

A TRIBUTE TO JOHN BROWNE

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2006

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, today, I am proud to honor John Browne, a courageous cancer survivor and citizen from the great state of New Jersey. After winning his battle with cancer, Mr. Browne tirelessly worked to bring hope to others afflicted with this terrible disease. He is truly an inspiration to others and it is my privilege to honor him today.

Diagnosed with a rare form of cancer, John Browne needed a liver transplant to save his life. Now healthy, John is working to make others aware of the importance of organ donation. He works as a volunteer for the Gift of Life Donor Program, an organization that matches donors with patients. Today about 90,000 people in the United States are awaiting an organ transplant. Making the decision to be an organ donor can save lives.

I want to thank John for all that he has done. He was given a second chance at life and selflessly used it to help others in need. John's story proves that one person can make a difference in the world. His volunteer efforts have given hope to cancer patients, and he has made our community, and our Nation, a better place.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES AND JUSTINE DAVIS

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate James and Justine Davis on the celebration of their 70th year of marriage. James and Justine Davis were married January 3, 1937 at St. John's Rectory in Fresno, California.

James Davis was born in Madera in 1914 on the same property that he lives on today. He is the son of James L. and Gertrude Davis, both long time Madera residents. James was the Madera County Agricultural Commissioner from 1964 until his retirement in 1976. He started working for the agricultural department in 1949. James also farmed cotton, alfalfa, and cattle on his home ranch.

Justine Nicolini was born on a farm in Fresno in 1912 on property that is now adjacent to the Fresno Convention Center. She is the daughter of Jose Nicolini, from Italy, and Rosa Ylarraz Nicolini, from Spain. She worked for Gottschalks Department Store before marriage and held various office positions in Madera after moving to Madera.

James and Justine met on a blind date arranged by friends. The Davis's have one daughter, Patricia Sunia, two grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. James and Justine live in the same house that they moved into after their marriage. Following retirement, James and Justine traveled extensively throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, Mexico, Caribbean, Australia, and Great Britain.

Their devotion to one another is a model for all married couples to follow. As evidence of

this devotion, James and Justine have always agreed to not go to sleep angry. They have always maintained a strong love for one another and can often be seen holding hands to this day. I wish James and Justine Davis continued health and happiness in their marriage.

REMEMBERING FRANK LAMBERT

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, last week Loudoun County in Virginia's 10th District lost a loyal public servant. Frank Lambert, a former Loudoun County supervisor, passed away on Wednesday, November 8, at the age of 77.

I was honored to call Frank Lambert a friend and to work with him on issues of importance to Loudoun County when he served on the Board of Supervisors during the 1980's.

Mr. Speaker, I submit for the RECORD an obituary from the Leesburg Today newspaper of November 10 which describes the public service of Frank Lambert. We send our condolences to his wife Ruby and all his family.

[From Leesburg Today, Nov. 10, 2006]

FORMER SUPERVISOR FRANK LAMBERT DIES
(By Margaret Morton)

A longtime Waterford area resident, Frank Lambert, 77, died early Wednesday morning at Inova Loudoun Hospital's Cornwall Street campus in Leesburg.

Colleagues and friends were surprised by the news of Lambert's death. Attorney Steve Stockman, who served with Lambert on the county board when Republicans were a rare breed in Loudoun, knew he had been ill, suffering from pneumonia, but he said Wednesday he had visited him in his home north of Waterford less than a month ago. "He seemed strong," Stockman said.

The two Republicans served on the board of supervisors together from January 1984 to December 1987, along with Jim Brownell and Andrew Byrd, with Lambert representing the Catoctin District.

"He was a very nice man, the epitome of a Virginia gentleman," Stockman recalled. He described his former colleague as being "very, very astute, with a brilliant mind." Despite a bit of occasional acerbity, "when he had to," Lambert did not try to force his opinions on others. "He would lay it out and give a brilliant analysis," Stockman said.

Stockman, who was some years younger than Lambert, said he was also very friendly. "I learned a lot from him," he recalled, describing Lambert as almost "Reaganesque" in his warmth and ability to communicate, with a big deep baritone voice.

His political philosophy was "very conservative," according to Stockman. After both had left elective office Lambert and former Leesburg mayor and Leesburg District Supervisor Frank Raffo, a staunch Democrat, did a weekly radio talk show and Brownell recalled Wednesday the two had some "heated exchanges."

"He was very principled, very true to his cause," Brownell said of his former colleague. "If ever there were a loyal and faithful Republican, he was it," he said. Describing Lambert as "very, very conservative," Brownell, whose support for moderation often put him at odds with GOP stalwarts, said that looking back, however, "Frank was probably right about a lot of things."

After Democrat Betsey Brown defeated Lambert as part of the 1987 slow-growth

movement, he left active politics, although he remained an ardent Republican, according to Brownell. He also continued in public service as a member of the Loudoun County Library Board and currently as a member of the Loudoun County Animal Control Advisory Board.

Winston "Win" Porter was chairman of the Loudoun Republican Party when Lambert was on the board of supervisors. He echoed the opinions of Lambert's colleagues, calling him "very intelligent and capable, with a lot of ideas."

Don Walker, of Walker and Clarke Construction, recalled another of Lambert's contributions, calling him "the father of communications in Loudoun." Fascinated with radio communications as a youth, Lambert established one of the area's first successful pager companies, Metrocall. Since 1969, he has been president of the Great Eastern Communications Company. He also was a Ham radio operator and held a FCC first class radio telephone license. In the 1960s, Lambert was part owner and manager of WEER in Warrenton and later worked for WAGE in Leesburg.

Lambert's pioneering paging business was not without controversy, and some opposed it, especially the tall radio tower that was erected at his home north of Waterford. "But, no one at the time had instant communications," including those who would most need them, such as doctors, nurses or fire and rescue workers, Walker said. Ironically, he recalled, one of the opponents had a heart attack and it was one of Lambert's pagers that helped save her life.

But Lambert was more than just a successful businessman to Walker. "He was my neighbor and friend, from the day he moved here in the mid-1970s," he said. It was a friendship that lasted from the first day. Walker, as a young man, met the older Lambert, when he went up to help him move into his house, to Wednesday morning's news that he had died.

Describing Lambert as "a very professional and academic man, a caring member of the community and a great lover of animals," Walker asked him to be godfather to his two sons.

"I would trust him with anything I had, or would hope to have, in my life," he said this week.

He is survived by his wife Ruby; sons Roger Lambert of Andros Island, Bahamas, and Christopher Lambert of Waterford; grandsons Michael and James Lambert; granddaughters Constance and Angela Lambert; and brother Roland Lambert of Connecticut.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13 at Union Cemetery with the Rev. Edwin Urban officiating.

COCAINE IN EUROPE A WAKE UP CALL

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, last September, the Committee on International Relations' Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere and the Committee on the Judiciary's Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a joint hearing on the increased cocaine drug flow to Europe, in an effort to encourage our European friends and allies to provide more help to the Andean region, and Colombia in particular.