

CELEBRATING THE BIRTHDAY OF
PATTI KENNER

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2022

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the birthday of my dear friend Patti Askwith Kenner, who has dedicated her life to supporting women's civic participation, supporting the arts, and advancing Jewish causes.

Patti Kenner is a native New Yorker who was born in New York City and raised in Harrison, New York. She is a graduate of Carnegie Mellon University with a degree in French. She subsequently earned a master's degree in Early Childhood Education from the Columbia University Teachers College.

After 10 years as an educator, Ms. Kenner left teaching to join Campus Coach Lines, a charter bus company founded by her father in 1928. She continues to work at Campus Coach Lines to this day and currently serves as its President.

In a city full of larger-than-life personalities, Ms. Kenner is one New York's most iconic civic leaders. She has been a consummate advocate for women's participation in politics and civic engagement.

Ms. Kenner is also a devoted alumna of Carnegie Mellon and has given generously back to the school. She has served on the university's board of trustees for over 25 years and recently dedicated its Askwith Kenner Global Languages and Cultures Room. This amazing experiential space allows students to virtually travel the world and interact with people from different nations.

Ms. Kenner is also a major supporter of education in New York. In 2019 she created the Patti Kenner Fellowship in Arts Education at Guild Hall, where she is also a longtime trustee. This fellowship has substantially enhanced youth educational programming at Guild Hall.

Ms. Kenner has been dedicated to increasing awareness about the Holocaust and preserving its history. In 2011, Ms. Kenner produced a documentary about the renowned Jewish-American journalist Ruth Gruber, who documented life in Nazi Germany and was tasked by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to escort close to 1,000 refugees from Nazi-occupied Europe to the United States in 1944. She is currently working on another documentary focused on Swedish architect and humanitarian, Raoul Wallenberg, who saved tens of thousands of Jews in occupied Hungary at the end of World War II.

In addition to these many accomplishments, Ms. Kenner serves on the boards of Defiant Requiem Foundation, the Museum of Jewish Heritage, the University Musical Society at the University of Michigan, the Educational Alliance, along with numerous other organizations and institutions.

Madam Speaker, Ms. Kenner is a dear friend of mine who continues to inspire me with her tireless advocacy and activism. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the many contributions that Patti Kenner has made to New York City and wishing her every future success.

NANCY HUDANICH

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I had the pleasure of attending Nancy Hudanich's retirement celebration. Nancy began her career in education as a math teacher. She taught in Cape May County for 16 years and at Middletown High School for 23 years, where she worked as both a teacher and as the assistant principal. In August of 2006, she became the assistant superintendent of Cape May County Technical Schools. Then, in July of 2012, Nancy took on the role of Superintendent of the Cape May County Special Services School District. In 2018, she went on to become the Superintendent of Cape May County Technical School District. In addition to her active involvement with educating the youth in South Jersey, Nancy also made a positive impact in the city of Avalon. She served as an elected councilwoman for Avalon for 32 years and served 5 terms as President of Avalon Borough Council. As a councilwoman, Nancy served on the Finance Committee, Technology Committee, and Insurance Committee. She also started Avalon's first Brownie Girl Scout Troop, as well as the Avalon Garden Club. Nancy should be proud of all her service to the South Jersey community, and it is truly my honor to have had the opportunity to attend her retirement celebration and recognize her many accomplishments. God Bless Nancy, and God Bless our United States of America.

REMEMBERING LIBERT BOZZELLI

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Libert Bozzelli, who passed away on August 25, 2022, at the age of 97.

A World War II Combat Veteran, he served his country with honor as a member of the Army-Air Corp Unit in the African campaign under General George S. Patton. Libert was honored in 2015 with a trip to Washington, D.C. with the Honor Flight Program. There he was selected for the highly distinguished honor to place a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier; an honor that would cause Libert to shed a tear every time he recounted the story.

Upon returning to America, Libert would attend a trade school, where he would train to become a sheet metal worker. He would work for Independence Sheet Metal Company for seven years until he was elected as a business agent for Sheet Metal Workers Local 70 (now known as The Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers' Local Union 33). There, he would fight for fair treatment and wages for his members. Well respected by his peers, Libert would be reelected to the position for 34 years, which was the longest anyone has held the position continuously in the nation. Libert also served on the Akron Labor Board, Akron Regional Development Board,

Summit County Construction Board and Appeals Review Board. His dedication would earn him the Peter Bommarito Community Award from Akron Labor.

