

Danny Delmastro, of course, cites the best example of his capability at the annual Aero Med Christmas Party, when about three-quarters the way through a great evening, Rammer says to Danny he's going to "step outside for a smoke." Danny looks at him and says "it's snowing," Ray just nodded and about an hour later with the place closing down and everyone looking for Ray, Danny went outside and found him on a bench with about three inches of snow on his head and his shoulders and said, "Rammer!" And Ray responded without missing a beat that "yes, I'll have a final final." That was our guy.

He clearly is a giant of a man, Jim Iacobellis noted that. He said he had a giant talent. He could do anything he put his mind to. He had giant knowledge. He knew so much about so much, and if he didn't, he'd ask and inquire until he did. He had a giant personality—the life and center of any gathering, you always wanted to be around him and talk to him. He was a giant friend. He had so many, and he knew them, he knew what they liked, and knew what made them happy or unhappy. He was also the first to accept new people and become friends, as he did so with Jim more than 30 years ago when he was the new kid on the block.

Now, we have a Bocce tournament and a gathering and have done so for 32 years, and whether it's tents, limoncello, garbanzo and hot peppers, you know, and of course, grilling that sausage, it was Ray. And as Linda and Leslie attest and verify and everyone agrees—without Ray, there would never have been a Bocce. He was the essential part and mover.

I think it's safe to say that the way he lived his life and in talking with David McQuaid, I said, "David, he had a great run." And David looked at me and says "A run? He had several runs." In short, Ray was authentic and original without a phony bone in his body, dependable as the day was long. He was always there for everyone and in so many different capacities.

In this human comedy we call life, his skills, his curiosity, his inquisitive and honest and practical advice will be what I miss the most. He was the real deal. He was the Rammer.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JEFF JACKSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2024

Mr. JACKSON of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote during a portion of the legislative day on March 6, 2024. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on H. Res. 1061.

HONORING FLORIDA STATE SENATOR BETTY HOLZENDORF

HON. AARON BEAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2024

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor State Senator Betty Holzendorf, a Jacksonville native who dedicated her life to improving the lives of all Northeast Floridians.

At the age of 84, Senator Holzendorf passed away on February 29, leaving behind

legions of supporters and friends who were lucky enough to have known her bright spirit.

A mainstay of Florida politics whose long career spanned across both chambers of the legislature, Senator Holzendorf was a true woman of the people who never stopped fighting for her constituents.

One of Senator Holzendorf's greatest passions was fundraising for universities and scholarships in Northeast Florida. As a science teacher, Betty knew that Florida is only as strong as its youth, so she championed education as an avenue to brighten the minds and futures of her constituents.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the long and fruitful life of Senator Holzendorf, along with offering our deepest condolences to her friends and family.

HONORING JAY A. MYERS

HON. CLAUDIA TENNEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2024

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding New Yorker, Attica Fire Department Member, Jay Myers, for his 50 years of service to the community of Attica and the Attica Fire Department. On Saturday, March 9, 2024, members past and present from the Attica Fire Department will gather to honor him for his service.

Jay Myers was born and raised in the Town of Attica in Wyoming County, New York and began his service as a volunteer in 1973 with the Attica Fire Department. Throughout his years with the Attica Fire Department, he has responded to countless numbers of ambulance and fire responses. His excellent service has earned him the title of Fire Chief along with numerous other positions within the department. Jay's call to service did not stop at the Attica Fire Department, he served for 41 years as a 911 dispatch operator for Wyoming County before his retirement. Along with his passion for the fire department, Jay enjoys traveling in his spare time.

I thank Jay Myers for his incredible volunteer service providing protection to local homeowners, farmers, businesses, and schools in Wyoming County, New York. His many years of dedication have made the community a better place to live, and I wish him all the best in his many more years serving in the Attica Fire Department.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MS. KAREN HOSLER

HON. DEAN PHILLIPS

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2024

Mr. PHILLIPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Karen Hosler, a distinguished Baltimore Sun correspondent whose beats included Congress and the White House. Karen died on February 1 of this year, and it is an understatement to say that Karen lived life to its absolute fullest during her 75 years on this earth.

Unfortunately, I did not have the opportunity to meet Karen, but I wish that I had. Those that worked with and knew her said, "Karen always brightened up a room with her cheerfulness, her wonderful laughter, her joy for life and her deep commitment to first-rate journalism done the right way . . . She loved reporting on politics, be it Annapolis city government, the governor and General Assembly or the White House and Congress.

Ms. Hosler earned a bachelor's degree in journalism in 1970 from the University of Maryland, College Park, where she was on the staff of The Diamondback, the campus newspaper. After college, she got her start right here in Congress working as a press aide to U.S. Senator Charles Mathias and then began covering politics for The Bowie Blade and Prince George's News. She then joined the staff in the early 1970s of what was then known as The Evening Capital in Annapolis, where she covered government, including the General Assembly and Anne Arundel County elections.

Those that knew her in the newsroom describe her as ". . . sassy, brassy and bold . . . She had the perfect reporter's combination of skepticism of what the government officials she was covering was telling her and empathy for the people she covered . . . She asked the questions that got right to the heart of things."

She then joined The Arundel Sun in 1977, and then went back to Annapolis, where she covered politics and state government. From 1980 to 1983, she was the paper's state political reporter and from 1983 to 1988 its Maryland correspondent.

In 1988, she was named White House correspondent where she covered the administrations of Presidents Ronald W. Reagan, George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton.

In 2002, my colleague, Representative STENY HOYER, included in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD that Ms. Hosler was "always a tough interrogator of a politician. She asked the hard questions that we didn't always like to answer, but she always got it out of us. She took her responsibility as a reporter very seriously and her readers were better off for it."

As if her professional accomplishments were not enough, Karen completed 12 marathons including the Boston, New York and Marine Corps marathons and brought her love of running to Washington. In fact, she even ran with President Bill Clinton and described the President as "a whole lot faster than he looks."

In 1993, Karen became the congressional correspondent for The Sun until 1998, and its deputy Washington bureau chief from 1999 until 2002.

From 2008 until retiring in 2020, she was a WYPR talk show host, reporter and assignment editor.

She was even the subject of a PBS special, which was based on a very personal piece written by Karen.

In these times of political turmoil, it was inspiring to read Karen's story and see what it means to live a life well lived. Fair winds and following seas to Karen, and may her memory be a blessing to her husband and United States Naval Academy adjunct professor, Alan Friedman, and her brother, Richard Argy.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF ISABELLA PFEIL FOR WINNING THE DIVISION I ONE-METER DIVE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 8, 2024

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great deal of pride that I rise to pay a very special

tribute to an outstanding high school diver in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. Isabella Pfeil, a senior at Avon Lake High School, has ably represented her school on her way to achieving her first Division I State Diving Title. Isabella overcame the challenges posed by intense competition in her effort to win the Division I One-Meter Dive State Championship.

In pursuing the State Championship, Isabella defeated her opponent in the finals of the one-meter dive classification. Her hard work and dedication in achieving this accomplish-

ment is truly outstanding. She has accomplished an impressive season record, bringing pride to her school and community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Isabella Pfeil of Avon Lake High School. On behalf of the people of the Fifth Congressional District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize this great achievement.