

She was a graduate of Forest Park High School and attended the University of Maryland, College Park before earning a bachelor's degree in history in 1966 from what is now Towson University.

"From an early age, Joyce didn't want to be politically like our parents. She was a progressive Democrat and wanted to fight for people," said a sister, Susan Leviton of Otterbein.

A political junkie from an early age, Ms. Leviton worked on Rep. Carlton R. Sickles' unsuccessful 1966 Maryland gubernatorial run, in which he narrowly lost the Democratic nomination to George P. Mahoney—a contest that had racial overtones.

Ms. Leviton was one of the founders in the 1970s of the Second District New Democratic Club, which was one of the first political groups that joined Black and white residents from across the city and resulted in integrated and progressive tickets for city and state elections.

"The success of that campaign led to future campaigns such as the Clarke/Dalton team, Mary Pat Clarke, Clarence H. 'Du' Burns, Nathan Irby, Maggie McIntosh, Anne Perkins and many others," according to a biographical profile submitted by Ms. Leviton's family.

She was a member of the national staff for George McGovern and John Kerry. In 2006, she was a volunteer coordinator and advance coordinator for Sen. Cardin's campaign. She attended five Democratic conventions.

If politics helped define who Ms. Leviton was, it was also her abiding love for Baltimore that shaped her long career with the city planning department.

Ms. Leviton joined the department as a 3rd District community planner in 1970, when it was headed by the legendary and visionary Larry Reich. She held this role until being appointed chief of community planning in 1988.

"She loved communities and liked getting neighbors involved and having a voice in the city. That's the theme of Joyce," her sister said. "She loved the city and was quite the ambassador for Baltimore. When new people came to town, she got them to move to the city and stay in the city."

"Joyce and I met at the planning department in 1971 when we were both assigned to review hundreds of zoning changes for the Planning commission under the recently adopted zoning code," Alfred W. Barry III, who retired as assistant planning director in 1995, wrote in an email.

"This work took her throughout the city and her interest in neighborhoods blossomed. From there she became the 3rd District community planner and subsequently chief of community planning, where she hired and mentored two community planners, Thomas J. Stosur and Chris Ryer, who later became planning directors," wrote Mr. Barry, the founder and president of AB Associates.

Said Mr. Stosur, who headed the department from 2009 until retiring in 2018: "First of all, Joyce was an incredible Baltimore booster and was so enthusiastic and brought that to her work with the planning department and was overjoyed to be a part of it."

"She said it was her 'favorite job ever,' and she was very good at developing relationships with neighborhoods and politicians. She was the combination of enthusiasm and honesty, and that's what was so impressive about Joyce. As a founding member of the New Democratic Club, her love and skill at community-based politics fed naturally into her successful role planning to ensure that city neighborhoods had a voice."

After working on Sen. Cardin's 2006 campaign, Ms. Leviton joined his Capitol Hill staff in 2007 as a senior adviser.

"When Joyce died, I heard from dozens and dozens of people from all walks of life who

had been touched by her," he said. "When she was given the diagnosis of cancer about a year ago, she still kept going and remained fully engaged. She was just a lovely person."

"Joyce's position on Sen. Cardin's staff could never summarize all that she did for the people of Maryland," said Phoebe Stein, director of the Federation of State Humanities Councils and former executive director of Maryland Humanities, who is a longtime friend.

"She had an amazing ability, a gift really, to bridge the D.C. and Baltimore, and many communities in between. Of course, she was at every Cardin event, but more amazingly, she was at every cultural event in Maryland that mattered to her and the senator."

"And when she arrived, she was informed, focused, smiling and authentically supportive. She knew the ins and outs of every cultural organization in Maryland. You will not find a smarter, kinder, more capable, more knowledgeable advocate for Maryland's cultural sector anywhere."

Said Mr. Barry: "Her role as an advance person for political campaigns came naturally. She could enter a room filled with strangers and leave with five invitations for dinner."

With the coronavirus pandemic coming in 2020, Ms. Leviton began working from Sen. Cardin's office and had not retired at her death.

Ms. Leviton cut a wide swath across numerous boards and commissions in the city, including serving as a member of the steering committee for the Baltimore City Fair and National Advisory Council of Neighborhood Reinvestment, and as a board member and vice president of Citizens Planning and Housing Association.

She was a founder of Women Employed in Baltimore and Live Baltimore, an organization that encouraged people to settle and stay in the city. She was also a member of the National Organization for Women, executive secretary of Young Democrats of Baltimore, and a member of Beth Am Synagogue, where she on the social action committee.

