

Hartsfield-Jackson, he was pivotal in the airport's growth and its recognition as the world's busiest and most efficient airport.

Under B's leadership the airport completed numerous major capital projects, making use of transformative investments totaling billions of dollars and positioning Hartsfield-Jackson as the model of success for all large airport hubs across the nation. B oversaw pivotal projects such as the creation of the airport's fifth runway, the Consolidated Rental Car Center, the Maynard H. Jackson International Terminal—the most extensive hold baggage screening system in the country, and countless other terminal renovation projects.

B's expertise in the airport and aviation space has been invaluable as he and I worked closely to deliver future projects through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to continue to grow Atlanta's airport.

But it's not just the billions of dollars he helped deliver to the airport that made B a great General Manager, it was B's leadership and the ability to reinforce his mission and vision to over 63,000 employees at Hartsfield-Jackson and the 400,000 jobs supported by the airport. His mission was to bring all those directly or indirectly employed to see themselves as one team, delivering excellence while connecting our community to the world. During unprecedented times like the COVID-19 pandemic, B's leadership and management were critical. He weathered the operational and commercial challenges that came with the pandemic through close coordination with airline partners and his team. B understood what made Hartsfield-Jackson the busiest and most efficient airport in the world was a commitment to an excellent customer experience. He delivered on that even through the challenges of a global pandemic.

His philosophy centered around three P's: "People, Purpose, and Performance." B's philosophy helped make Hartsfield-Jackson the largest employer in the state of Georgia and contributed to a regional economic impact of 66 billion dollars. Numbers can't tell the whole story of B's impact, and for the past two years, Hartsfield-Jackson has been awarded the ACI-Airport Service Quality award for the Best Airport in the world for arrivals.

Today, I honor and celebrate B's service, commitment and contribution to the Fighting Fifth, and while I will miss our conversations and his physical presence in the airport, I want it to be known in the halls of Congress that our success in the district was made possible by my friend and Co-Conspirator for Justice, Balram "B" Bheodari. Please join me in recognizing B's outstanding career in service to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport and Georgia's Fighting Fifth Congressional District.

RECOGNIZING A DEDICATED
PUBLIC SERVANT: DAVID LECIK

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2024

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career of David Lecik. After 37 years of dedicated service in state government, 12 of which were spent working with the Illinois Department on

Aging's Senior Health Insurance Program, Mr. Lecik will be retiring as Education Specialist and technical expert on Medicare and Medicaid, and he will be missed by many.

Mr. Lecik served in the U.S. Air Force for 12 years while married to his wife Sheila and raising three children, Stephen, Dan, and Rosemary. His armed forces career started as a dental assistant, and he later retrained in computer operations. He was stationed in Maryland, Southern Illinois, and Athens, Greece and rose to the rank of Master Sergeant.

After the Air Force, Mr. Lecik worked for Victor J. Andrew High School in Tinley Park while earning a bachelor's degree in psychology at Governors State University. In 1997 he was hired by the State of Illinois at the Department of Human Services (DHS) and worked as a Human Service Caseworker and Staff Development Specialist. The work at DHS laid the foundation for his incredible ability to teach advocates and counselors on Medicare and the many benefits that are offered to Illinois citizens.

Mr. Lecik joined The Senior Health Insurance Program-SHIP in 2012 and mastered the Medicare program. David's dedication to serving older adults, people with disabilities, and their caregivers across the State of Illinois is remarkable. His passion to ensure access to quality healthcare for Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries has been at the forefront of his career. He shared his knowledge and talents with the 1,000 SHIP counselors who work with both Medicare and Medicaid programs to assist eligible beneficiaries with lifesaving programs and benefits. He re-wrote the training manual for SHIP and restructured charts and desk aids that summarized difficult subjects for optimal understanding.

His ability to explain the medical programs for seniors and the technical support he has given to hundreds of SHIP counselors is exceptional as he has championed high quality education and advocacy within in the SHIP program. Mr. Lecik has not only supported Medicare recipients by providing counseling to ensure they retain and navigate their health care benefits but has also been a pillar of support for Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) counselors and professionals throughout the State by helping them navigate the complex Medicare and Medicaid systems. He has provided countless older adults and professionals with the information needed to make informed decisions about their benefits and championed for the most vulnerable and limited income beneficiaries to ensure they have quality health coverage.

