

the State of Wisconsin, and the United States benefitted greatly from her commitment to service.

HONORING MS. AMY FALK
SHELDON

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize my constituent Amy Falk Sheldon for her outstanding work at the National PTA. As Director of Resource Development Amy made an immeasurable difference in the lives of PTA leaders across the county. She tirelessly dedicated her time to PTA's mission to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. Beginning in 2015, Amy collaborated with local PTA leaders to develop corporate alliances and create partnerships which delivered engaging and educational opportunities for members. Amy is a dedicated humanitarian having worked at the Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry and American Association of University Women. She is also a board member of the Washington Area Women's Foundation.

I am proud the National PTA is headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia and congratulate Amy for her service to the organization, its staff, partners, and affiliates.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE CEO AND PORT DIRECTOR OF PORT EVERGLADES, JONATHAN DANIELS

HON. JARED MOSKOWITZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. MOSKOWITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jonathan Daniels, the CEO and Port Director of Port Everglades, for his service and leadership to the industry.

Jonathan Daniels has been the CEO and Port Director of Port Everglades since the summer of 2020. Located in South Florida, Port Everglades is one of the busiest ports in the world, welcoming cruises and container and cargo traffic. Assuming the role at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Mr. Daniels successfully led the port through tumultuous times and helped build a future of sustained growth. Through his leadership and the efforts of his staff, the port persevered and is experiencing a revival with the return of cruises and upgrades to infrastructure.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in recognizing Mr. Jonathan Daniels for his outstanding leadership and contributions to Port Everglades and the constituents of Florida's 23rd Congressional District.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PAUL HARVEL FOR OVER 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to honor the life and service of Mr. Paul Harvel, a distinguished leader who dedicated over five decades to the advancement of Arkansas chambers of commerce, economic development, and the agricultural industry. His profound impact on countless communities and unwavering commitment to excellence leave an indelible mark on our collective memory.

In July of 2014, the American Chapter of Commerce Executives rightfully bestowed upon Paul Harvel the Life Member Award, the highest individual honor in the chamber of commerce profession. This accolade, presented to only 42 individuals in the ACCE's century-long history, reflects Paul's exceptional lifetime of leadership, service, and dedication to the business community.

Former Governor Mike Beebe aptly noted that there are few parts of Arkansas untouched by Paul Harvel's influence. His wisdom, expertise, and collaborative spirit benefited numerous communities, creating a legacy of positive change and progress.

Paul Harvel's extensive career included pivotal roles such as CEO of the Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce, where he played a key role in establishing Pulaski County Technical College. His visionary leadership saw the growth of the Little Rock Chamber's assets from \$70,000 to over \$10 million during his 21-year tenure.

As President and CEO of the Arkansas State Chamber, Paul Harvel initiated Leadership Arkansas, contributing significantly to the organization's growth, with total income rising from \$800,000 to \$1.8 million and membership expanding from 650 to 1,400. His impact also extended to the Fort Smith Regional Chamber of Commerce, where he led successful efforts to secure over \$2 million for a new economic development fund.

Beyond his chamber work, Paul Harvel championed Arkansas' agriculture sector, drawing from his upbringing on a farm in Kellar, Texas. From his early days as a vocational agriculture teacher to his instrumental role in founding the Arkansas Agriculture Hall of Fame in 1987, his contributions to the state's agriculture legacy are immeasurable.

Paul Harvel's passing is not only a loss to his family, including his wife Barbara, daughter Michelle Boulden, and grandson Hunter Tuggle, but also to the broader community that benefited from his vision, dedication, and tireless efforts.

In honoring Paul Harvel's memory, let us reflect on the remarkable legacy he leaves behind and strive to continue the positive impact he made on Arkansas and beyond.

RECOGNIZING BEN PYATT

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ben Pyatt's dedication as a life-long educator in our community. Mr. Pyatt has served generations of Arvada students and is retiring after thirty years in public education.

In addition to his job as a math teacher, Mr. Pyatt helped teach student driving when Arvada High School was short on driving instructors. After the school disbanded the driver's ed program, Mr. Pyatt joined the Arvada Driving School, where he served for nearly three decades.

Mr. Pyatt has played a key part in driver's education for Arvadans, teaching an estimated twenty-thousand people in his community how to drive over his career. It is my honor to recognize Mr. Ben Pyatt for his dedication to his community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF KAREN ROSEBERRY

HON. DARRELL ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize and celebrate the life and accomplishments of Karen Roseberry, who passed away on January 12, 2024.

Mrs. Roseberry devoted her life to public service: in the classroom, health clinics, and political arenas. She was a highly-regarded educator, teaching hundreds of students over a nearly ten-year span. Mrs. Roseberry also served as an advisor to several candidates running for public office.

Mrs. Roseberry's passion for helping others was demonstrated through her time as Executive Director of the Women's Resource Center in Lancaster, California, which offered counseling, testing, and spiritual support for expectant mothers and fathers. Her tireless dedication to protecting the health and welfare of the unborn was illuminated through her work on the California Prolife Council, most recently serving as Vice President.

Mrs. Roseberry's years of service left a lasting impact on Southern California—and the entire state—that will be admired and modeled for future leaders to reproduce. While we mourn the loss of an extraordinary leader in our community, we can find joy in the fact that Mrs. Roseberry's legacy will continue to enrich the lives of Californians to come.

RECOGNIZING LAURA "BABE" E. RAUDENBUSH SIDMAN 102ND BIRTHDAY

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Laura "Babe" E. Raudenbush Sidman, a remarkable constituent from my district about to celebrate her 102nd birthday.

Laura was born on January 29, 1922, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

When she had completed schooling, Laura found a job working at the Quartermaster Depot in South Philadelphia. She took the Frankford EL Line to work every day. It was on one of those daily trips that she met Joe Sidman, the man who was to become her husband. Laura and Joe were married in October 1942.

As Joe was in the Army, they spent the first few months of married life in Florida. Once Joe was out of the service, they settled in an apartment in Mayfair for a few years. Joe and Laura then moved in with Martha and Harry Raudenbush who lived in Somerton for a short period of time while looking for a home. In 1950, Babe and Joe moved to their home on Elmwood Avenue in Trevese.

Babe and Joe raised 3 wonderful children, Lorraine, Barbara, and Jay while in their Trevese home. Once the kids were in school, Laura went back to work part time at Mortimer's Clothing store. Eventually she settled into a job at the Trevese Hardware Store joining her good friend, George Wehlau. Laura would continue in this position for over 20 years, becoming a staple of the community. She enjoyed baking cookies for her loyal customers who came back time and again for her caring nature and incredible baked goods.

Laura's love of sports has been a lifelong interest. She is an avid sports fan, especially of the Philadelphia Eagles and Phillies. Win or lose Laura can be seen in front of the TV rooting for her favorite teams. When the Phillies won the pennant in 1950 Laura sat in front of her TV trying to take pictures of the action. Although those pictures didn't develop well, Laura did manage to get a picture roster of the 1950's winning Phillies. It hung in her home for many years.

In the community, Laura supported the Neshaminy "N" club with all kinds of baked cakes whenever asked and her son wrestled and played football for Neshaminy. She has been a member of St. James Episcopal Church in Langhorne for over six decades. During this time, Babe sang in the choir and was an esteemed member of the Altar Guild. In the course of her service on the Alter Guild, Laura trained generations of congregational members in the proper altar set up and the care, handling, and cleaning of the communion vessels. After Laura's retirement from the Altar Guild, she was presented with a Lifetime Achievement certificate.

Laura could not be prouder of her growing family. She has 3 doting children, 3 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren in addition to numerous nieces and nephews and their children. I am very grateful for her incredible life of service to her family, community, and country. As Laura "Babe" Sidman celebrates the first century of her life and 102nd birthday, I wish her nothing but the best in the coming years and a heartfelt Happy Birthday.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF WIER HARMAN

HON. PRAMILA JAYAPAL

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and contributions of Mr. Wier

Harman who sadly passed away on December 11, 2023, at age 57. Wier leaves behind a legacy as a champion of arts, culture and civic engagement in Seattle, Washington.

Wier grew up in Virginia, attended the University of Pennsylvania and studied directing at the Yale School of Drama. In the early 1990s, he directed plays and was the marketing manager at Seattle's Annex Theatre. He left Seattle for jobs in Atlanta and New York before returning to serve as Executive Director of Town Hall Seattle for 17 years. In 2015, Seattle Metropolitan Magazine named him one of "15 People Who Should Really Run Seattle."

