BANY, GEORGIA

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the men and women who have served and currently serve at the Marine Corps Logistics Base (MCLB) in Albany, Georgia. On Thursday, March 1, 2022, base personnel, Armed Services veterans, and local dignitaries will celebrate the facility's 70th anniversary.

Over the last 70 years, the brave men and women who have served at MCLB, Albany have made significant contributions in defending our homeland and safeguarding our liberties.

On March 1, 1952, MCLB, Albany was commissioned as the Marine Corps Depot of Supplies. By 1954 the station was sufficiently complete with warehouses and administration buildings to assume supply support for Marines east of the Rocky Mountains and in the

Atlantic area. In 1967, the base became a Storage Activity and Depot Maintenance Activity.

On January 17, 1990, the Commandant of the Marine Corps designated the Commanding General, Marine Corps Logistics Base, Albany to also be Commander, Marine Corps Logistics Bases. The reorganization placed control of Marine Corps Logistics Base, Barstow, California; Blount Island Command, Jacksonville, Florida, as well as Marine Corps Logistics Base, Albany under this single command.

Over the last several decades, MCLB, Albany has provided exceptional support to the Marine Air Ground Task Forces sent to Southwest Asia. The MCLB, Albany military and civilian team's hard work and dedication, combined with equal efforts from MCLB, Barstow and Blount Island Command have reaped outstanding results for our nation's Armed Services.

In 2021, MCLB, Albany won in the Fiscal Year 2021 SECNAV Energy Excellence Award's small installation category for its achievements in policy implementation, reductions in energy and water intensity, cybersecurity, and overall commitment to energy security planning. This vital Net Zero Initiative from MCLB, Albany reduced the energy cost aboard the installation and helped the base nearly reach its goal in FY 2020 of covering all critical building energy loads in the event of an outage by increasing its sources of on-site generation.

Madam Speaker, I have had the pleasure of traveling to many U.S. military installations around the world and the Marine Corps Logistics Base in Albany, Georgia is one of the finest military bases I have ever had the pleasure of visiting.

Through my ongoing interaction with MCLB, Albany personnel, one of the things I have come to admire about our nation's Marines is that their commitment to serving our country does not end once they separate from Active Duty. In their everyday life and actions off base, the personnel at MCLB, Albany have remained faithful to serving their fellow Marines, their community, and their nation. They have truly exemplified the U.S. Marine Corp's motto, Semper Fidelis.

MCLB, Albany Marines hold themselves to a higher standard—that service to our nation is a lifelong commitment, not just a tour of duty.

Whether it is going on to work as policemen, fire fighters, teachers, or business professionals, a MCLB, Albany Marines' commitment to making our nation better remains at the fundamental core of what not only makes them great during their Armed Services career, but what will also make them invaluable members of our society once their military careers end and their transition into civilian life begins.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the more than 730,000 people of the Second Congressional District of Georgia in paying tribute to the men and women who have served at the Marine

Corps Logistics Base in Albany, Georgia over the last 70 years and those who currently serve today for their outstanding valor and patriotic service.

HONORING JAMES HONG

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize James Hong, a venerable actor with one of the most prolific acting careers in Hollywood history. I was fortunate enough to meet with Mr. Hong in advance of his induction to the Hollywood Walk of Fame where he will receive his very own star commemorating his outstanding career. For nearly seven decades, Mr. Hong has been gracing our screens with his legendary performances, amassing over 672 credits since the outset of his career. At 92 years old, Mr. Hong has no intentions of slowing down.

Mr. Hong was born in 1929 in Minneapolis, Minnesota to parents who immigrated from China. His father owned a local herb store, one of only two stores within the city's Chinatown. It was within these walls that Mr. Hong's passion for the arts was cemented when, on weekends, local Chinese workers gathered at his father's store and watched as a young Mr. Hong put on performances for them.

While dreams of being an entertainer remained strong as ever, Mr. Hong's parents urged him to become an engineer, so he enrolled at the University of Minnesota to study civil engineering. But his studies were interrupted when he was drafted to the Korean War. While at training at Camp McClellan in Alabama, Mr. Hong did some impressions for his fellow soldiers and quickly caught the attention of the Camp's General. Mr. Hong was ordered to remain at the base to provide entertainment to the troops and coordinate public relations with the community, preventing him from being deployed to Korea during the war.

After his service, Mr. Hong completed his civil engineering degree at the University of Southern California and worked for the County of Los Angeles in road repair. Then in 1954, Mr. Hong appeared on Groucho Marx's radio show, "You Bet Your Life," where he did impressions, including of Groucho himself. His appearance was so popular that the radio show received the second largest amount of fan mail for any episode. This appearance kickstarted Mr. Hong's incredible career in Hollywood and was one of the first of what would become hundreds and hundreds of credits, including "Chinatown," "Blade Runner," "Bonanza," "Big Trouble in Little China," "Soldier of Fortune," "Mulan," "Seinfeld," "The Big Bang Theory" and so many more.