Mr. Lecik has presented to numerous audiences such as retirement groups (City of Chicago, Cook County Courts system, and AFSCME), case managers, caseworkers, and advocates from every area of the state. During his career at SHIP and has attended and spoken at national conferences, the Age + Action conference, and has worked with legislators to bring Medicare/Medicaid education to beneficiaries in many local areas of the state. He has worked closely with Social Security outreach staff, liaisons with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and the state agency—Healthcare and Family Services. Dave is known throughout the country for his knowledge and expertise with SHIP. He never steers away from a challenge, and he sticks with an issue until it is solved to a successful end.

On behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I thank David Lecik for all the work he has done for the citizens of Illinois. We are so grateful for his invaluable service and wish him the best of everything in his future endeavors.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF PAUL
MOLLOY AND THE LIVES HE
TOUCHED THROUGH OXFORD
HOUSE

HON. JAMIE RASKIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2024

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of an extraordinary Marylander, John "Paul" Molloy, who we lost two years ago this week. Paul was a public servant and a former Capitol Hill staffer with a storied career in both the House and Senate, having helped craft and pass such landmark laws as the National Rail Passenger Act of 1970 establishing AMTRAK, the Resource Recovery and Conservation Act of 1976, the nation's bedrock law governing the safe disposal of solid and hazardous waste. He was always committed to bipartisanship and insisted on celebrating the passage of every bipartisan law with the teams—Democrats and Republicans alike—who made them happen. Even in the midst of all these professional achievements, all was not as it seemed. In 1975, Paul found himself living on the streets, divorced and alone because of his stubborn battle with alcoholism.

Fortunately, Paul was able to seek help and begin the long road to recovery. He checked himself into a Montgomery County-run halfway house in Silver Spring. This started a new chapter in his life that would in turn come to touch the lives of so many others in similar situations.

When the County-run halfway house closed, Paul joined with his fellow residents to take over the house's management. They all agreed: they would split the rent and utilities equally; they would all contribute to the cooking and cleaning together; and they would accompany one another to treatment. If anyone relapsed, they would have to leave to protect the health of their fellow residents. They called this new sober-supportive living environment "Oxford House," and began a new addiction recovery model that would spread across the country and the world. Today, there are over 3,300 Oxford Houses helping people maintain their sobriety in a supportive environment.

The reason the first Oxford House wasn't the only Oxford House is simple—one of its cofounders was a congressional staffer. Paul had the knowledge, experience and contacts that proved instrumental in passing provisions in the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 that created a revolving loan fund for supportive sobriety models like Oxford House. This fund was instrumental in establishing the network of recovery residences that has spread across the country.

From the 1980s until the end of his life, Paul found renewed purpose as the Director of Oxford House, overseeing its resident-driven expansion into new neighborhoods and new states. Even as Paul carefully stewarded the expansion of new Oxford Houses, he was

careful to maintain the organizational commitment to democratic self-governance within each house, which has empowered generations of Oxford House residents to navigate the inevitable obstacles of life with persistence and patience.

After his recovery, Paul and his wife, Jane, decided to remarry, and enjoyed another 34 years together. When he passed away two years ago, Paul left behind not only his beloved Jane but his five children and eight grandchildren. He is sorely missed, but his legacy of good humor and incomparable compassion lives on among his family and Oxford House family. I join the people of Maryland's beautiful Eighth District and people across the United States in expressing the warmest gratitude for Paul's work as we celebrate his life.

COMMEMORATING THE 83RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN AND THEIR HEROISM

HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2024

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate and honor the Tuskegee Airmen as we celebrate their 83rd anniversary. As the United States fought to defend freedom with our allies in World War II, exceptional pilots in the fight for air superiority made the difference between victory and defeat.

The Tuskegee Airmen stand out in history, as they not only had to carry the immeasurable weight of battle, but also had to fight racial discrimination.

Prior to the Tuskegee Airmen's incorporation in 1941, the military was segregated, and the Army Air Forces did not accept African American pilots. In the face of this discrimination, these brave men stood up when their country and the world needed them most. They flew with skill and courage on critical missions, demonstrating that excellence knows no color, and that discrimination had no place in our military. The Tuskegee Airmen were among the most talented and decorated squadrons of World War II, earning 3 Presidential Unit Citations, 150 Distinguished Flying Crosses, 1 Legion of Merit, 1 Silver Star, 2 Soldier Medals, 8 Purple Hearts, 14 bronze stars, 744 air medals, and 1 Red Star of Yugoslavia. Their heroism, bravery, and remarkable achievements contributed directly to the desegregation of the United States Military.

On Saturday, May 25, 2024, veterans, officials, airmen, and their decedents gathered at Wings of Eagles Discovery Center to remember these amazing heroes and commemorate their significance nationally and their deep local ties to our community here in the Finger Lakes, Southern Tier, and Western New York. Their story will forever serve as a symbol of courage in the face of adversity.

