

Mayor Harry Price. Passing away at the age of 85, Mayor Price leaves behind an indelible legacy of over 60 years of public service to the people of Solano County.

Born in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, Mayor Price demonstrated his persevering and industrious spirit from a young age, working numerous jobs throughout his youth. While earning his bachelor's degree at Lock Haven State University, Mayor Price broadened his horizons, gaining a myriad of professional experiences as the Master of Ceremonies for his community and as a news anchor for a local station.

After Mayor Price and his family moved to Fairfield in 1965, he began teaching English at Vanden High School. Throughout his 33-year-long career as a teacher, Mayor Price worked tirelessly to support his students. His selfless dedication to the youth of Fairfield earned him the well-deserved honor of Solano County Teacher of the Year in 1986.

Following his teaching career, Mayor Price continued to serve his community through an incredible three decades of public service in Solano County. His career in public service first began with his appointment to the Fairfield Community Services Commission in 1988, followed by his service on the Fairfield Planning Commission. As a critical member of these commissions, Mayor Price was instrumental in modernizing Fairfield's infrastructure and advocating for the interests of his fellow community members.

Driven by a genuine passion for service, Mayor Price went on to serve on the Fairfield City Council in 1997 and was subsequently elected to 4 consecutive terms as Fairfield Mayor. During his 16-year tenure as mayor, Mayor Price demonstrated his sincere love for his community through his compassionate leadership and altruistic advocacy. He continued his commitment to the students of Fairfield, spearheading efforts to institute youth empowerment programs and serving as a staunch supporter of the local Boy Scouts Troop 100 and the Leaven Kids Program.

In addition, Mayor Price's remarkable leadership of Fairfield was characterized by his unyielding advocacy for Travis Air Force Base. Having served eight years in the U.S. Army, Mayor Price was a proud champion of our Nation's servicemembers and played an integral role in representing the thousands of citizens who support Travis Air Force Base. Throughout his time as an elected public servant, Mayor Price faithfully supported Fairfield's military families, making him a loved and respected member of the Travis Air Force Base Community.

Mayor Price will be remembered not only for his 6 decades of service to the city of Fairfield, but also for his spirit of kindness and selflessness. His gentle demeanor, constant smile, and persistent optimism have left an indelible legacy on Solano County and the people of Fairfield.

Mayor Price is survived by 5 children, 7 grandchildren, and a community that will dearly miss his enduring spirit. I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to Mayor Price's loved ones. I know that they, along with the people of Solano County, join me in celebrating his life and legacy.

HONORING MARY SUE RICH AND
RUTH E. REED

HON. KAT CAMMACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Mrs. CAMMACK. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Florida's Third Congressional District, I'm proud to honor Councilwoman Mary Sue Rich for her service to the City of Ocala and her efforts to support the construction of the brand new community center at Reed Place.

Mary Sue Rich dedicated 24 years in service to her community as a councilwoman, working to improve the quality of life for Ocala's citizens. Among her many other accomplishments as a councilwoman, Ms. Rich recently led the charge to develop the community center for purposes of enhancing the quality of life for Ocala residents. Councilwoman Rich recognized the need for Ocala residents to have ready access to health and wellness and social opportunities at a high-quality facility, and her vision to create a multi-purpose center, serving the entire family unit, across multiple generations and all walks of life, is now a reality.

Ocala's new community center will be named the Mary Sue Rich Community Center at Reed Place in honor of her dedication and service to the City of Ocala and its citizens. I'd like to thank Ms. Rich for her service and commitment to Ocala and look forward to seeing the community center's growth.

Also, on behalf of Florida's Third Congressional District, I'm proud to honor Mrs. Ruth Reed, a long-time resident of Ocala.

For years, Mrs. Reed has worked side-by-side with the City of Ocala to help create a new vision for the site of the new community center as a member of the West Ocala CRA Advisory Committee, and the City's 2035 Vision Leadership Group, the steering committee for the West Ocala Community Plan.

In honor of her dedication and service to the City of Ocala, the new property on which the Mary Sue Rich Community Center sits has been renamed Reed Place after Mrs. Ruth E. Reed, a long-time resident of the surrounding neighborhood. We look forward to seeing how Reed Place continues to grow and serve the residents of Ocala.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF JOEL FRANCK

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Joel Franck for his retirement after 5 decades of work in radio broadcasting, including 26 years as the News Director at WTCM in Traverse City, Michigan. Throughout his distinguished career, Joel's professional demeanor and contagious attitude while on air made him a staple of Northern Michigan and a cherished part of the Traverse City community.