Being a resident of Otterbein since 1981 allowed Ms. Leviton to indulge her lifelong passion for the Orioles and walk to games at Camden Yards.

She was an integral part of the South Baltimore-Federal Hill social scene, where she had established a book club and enjoyed dining in restaurants and cafes.

An inveterate traveler, she enjoyed visiting Europe, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, Maine and Vermont.

Plans for an autumn celebration of life gathering are incomplete.

In addition to her sister, Ms. Leviton is survived by another sister, Audrey Leviton of Homeland, and several nieces and nephews.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO ROGER AND BOBBI LOVEN

• Mr. CRAMER, Madam President, October is the month the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute—CCAI—recognizes individuals across the Nation who make a difference in the lives of young people in need of foster care and forever homes. My wife Kris and I are adoptive parents ourselves and share a commitment to adoption and foster care and applaud the work of the CCAI.

This year, I nominated Roger and Bobbi Loven of Bismarck as among

those honored this year as CCAI Angels in Adoption. I consider it a privilege to annually recognize the work of individuals and families in North Dakota who devote years toward loving children in the foster care system. Roger and Bobbi Loven began foster care when he was doing his anesthesiology residency in Omaha, NE, in the early 1980s. They took babies for up to 3 weeks before they were permanently placed with an adoptive family.

When they moved to Bismarck in 1984, they had already cared for 17 babies. In 1991, while raising three sons of their own, they became licensed foster care providers in North Dakota. Because Roger is a medical doctor, they were often contacted about babies coming out of NICU, including those born with drug addictions and recovering from withdrawal. They also took babies with physical injuries, including a 3-month-old with a skull fracture and broken bones in every extremity. Another 2-month-old had been sexually assaulted by the father. They adopted one foster daughter when she was 4 years old, and following high school graduation this year, she is attending college. In the 40 years since taking their first, they estimate they have cared for at least 85 children.

The Lovens enjoy contact with many families whose children they have fostered. And they mentor countless other adults new to foster care. A common concern is about getting so attached to the children it is hard to let them go. "There are many hard days with foster children, but the rewards are there too," says Roger. "Being able to see them thrive and learn to attach to others is worth it." They also are active in a group at their church where caregivers listen to and support each other in whatever challenges they are facing. "It's so important to remain positive," Bobbi says.

Roger retired in 2019 after 35 years as an anesthesiologist at Bismarck's St. Alexius Hospital. Although they talk about pulling back in the number of children they will take in the future, they continue to counsel others providing foster care and are in constant contact with NICU nurses who are well acquainted with this couple and their loving hearts.

I join all North Dakotans and the entire Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute in congratulating and honoring Roger and Bobbi Loven. We thank you for your years of dedication and the work you continue to do fostering children in your home and inspiring others to also become involved. You are exceptionally deserving of recognition as Angels in Adoption. •

##### TRIBUTE TO STANLEY S. FINE

• Mr. CARDIN, Madam President, on October 26, the University of Baltimore Merrick School of Business Real Estate and Economic Development Advisory Board are hosting their annual "Lessons from Legends" celebration. This

year's honoree is my dearest friend, Stanley S. Fine, a partner at Rosenberg Martin Greenberg, LLP. Stanley is indeed a legend. As the announcement of the celebration notes, "The city's skyline and neighborhoods highlight Stanley's vast impact on Baltimore; from office buildings to shopping centers and local businesses, from industrial buildings and office parks to neighborhood restaurants and pickleball courts." As his lifelong friend and law partner Ben Rosenberg has said, "Wherever you look at bright spots in Baltimore, chances are you'll see something that Stanley has helped bring about." Stanley and Ben went through grade school, college—Johns Hopkins University—law school—the University of Maryland School of Law—and service in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve together.

My wife Myrna and I have known Stanley since we were all in junior high school together. For us, it is a family affair: Stanley's wife Bailey ran my reelection campaign to the Maryland House of Delegates in 1982 and then served as my campaign aide during my first congressional race in 1986; as my district director for 20 years; and, finally, as my State director during my first term in the Senate before she retired at the end of 2012. This couple has devoted their lives to strengthening our community and helping those in need. Stanley and Bailey will be celebrating their 52nd wedding anniversary on November 28. They have two lovely adult children Michael and Laura and four grandchildren. Michael and his wife Whitney have two daughters Riley and Blakely; Laura and her husband Ben Liebman have two sons Eli and Brooks.