Libert was a lifelong public servant and gave to his community relentlessly. He served 20 years on Cuyahoga Falls City Council and 4 years on Summit County Council. During that time, he implemented many important projects. He fought for his constituents and the people he represented always making sure their voice and their interests were heard. He was instrumental in establishing senior citizen housing in Cuyahoga Falls and throughout Summit County. This earned him the Akron Housing Urban Citizen award. Libert's true passion was fighting for the underdog. He was ahead of his time when it came to supporting mental health issues, the mentally challenged and handicapped youth and adults. He served on the boards of the Weaver School and Workshop, Tarry House for Mental Health and Housing, Fallsview Mental Health, served as President on Cuyahoga Falls Hospital, St. Thomas Mental Action Committee and ARC. He wanted all to have the opportunities, skills, and means to be a productive citizen and have a high quality of life.

Libert's voice was loudest when he was trying to get approval of the construction and funding for the Internal Brotherhood Home for Alcoholics. His words were heard as IBH is a success today. This earned him the Salvation Army Lifetime Humanitarian Achievement Award. In 1985, Kent State asked Libert to help them open The Kent State University Museum, an institution displaying important collections of fashion and decorative art. When they needed a leader to ensure their plans could be executed effectively and efficiently, Libert stepped up to become the first President of the fashion museum.

Italian heritage meant a lot to Libert. He was a member of the Italian Professional Business Men's Club, Kenmore Italian Club, Carvollese Men's Club, Italian Council and Sons of Italy where he played a role in leadership positions in each organization. He earned the Council of Italian American Society Service Award.

The latest in Libert's life of high achievement occurred this year. A week after his wife's passing, Libert would walk across the Blossom Music Center stage to receive his high school diploma 80 years later.

Libert gave his life to others, but his family was his priority. Sunday pasta dinners with his children, grandchildren, friends, and neighbors were a weekly occurrence. The family gathered again at his home for every holiday celebration.

Married to the love of his life for 75 years, on August 25 Libert died of a broken heart. He joins his wife Madeline who preceded him in May. Libert leaves his children, Dennis Bozzelli, Marlene and Eric Czetti, Kathleen and Bernie Hovey, Tom Bozzelli and Ken Pollard; 6 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

CELEBRATING BRUCE AND LINDA
TAYLOR

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. and Mrs. Bruce and Linda

Taylor as the recipients of the Community Foundation for Monterey County's 2022 Distinguished Trustee Award. Bruce and Linda Taylor's philanthropy and leadership on the Central Coast is admirable and demonstrates an unwavering passion for the well-being of our local community.

As long-time residents of Salinas, Bruce and Linda are well-known for their generosity, both personally and through Taylor Fresh Foods, or Taylor Farms, and support of many non-profits that work to uplift our community. Bruce and Linda Taylor continue to support community development, including educational institutions like California State University, Monterey Bay, Hartnell College, Palma High School, Notre Dame High School, and Rancho Cielo. Additionally, the Taylors support the Boys and Girls Clubs of Monterey County, First Tee—Monterey County, Youth Orchestra Salinas, and Digital Nest. Because of their contributions, Monterey County youth have access to programs and facilities that play a vital role in their development.

Bruce and Linda Taylor, along with Taylor Farms, have impacted the lives of countless community members and their families. Through the Taylor Farms Scholarship Program, over 216 four-year scholarships—estimated at \$3.1 million—have been awarded to the children of Taylor Farms employees who plan to attend a four-year university. The Taylors' emphasis on supporting both their employees and their children is a testament to the generosity and compassion of Bruce and Linda Taylor and Taylor Farms. Efforts like these have made lasting contributions to Monterey County's social and economic climate. Additionally, since moving Taylor Farms' headquarters to Old Town Salinas, business activity in Old Town has increased, contributing to a thriving Salinas City Center.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Bruce and Linda Taylor as the recipients of the Community Foundation for Monterey County's 2022 Distinguished Trustee Award. I extend my sincere appreciation to Bruce and Linda Taylor for their philanthropy and for fostering a culture of innovation and compassion.

RECOGNIZING THE EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH ON CELEBRATING THEIR 100TH YEAR OF SERVING THE NEW ORLEANS COMMUNITY

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Ebenezer Baptist Church as they celebrate their 100th year of serving the New Orleans Community. On September 22, 1922, a meeting was called by Rev. Marshall Lewis, Sr. where the first officers were elected, prayer was offered, and the Church was organized. They began services in a rented space before shortly moving to its iconic and enduring home, 2415 South Clairborne Avenue.

Under Founder and 1st Pastor Reverend Marshall Lewis, Sr.'s leadership, the congregation grew, and the church thrived. They were incorporated in 1928, completely paid off by 1935, and Reverend Marshall Lewis, Sr.

successfully pastored this congregation from 1922 until his death in 1940. After his passing, and one year of mourning, the congregation chose his son Reverend Marshall Lewis, Jr. as the new pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church. Rev. Marshall Lewis, Jr. pastored the congregation until his untimely death in March of 1946. From April 1946 to January of 1947, Reverend Alexander BeBell served as the operating pastor; and from January 1947 to October 1947, he served as full Pastor.

On October 31, 1947, Reverend Lawrence E. Landrum, Jr. was elected the new Pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, ushering in a new era, pioneering, and starting many traditions within the Church. Growing up in the church, Reverend Landrum, Jr. was strongly involved in the community and eventually became a popular musician, singer, and preacher in New Orleans. In 1948, Pastor Landrum led a renovation of their church sanctuary that was completed in 1950. By the next year, Pastor Landrum began a live radio broadcast, combining two of their service choirs to form one of the city's first Mass Choirs titled the "Radio Choir". In 1952, Pastor Landrum ordained the First Woman Preacher in the Baptist Church, Rev. Viola Allen Miller; and throughout his Ministry he ordained hundreds more. In 1958, Pastor Landrum began to expand the church's community outreach, demolishing the adjacent property to build an educational building. This was completed in 1960 and to this day, houses 6 classrooms, a kitchen, dining area, office, and restrooms. Over the years, Rev. Landrum continued to grow the congregation from 167 members when he first took over, reaching 1,700 members at their peak.

In the following years, Rev. Landrum's grandson, Minister Jermaine Landrum began working with and improving different ministries within the church, and by 1995, was appointed to Co-Pastor of the Church. Rev. Jermaine Landrum grew attendance and outreach ministries through both radio and television.

In 2005 Hurricane Katrina tested the very fiber of the church. Following this disaster, the church had to undergo many changes to continue its operations ultimately resulting in Rev. Lawrence Landrum deciding to retire after 59 years of dedicated pastoring.

In its modern era, Rev. Jermaine Landrum continue to strive for growth and rebuilding within this church community. This was accomplished through new forms of outreach, purchasing additional properties, a greater media presence, and many more opportunities. Ebenezer Baptist Church continues to weather through storms and pandemics, as their congregation survived all catastrophic events during 2020 through 2021. And now, the Church is still prospering, standing 100 years strong, and looking forward to better days ahead.

Their history shows adaptability and the higher level of determination required to weather through setbacks and storms. Through faith and dedication, remaining as a solid pillar to the New Orleans Community, we honor their resilience as they continue to stand strong and continue serving.

LAS VEGAS ACES WNBA CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. TITUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and congratulate the Las Vegas Aces on winning the Women's National Basketball Association Championship this past Sunday.

On September 18, 2022, the Las Vegas Aces defeated the Connecticut Sun, 78–71, in Game 4 of the WNBA Finals. The Aces won the championship three games to one and secured the first major professional sports championship in the history of the city of Las Vegas.

Even before the playoffs, the Aces had an incredible season, led by rookie head coach Becky Hammon, who became the first former WNBA player and rookie head coach to win the WNBA Championship.

Every member of the team, including Kiersten Bell, Sydney Colson, Chelsea Gray, Dearica Hamby, Theresa Plaisance, Kelsey Plum, Iliana Rupert, Aisha Sheppard, Kiah Stokes, Riquna Williams, A'ja Wilson, and Jackie Young, were critical to the success of the Aces this year.

Since coming to Las Vegas in 2018, the Aces have played well, but unfortunately, up until now they were unable to win it all.

In 2020, during the COVID shortened season and without key players due to injury, the team still made the WNBA Finals but were ultimately turned back.

In 2021, the team seemed set for greatness, but, unfortunately, fell short in heartbreaking fashion in game five of the Western Conference Finals.

In the lead up to the 2022 season, the team lost key players to free agency and former coach Bill Laimbeer retired, but the organization shifted its focus and approach and took the league by storm.

Fueled by prolific three-point shooting, the Aces dominated the regular season, and ended with a league best record of 26–10, securing Commissioner's Cup as well.

Heading into the playoffs, the team was primed for success, having overcome so much adversity over the last few seasons.

Guided by forward A'ja Wilson, who won this year's regular season Most Valuable Player, Defensive Player of the Year, and first-team All-WNBA honors, fellow All-WNBA honors guard Kelsey Plum and WNBA Most Improved Player Jackie Young, the Las Vegas Aces dominated the playoffs.

In the finals, Chelsea Gray delivered a tremendous performance, averaging 18 points per game in the series and winning WNBA Finals Most Valuable Player. In the championship-clinching game Riquna Williams scored a crucial 17 points, with her incredible three-point shooting, to lift the Aces to victory.

Following this victory, Aces players Chelsea Gray, Kelsey Plum, Jackie Young, and A'ja Wilson, who competed and won gold medals for the United States at the Tokyo Olympics in 2021, joined an exclusive club of players who have won both Olympic gold and the WNBA Championship.

So, in closing I want to again congratulate owner Mark Davis who, through continued investment and support, has put women's basketball on the map in Las Vegas; Coach