Joel started his illustrious broadcasting career in 1969, acting as a sports broadcaster for local high schools in his hometown. Joel soon moved to Portland, Oregon, where he

continued his play-by-play analysis of local high school sports and minor league baseball. After 13 years in Portland, Joel moved to the Wisconsin-Michigan area where he found a home at WTCM Radio in 1996. Remaining with WTCM until his retirement on December 9, 2022, Joel became a familiar and trusted source of information for all in the Traverse City area.

Joel Franck was a true professional in an everchanging and evolving field of work with extremely high turnover rates. His 26 years spent with WTCM Radio is an amazing accomplishment in the broadcasting industry and displays the value Joel added to the station on a daily basis. His infectious laugh, genuine personality, and professionalism while on air, made him an integral part of thousands of commuter's treks into work. News of Joel Franck's retirement has saddened the Traverse City area and all who listen to him. His familiar and trusted way of evaluating the news will be missed and his impact on all communities he broadcasted to is immeasurable.

Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Joel Franck for his decades of service in Michigan's radio broadcasting industry. On behalf of Michigan's First District, I extend my gratitude to Joel, his family, and the entire WTCM Radio Team, and I wish them the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE OF GEORGE
MILLS

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor George Mills who passed away on November 18, 2022, to celebrate his extraordinary life and commitment to serving his community.

George grew up in Dearborn, Michigan where he played varsity football at St. Alphonsus School. In his youth, he worked at the Dearborn Independent, a weekly newspaper published and co-owned by his father. In 1959, the family moved to San Francisco where George earned a degree in Political Science from the University of San Francisco. He then attended the Naval Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island and served 3 years on the USS *Ticonderoga*. In 1964, George decided to further his education at the St. Patrick Catholic Seminary in Menlo Park, returning to the San Francisco Bay Area to earn his Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy.

George's long and impactful career in education began with his return to the University of San Francisco, where he earned both his teaching credential and his Master of Arts in Education. His entire teaching career was with the San Rafael High School District (District). He started as a teacher at the San Rafael Continuation School, and within a decade, he established a Title I Language Arts Learning Center at San Rafael High School. In total, George dedicated 32 years to teaching English, Yearbook, and Journalism in the District. He was also active in the San Rafael Federation of Teachers in San Rafael and a respected advocate for his profession and colleagues.

During his decorated career, he received the "Classroom Excellence" award from the California Association of Teachers of English in 1983 and was selected as a Bay Area Writing Project Fellow at U.C. Berkeley in 1985. Fittingly, he was named an "Outstanding Teacher" in Marin County in 1997.

In addition to teaching, George was deeply involved in the San Rafael community with his wife Gayle. As Chairman of the Sun Valley Neighborhood Association, George traveled door to door to convince his neighbors to contribute to a community purchase of the land around Sun Valley Trail. This effort preserved the land for public use in 1985, which today is managed by Marin County Open Space District. George also coached his son's soccer and baseball teams and served as Assistant Scoutmaster for his Boy Scout troop.

George is survived by his beloved wife of 53 years, Gayle Mills, his 2 children: Christopher and Claire, and 2 grandchildren: Georgia and Donovan Illingworth. While he will be greatly missed, George's legacy will live on through the positive impact he had on his family, Marin County, and beyond.

Mr. Speaker, there is no doubt that George Mills was a dedicated civil servant who will be missed and whose many years of service are worthy of commendation. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor his many contributions and express our deep condolences to his family and friends.

HONORING THE INSPIRATIONAL
LIFE OF RAYMOND NIHLEAN

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Raymond Nihlean, a constituent and valued member of the Edgewater community, who believed in the goodness of every person. When you heard his contagious laugh, you knew his generous spirit would soon fill the room. His efforts resulted in tangible improvements in people's lives across every generation and background. "Raymond was a landlord with heart," said community activist, Clare Tobin. "He helped residents through the pandemic. He and his team connected renters with programs such as rent grants and resources for food." For one elderly tenant in particular, after finding supportive senior housing and 24/7 caregivers, Raymond even made funeral arrangements with her pastor.

In classic Raymond fashion, when a teenager threw a rock that dented his classic 1975 Lincoln Town car, he called the school instead of the police, and when Raymond learned the boy had a court date, he accompanied him. With such support, the young man received probation instead of a sentence. Always sensitive to youth needs, Raymond mentored many young people sparking their creativity, building self-confidence, and making them laugh. At neighborhood events, kids and grown-ups alike delighted in his convertible King Midget, a tiny red racing car with headlights that squirted water.

"Imagine you're at a restaurant and start singing happy birthday to your daughter. From across the room an energetic man with a booming voice and a gentle smile stands up

and joins in. He's much louder than anyone else, with energy and body language that take over, inspiring everyone in the restaurant to join in. Your daughter will never forget the joy of that moment, and neither will you. The man who created that moment was Raymond," remembered cousin Sim from years of family gatherings.