If I were to recite all of Stanley's accomplishments and awards, I would surely run out of breath. But I will mention a few: recipient of the Baltimore District Council of the Urban Land Institute's—ULI—2016 Lifetime Achievement Award; cofounder of the Baltimore Development Workgroup; director of the Maryland State Lottery Agency and chairman of the Maryland State Lottery Commission; former member of the Baltimore City Planning Commission; and president of a community association. *Best Lawyers in America* magazine has repeatedly recognized Stanley as "Land Use & Zoning Lawyer of the Year." *Baltimore Magazine* has repeatedly recognized Stanley as one of "Maryland's Super Lawyers."

Stanley's brilliance as a lawyer merely followed his brilliance as an athlete. While he was a freshman at Johns Hopkins University, he played in the first game of Baltimore's box lacrosse league, televised live in 1962, and scored a game-high four goals for his club team, which won the game. He had a wicked left-handed shot. At the university, he was the backbone of a tenacious midfield for the Blue Jays varsity lacrosse team and joined the Phi Sigma Delta fraternity. His athletic skills

continue to this day, for you can normally find Stanley in the mornings on a pickleball court. He still has a wicked left-handed shot.

If you didn't know all of this about Stanley, you wouldn't learn it from him. He is inherently self-effacing. He never seeks plaudits or accolades or publicity. He is content to continue finding creative solutions to some of Baltimore's toughest land use challenges by patiently building consensus among all stakeholders: city, county, and State government officials, developers and other business interests, community planners, architects, engineering firms, historic preservationists, and the like.

In 1943, as members of the British House of Commons debated how to rebuild their chamber after Nazi incendiary bombs destroyed it, Prime Minister Winston Churchill stated, "We shape our buildings and afterwards our buildings shape us." Baltimoreans are so fortunate that Stanley Fine has dedicated his extraordinary life to shaping the city's buildings. I ask my Senate colleagues to join Myrna and me, Stanley's family, and his colleagues, friends, and admirers too numerous to count in celebrating one of Baltimore's true legends.●

#### TRIBUTE TO CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT WENDY THI

● Mr. RUBIO. Madam President, I recognize CMSgt Wendy Thi as she retires from a distinguished 28-year career in defense of the Nation in both the U.S. Navy and U.S. Air Force.

Chief Master Sergeant Thi began her career in the Navy as an electrician's mate, graduating from one of the first classes at the Naval Nuclear Power Training Command in Orlando, FL, that included women. After a 6-year tour with the Navy that included a deployment in support of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH, she transitioned to the Air Force Reserves in 2001.

Chief Master Sergeant Thi spent 6 years in public affairs and 9 years as a first sergeant, helping thousands of airmen and their families. Critically, she served as the Reserve liaison to the Air Force Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, where she was instrumental developing and executing the first-ever enlisted professional military education curriculum at the Royal Saudi Air Force that supported women, peace, and security.

In her final position in the Air Force, Chief Master Sergeant Thi served as the senior enlisted adviser to the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs. In that position, she advised on a wide array of issues ranging from recruiting challenges, readiness support, and food insecurity.

Chief Master Sergeant Thi's work over the decades has had an immeasurable impact on our servicemembers and the civilian employees of the Navy and Air Force. Her dedication to the

mission and tireless efforts have contributed to the safety of all Americans.

I extend my best wishes to Chief Master Sergeant Thi in her retirement in Florida.●

#### PRIVILEGED NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

On request by Senator RON WYDEN, under the authority of S. Res. 116, 112th Congress, the following nomination was referred to the Committee on Finance: Demetrios L. Kouzoukas, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

On request by Senator RON WYDEN, under the authority of S. Res. 116, 112th Congress, the following nomination was referred to the Committee on Finance: Demetrios L. Kouzoukas, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

On request by Senator RON WYDEN, under the authority of S. Res. 116, 112th Congress, the following nomination was referred to the Committee on Finance: Demetrios L. Kouzoukas, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

On request by Senator RON WYDEN, under the authority of S. Res. 116, 112th Congress, the following nomination was referred to the Committee on Finance: Patricia Hart Neuman, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

On request by Senator RON WYDEN, under the authority of S. Res. 116, 112th Congress, the following nomination was referred to the Committee on Finance: Patricia Hart Neuman, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

On request by Senator RON WYDEN, under the authority of S. Res. 116, 112th Congress, the following nomination was referred to the Committee on Finance: Patricia Hart Neuman, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2409. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury,