

CONGRATULATING WES FREEDMAN, THE MAN OF THE YEAR AT B'NAI B'RITH AMOS LODGE NO. 136

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2005

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Mr. Wes Freedman, recipient of the "Man of the Year" award from B'nai B'rith Amos Lodge No. 136.

A highly respected and talented businessman and community leader, Mr. Freedman earned a reputation for personal integrity. His community service over the years has benefited both young and old alike.

For more than 30 years, Mr. Freedman owned and operated several catalog showrooms in northeastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Mr. Freedman served on the boards of directors at Johnson Technical School, PNC Bank and Marywood College. He currently serves on the boards at Mercy Hospital, the Jewish Home of Eastern Pennsylvania, Elan Gardens, an assisted living facility, and the Foundation for the Jewish Elderly of Eastern Pennsylvania. He is currently president of the board of Webster Towers, a high rise apartment complex for the independent aging.

Mr. Freedman is a life member of the Jewish Community Center in Scranton and has been a member of B'nai B'rith and Temple Israel for many years.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Freedman on this honor. His commitment to his community reflects a genuine selflessness and devotion to others in need. Mr. Freedman's record of service is exemplary and has helped improve the quality of life for many in northeastern Pennsylvania.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT H. GRIFFIN, DEPUTY COMMANDING GENERAL, U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

HON. DAVID L. HOBSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer tribute to a truly superb soldier and engineer, Major General Robert H. Griffin, on the occasion of his retirement as Deputy Commanding General of the United States Army Corps of Engineers. In so doing, I note that this is his second retirement this year—he left Corps Headquarters in August, but agreed to return last month to help guide the Corps through its response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

It has been my pleasure to know and work with General Griffin as he served this nation in three capacities—first as commander of the Corps of Engineers' Great Lakes and Ohio River Division, which includes my home district; then as Director of Civil Works; and finally as Deputy Commander of the Corps of Engineers.

General Griffin's distinguished military service spanned 34 years of dedicated and honor-

able service to this nation. Since his graduation from Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and his commissioning as a Second Lieutenant in 1971, he has led at every level of command. During his last ten years, while serving as commander of the Corps of Engineers District in Mobile, Alabama; Chief of Staff at Corps Headquarters in Washington; Commanding General of the Corps' Northwestern Division and then of the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division; Director of the \$5 billion annual Army Civil Works program my subcommittee oversees; and finally as Deputy Commanding General of the Corps of Engineers; he significantly contributed to our nation's global goals and objectives.

General Griffin's technical expertise and superior leadership have been critical to the success of the Army Corps of Engineers' many complex missions. His ability to handle complex tasks, large organizations, difficult negotiations and the most pressing problems has been truly remarkable. He has been equally adept at interacting with the highest levels of government, setting overall strategy for meeting the nation's military construction and water resource needs, and dealing with the intricacies of project design. The organizations he has led have been known for command climates that emphasize teamwork, common sense, prudent risk taking and mission accomplishment. All in all, I know of no finer member of our Army, and I wish him the best in the years ahead.

INTRODUCTION OF SHIRLEY HORN RESOLUTION

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to announce the introduction of a resolution honoring the late Shirley Horn, a great jazz vocalist who passed away on October 20. For those of you who did not follow her career, Shirley Horn was one of this country's musical and cultural greats.

The resolution speaks for itself, but I would like to highlight some aspects of her life. She was born in the Nation's capital in 1934 and started her musical career as a young child on her grandmother's piano. She continued to study music at Howard University and was invited to attend the prestigious Juilliard School in New York.

She recorded over two dozen albums and was lauded with numerous honors, including being elected into the Lionel Hampton Jazz Hall of Fame, receiving Grammy Awards, an honorary doctorate from Berklee College of Music, and receiving the 2003 Jazz at Lincoln Center Award.

Importantly, Ms. Horn never forgot her background. She was dedicated to the Washington, DC community and, as a result, earned the Mayor's Arts Award for Excellence in an Artistic Discipline.

I would like to express my deepest sympathies to her family and express to them that her passing is a loss to all of us.

HONORING ARMY CAPTAIN JOEL CAHILL

HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise to pay tribute to Army Captain Joel Cahill, a company commander in the 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry, Fort Benning, Georgia. Captain Cahill was killed in western Iraq on Sunday, the 5th of November. He served two tours in Iraq, as well as two tours in Afghanistan with a unit of the U.S. Army Rangers.

Captain Cahill grew up in Nebraska, and after graduating from Papillion La Vista High School, he joined the Army and began Special Forces training. He was awarded several citations including the Army Achievement Medal and the Soldier's Medal. He was a graduate with honors from the University of Nebraska—Omaha in 1999, earning his commission from the UNO-Creighton ROTC program.

Because of his professionalism and bravery, Captain Cahill was accepted into the Army Rangers, one of the elite groups in the Armed Forces.

Captain Cahill was a devoted father to his two daughters, Faith and Brenna, and devoted husband to their mother, Mary. Faith and Brenna were the joys of his life whenever he could be stateside.

My prayers are with his family, and I offer my condolences to his parents, Larry and Barbara; his three brothers, Larry Jr., Randy, and Jason; and his sister, Erin Christensen.

As a nation, we will honor Captain Cahill's service to the United States with his burial with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery Friday, November 18, 2005.

We are blessed to have men and women like Captain Cahill serve in our military. His deeds, actions, decency, and passion for defending the freedoms we all enjoy will not be forgotten. May he be laid to rest as a hero to his family and to all of us who honor his service to America.

TRIBUTE TO NASHVILLE PUBLIC TELEVISION PRESIDENT STEVE BASS

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2005

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, I want to take a moment today to recognize Nashville Public Television President and CEO Steve Bass for his years of service to our community.

While Steve is leaving us to take on another challenge, his accomplishments in Nashville will be a wonderful legacy to his leadership and dedication.

Since coming to Nashville in 1998, Steve has worked to help establish our area's public television station as a model for the 21st century.

He has made it his mission to put the station on solid financial ground, and that work is paying off. Steve has set an example for the nation's public television stations.