His devoted wife Tina recollects how excited Raymond was when heavy snow fell. He had such fun riding his red ATV snowplow over 2 miles of sidewalks and alleys so neighbors could safely reach shops and public transit. "I always heard from neighbors how much they loved Raymond. Some didn't know his name, but they loved him because he plowed their sidewalks. They never asked, he was just always there with love and joy in his heart," according to former State Senator Carol Ronen. For 15 years, he was a familiar early morning good Samaritan.

Former 48th Ward Alderman, Mary Ann Smith, recalls that "Raymond's \$35,000 donation was the lynch pin that got city funding for Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management training program. It was attended by local business owners who wanted to take their company to the next level." Raymond was a philanthropist who continued to provide resources to help other entrepreneurs flourish, including the Edgewater Uptown Builders Association (EUBA) and other community organizations. "Raymond was always generous with his time and resources and always knowing when and how to pitch in to fill a need. He personally provided and engineered state-of-the-art sound and visual equipment to help people communicate more effectively. Raymond is a one of a kind. Truly a prince of a man." added Jim Byrne, past EUBA president.

A lasting tribute to Raymond's love for his community is the beautiful mosaic "bricolage" at the gateway to the Bryn Mawr Historic District. He brought the student artists lunches and treats, as well as donating money and materials. Raymond and Tina's wedding photo is memorialized in the art wall too, forever sharing their joy and love.

Raymond's bravery inspired his medical team. "I will always use Ray as an example to my staff and patients what support and advocacy can do," remembers Dr. Samman Shahpar, Shirley Ryan Ability Lab. He further remarked at an international symposium, "Put aside whatever you know about brain injuries, because there is Raymond." To Dr. Jeffrey Raizer, neuro oncologist at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, "Raymond was indeed an inspirational person who fought hard against his GBM and by all measures Raymond had a wonderful life up until his passing."

Throughout his 6 year and 3 month survival with brain cancer, Raymond never lost his humor, his optimism, or his zest for life. "Every day is precious, each moment was the only moment we were sure that we had," said Tina. "In the hospital, we created our own world with natural sounds of birds singing and falling water. The smell of lilies would fill the room. We were content. Patient through the pain and the healing process, attentive to the details, giving and receiving kindness, hopeful. The Zen like quality, peacefulness and good will was conducive to healing for everyone entering the room. And after 21 years of marriage, Raymond's devotion to his wife Tina, never dimmed. Their friend, Ellen Pritsker knew, "They spoke to the beauty in one an-

other." On his final day, he and Tina were looking out of his hospital window at the place by the Lake where he proposed so many years ago. Then, with a smile on his face, he took his last breath. Raymond freely shared his love and his time with all who knew him. His generosity of spirit and deeply felt joyfulness will stay with us always.

HONORING THE LIFE AND WORK
OF NOREEN KOKORUDA

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Noreen Kokoruda of Madison, Connecticut. A stalwart community leader and advocate, Noreen passed away on December 21st, 2022.

Born in Bridgeport, Connecticut to Victor and Eileen Swaller, Noreen immediately showed traits of the characteristics which would define her life: compassion for others; commitment to service; and devotion to friends and family. At an early age, she distinguished herself for her friendly and out-going nature, going out of her way to help others. Even in high school, Noreen's penchant for public service was made clear after her election to the student council at Notre Dame High. Her passion for service blossomed as she continued her studies at Pace University, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Education. While at Pace, she was once again elected to represent her peers, this time as class president.

Soon after her graduation from Pace, Noreen met her life partner, Daniel. Noreen and Daniel began their lives together in West Haven, Connecticut, but soon settled in near-by Madison where they grew their family and community roots.

In Madison, Noreen threw herself into community work. She dedicated her time to the parent teacher organization, athletic boosters, and even worked as a substitute teacher. After serving on the Beach and Recreation commission, Noreen was elected to serve on Madison's Board of Selectmen, where she worked tirelessly for 14 years to weave a bright future for the town.

Ever savvy, Noreen was also an influential member of the Shoreline Foundation, an organization dedicated to creating recreational and enrichment opportunities in the Madison area. Through this organization, Noreen helped host summer camps in Killingworth to support local youth. Additionally, recognizing the want for a regional pool, Noreen was the one to discover an angle for the Foundation to support the construction of the Madison Aquadome, a facility which helped meet the needs of the community at no additional taxpayer cost.

In 2011, Noreen was elected to represent the 101st district in the Connecticut General Assembly, where she worked on the Planning and Development, Children, Appropriations, and Education committees. In the General Assembly, Noreen distinguished herself as a tenacious fighter for her constituency who worked across the aisle to collaborate on efforts to support the 101st district with her colleagues from both parties. Following Noreen's work in Hartford, she served on the Board of Selectman in Madison. Her dedication to public service was rare and her work touched the