Unfortunately, Mr. Hong often faced discrimination on set, and many of the roles he was given were stereotypical, demeaning portrayals of Chinese people. Faced with the difficult choice of playing a character that was written in a racist manner or not working at all, Mr. Hong ultimately decided to continue his acting career, but worked tirelessly to bring complexity to roles that so frequently lacked humanity.

Taking his own experiences of discrimination, Mr. Hong set out to make the entertain-

ment industry more accessible and humane, and to help expose Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) actors to opportunities. When given a script for the 1962 film "The Confessions of an Opium Eater," Mr. Hong was taken aback by the stereotypical, negative depictions of Asian characters. So, he organized a group to approach the director to argue that a rewrite of the script was needed to make its AAPI characters more human. Even though the director ultimately refused a rewrite, Mr. Hong remained committed to advocating for better, more just representation.

These experiences eventually inspired Mr. Hong and fellow actor Mako Iwamatsu to form an acting troop for Asian American actors, which eventually turned into the renowned theater group, East West Players. Since its creation, East West Players has played an instrumental role in showcasing productions formulated, designed and executed by AAPI creators. On top of that, East West Players fostered a space for AAPI artists to express themselves freely and form a community. Mr. Hong's dedication to shedding light on the abilities and accomplishments of AAPI artists is clear from the group's alumni which include names like George Takei, John Cho, Daniel Dae Kim, Randall Park and countless others.

As one of the most accomplished actors in Hollywood history, James Hong has entertained and brought joy to innumerable viewers across the country and world. Not only has Mr. Hong committed his entire professional life to entertainment but has likewise dedicated himself to uplifting the abilities and careers of AAPI actors and has therefore paved the way for future generations of performers to come. It can be said with certainty that Mr. Hong has made an immeasurable, positive impact in the performing arts. It is my distinct honor to commemorate his career and life.

MIKE HUGGINS AND LENKA JUCHELKOVA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mike Huggins and Lenka Juchelkova for receiving the 2021 Arvada Chamber of Commerce's Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

The Arvada Chamber of Commerce's Entrepreneur of the Year recognizes an individual or team for their commitment, investment, and innovation as a business owner in Arvada.

Mike and Lenka own and operate the Arvada Tavern and the Glo Car Wash in Arvada along with several other businesses in the Denver metro area. Their businesses define what is great about this community: reliable, consistent, great customer service with a focus on giving back to the community they call home. This husband-and-wife team work tirelessly to provide high-quality service to the community and good-paying jobs and positive work culture for their employees. Mike and Lenka support not only their employees and customers but the business community as a whole.

Congratulations to Mike Huggins and Lenka Juchelkova for this honor and I thank them for their contribution to our community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF LILLIE E. PERKINS

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with a deep sadness and immense gratitude that I stand to join the many family, friends, and colleagues who have gathered to remember Mrs. Lillie E. Perkins, a New Haven institution in our education community. I have often spoke of our nation's need for talented, creative educators ready to help our children learn and grow. Lillie was not only that kind of educator, but she was also that kind of community leader. She inspired your students and colleagues alike and will be deeply missed by all of those fortunate enough to have known her.

At the tender age of 7 Lillie knew that she was "born to teach." In pursuit of this dream, she earned her bachelor's degree at Fayetteville State University before moving to Connecticut with her husband, James, and earning her master's degree from the University of Connecticut and an Administrative Sixth Year Certificate from Southern Connecticut State University. She and James raised their daughters, Tiara and Sharon, and Lillie began her thirty-six-year career with the New Haven Public School system. Lillie was an extraordinarily gifted teacher with a passion and compassion that was felt by the students in her classroom as well as kids across the community.

In addition to her work in the classroom, Lillie's invaluable contributions to young people and the community have left an indelible mark. Early in her career she recognized the need for young people to have the opportunity to express themselves in a positive way after school hours. Whether with the Dr. Martin Luther King Choir, the Helene Grant School Choir, or the remarkable Unity Boys Choir, she found ways for these young people from across Greater New Haven to come together and achieve extraordinary accomplishments for which they can be very proud. I have had the opportunity to hear the angelic voices of the Unity Boys Choir and have seen first-hand the light in their eyes that comes with the excitement and adoration of the crowds they are entertaining. Lillie touched their lives in a very special way—not only allowing them to share their musical talents with others but teaching them the importance of and satisfaction in giving back to the community.

Lillie's engagement in the community also extended beyond her service to the school system. She volunteered her time and energies to a number of other programs community initiatives including the Mayor's Youth Service Program, the Toys/Teas/Toys Closets program at Yale Children's Hospital, the 1995 Special Olympic World Games in Connecticut, the Kids Protection Network Program, Christian Community Action's Food program, and the New Haven Board of Young Adult Police Commissioners. Lillie was also an active member of Bible Gospel Church as well as the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and served as a community assistant for senior citizens. The myriad of awards and commendations she received over the lifetime are a testament to the difference she made in the community and the lives of others.

With her passing, New Haven has lost a much cherished and invaluable member of our