Wier will live on through his contributions to Seattle and the Pacific Northwest. His passion was evident in his love for community, commitment to arts and culture, and tireless efforts to shape Town Hall Seattle into an inclusive and welcoming space for everyone in the region. Wier's enthusiasm and dedication to providing a platform for the people of Seattle to come together and forge a deeper understanding of one another garnered the trust and admiration of so many of us who experienced his work at Town Hall. Not only did he expand the landmark Town Hall's event offerings to include civics, arts, music, and sciences, but he also insisted on keeping ticket prices affordable and making attendance free for many young people.

Wier positioned Town Hall at the intersection of so many different communities and conversations. He was a connector—Wier seemed to know everyone, and everyone seemed to know Wier—and he used this capital to encourage new bonds and friendships to the benefit of our entire region. Wier was an advocate for young artists and cross-disciplinary collaboration. He championed civic participation, bold ideas, conversation and debate, empathy, kindness and generosity.

Wier's dedication to a robust civic life and his support of arts and culture will serve as a model for years to come. As he put it in describing Town Hall's essential work: "Our role is simple and profound—to remind us that some things must be experienced together, and that 'coming together' is often its own reward." His enduring spirit will live on in his wife, Barbara Sauermann, his children Stella and Ruby, and all of us who admired him so greatly in his community.

HONORING TEXAS RANGER MAJOR
GROVER HUFF

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career of longtime Texas lawman, Major Grover Franklin Huff. Since 2018, Major Huff has served as the Company Commander of Company "A," which encompasses a thirty-five-county area bordered to the east by Louisiana, to the south by the Texas Gulf Coast, and to the north and west by Companies "F" and "B." On January 31, 2024, Major Huff will hang up the signature cowboy hat and un-pin his fifty-peso Ranger badge for the last time.

Major Huff was born to Allen and Beatrice Huff on February 2, 1962, in Orange, Texas.

He graduated from West Orange-Stark High School in 1980 and attended Lamar University. He then enrolled in the Jefferson County Jail Academy and the Lamar University Police Academy, graduating in 1985. Before joining the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), Major Huff began his lengthy career in law enforcement, serving with the Orange County Sheriff's Office and the Bridge City Police Department.

In 1989, Major Huff attended DPS Recruit School as part of Class A-89 and was inducted as a state trooper on February 16, 1990. On June 1, 1997, Major Huff joined the prestigious Texas Rangers, the oldest law enforcement organization on the North American continent with statewide jurisdiction.

His fellow Rangers have characterized Major Huff as a "Ranger's Ranger." He is known as an expert in crime scene processing and has taught advanced criminal investigation courses to state, local, federal, and even foreign law enforcement officers. Over the past four decades, his work has resulted in the conviction of numerous violent criminals, justice for countless families, and safer Texas communities. Major Huff, however, has said that his greatest accomplishment has been overseeing the development of new Rangers and their promotion through the ranks of the storied law enforcement agency.

Mr. Speaker, in its two-hundred-year history, only the finest law enforcement officers have had the honor of calling themselves Texas Rangers. I am proud that Major Grover Franklin Huff is among them. I wish him, his wife, Diane, and their family all the best in the next chapter of their life.

HONORING SHERIFF DEAN
GROWDON

HON. DOUG LAMALFA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleague, Rep. TOM MCCLINTOCK, to honor the nearly 30-year public safety career and service of Lassen County Sheriff Dean Growdon.

Sheriff Growdon's career began in 1994 as a Correctional Deputy for the Lassen County Sheriff's Office. He would serve there briefly before being promoted to Deputy Sheriff where he would serve as the resident Deputy in Big Valley and in the main office in Susanville. In 1998, Dean received the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award from the Susanville Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) No. 2381.

Dean was then promoted to Sergeant, supervising the jail, as a Patrol Supervisor, Commanded the Interagency Narcotics Force, and was appointed as team leader for the Sheriff's SWAT team. In 2005, Dean was recognized with a Certificate of Valor, the highest law enforcement award for valor in the State by the California State Attorney General Lockyear for his actions during a domestic violence incident.

Dean has been a vocal advocate for our first responders serving on many different Statewide boards where he impacted public safety policy. As a member of the California State Sheriff's Association, Dean served on