On Memorial Day and every day, we thank the men and women in uniform who have sacrificed so much so that we may live free. We owe them a debt of gratitude that cannot be repaid, both for defending our Nation's freedoms and advancing them for generations to come.

COMMEMORATING THE ST. CLAIR ROTARY CLUB'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2024

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor St. Clair Rotary Club and the occasion of their 100th anniversary. Since its founding on April 22, 1924, the St. Clair Rotary Club has served as an emblematic example of the Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self."

Throughout the last century, the St. Clair Rotary Club has focused on a lot of community projects benefitting the St. Clair community. Notably, during the 1930s, the club began a student assistance program, helping high school graduates work towards higher education. In 1964, the club started the "Preparation for Employment" program with St. Clair High School and soon after in 1965, the "Seminars for Tomorrows Leaders" which continues to this day.

The club has managed to preserve their accomplishments and history at the St. Clair Historical Museum, dating back to its founding in 1924. Their team has a remarkable devotion not only to the improvement of the St. Clair Community, but the preservation of the club's rich history. More recently, the club has also notably raised over \$150,000 for the St. Clair Little League Park, donated 32 Chromebooks to the St. Clair High School, and led efforts for community spaces throughout St. Clair. As the club celebrates its centennial, it continues to make a difference through projects like the Storybook Walk in Klecha Park and the renovation of Rotary's Wildlife Landing.

Mr. Speaker, I have no doubt that the St. Clair Rotary Club will continue to be a significant benefactor to the wider St. Clair Community for many years to come. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the club and its members for reaching this incredible milestone.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF DR. ANDREA E. CHAPDELAINE

HON. DAVID J. TRONE

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2024

Mr. TRONE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and celebrate the remarkable tenure of Hood College President, Andrea E. Chapdelaine. For nine years, Dr. Chapdelaine has dedicated her career to the advancement of higher education, enriching the lives of students and bolstering local communities throughout her career.

Under her leadership, Hood College experienced growth in both undergraduate and graduate enrollment and improvement in student retention. Dr. Chapdelaine spearheaded the completion of the strategic plan, "Moving Together Beyond Boundaries," which introduced new academic programs, expanded strategic partnerships, and enhanced employee compensation.

She oversaw nearly \$100 million in campus investments, including major renovations and

new construction, led the successful "Forging the Future" campaign, and raised nearly \$75 million for scholarships, experiential learning, and the Hood Fund. Her tenure also saw the receipt of a historic \$54 million gift from The Hodson Trust, marking the largest donation in Hood College's history.

It is a privilege to acknowledge Dr. Andrea E. Chapdelaine's service and support for higher education. Her legacy will undoubtedly inspire future leaders and continue to benefit Hood College students and the broader community for years to come.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION FOR EID DAY ACT

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2024

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to introduce the bipartisan Eid Day Act, which would create a federal holiday for Eid. I thank Rep. GRACE MENG and my other House colleagues that joined me to support this bill. Eid al-Adha is an Islamic holiday which commemorates Abraham's symbolic sacrifice of his son to God, as referenced in the Quran, Old Testament, and New Testament. Eid al-Adha also marks the annual pilgrimage to Mecca, called Hajj. Eid al-Fitr is an Islamic holiday which commemorates the sighting of the new moon, signifying a month-long end to fasting and reflection for all Muslim followers.

Eid is a holiday of great importance to over 3.5 million American Muslims. Whether it be in the military, government, health, business or other leadership positions, Muslim Americans have always contributed to our country. Eid is a meaningful occasion for the Muslim community to reflect and celebrate on the importance of faith, sacrifice, freedom, and justice—the same values that all Americans hold dear. This year, Eid al-Adha will be celebrated on June 16th. We must continually strive to create a more inclusive nation and honor the diverse tapestry that makes up this country. Muslim Americans have meaningfully contributed to the American society since the nation's early history. They cherish American values, take pride in the country's pluralism, multiculturalism, and its embodiment as the land of liberty and opportunity.

Recognizing Eid as a Federal Holiday will allow them to not only freely practice their faith, but also help them feel more at home and connect better with America's spirit as a religious minority. This bill is particularly timely given the alienation that parts of the Muslim American community feel after years of anti-Muslim sentiments as well as recent developments in the Middle-East. As Members of Congress, we need to uphold the values that our nation was founded on, including freedom of religion and equality for all.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing and uplifting this important cultural and historical celebration by making Eid a federal holiday.