

Wendell has shown a great deal of dedication to understanding the intricacies of his legislative portfolio and has proven his ability to successfully multi-task high priority projects. Wendell is focused and employs a strong work ethic, often keeping long hours to ensure that his job is done to the very best of his ability.

Wendell should be proud of the service he has provided to our District and country. It has been an honor to serve with him and as I retire from office I wish him the very best in the future. Western North Carolina is a better place because of his efforts and I will cherish the memories of serving with Wendell and the team by my side.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking Wendell White for his hard work on behalf of all of Western North Carolina and to wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

HONORING U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE
GLEN WILLIAMS

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH
OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, November 15, 2012

Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I, along with Representatives BOB GOODLATTE and ROBERT HURT, honor U.S. District Judge Glen Williams, a devoted public servant to the Commonwealth of Virginia, who passed away on November 4, 2012.

Born in Jonesville, Virginia, Judge Williams spent his childhood in his father's grocery store listening to stories of coal miners and farmers from across the region. It was these stories which helped instill Judge Williams with an understanding about the lives of everyday people. Undoubtedly, he maintained this foundation throughout his life and career.

Judge Williams courageously put his college education on hold when we were attacked at Pearl Harbor. The day after that horrible event, he joined the U.S. Navy. He served in the Atlantic, Pacific, and Mediterranean theaters as well as in the Allied invasion of southern France during WWII. After the war, he went back to school and received his bachelor's degree from Milligan College, and in 1948 received his law degree from the University of Virginia's School of Law.

Above all else, Judge Williams was dedicated to his work. He was a Commonwealth's Attorney for Lee County, Virginia, and later served as a Magistrate Judge for the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia from 1963 until 1975. In 1976, he was nominated by President Gerald Ford to serve as a federal judge for the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia, where he served until 2010. He also served as a member of the Virginia State Senate from 1953–1955.

Judge Williams had a tremendous impact on our communities—in the Ninth District, the Sixth District, and the Fifth District—as well as upon countless individuals all across the region. Judge Williams was a man we all greatly respected, a courageous public servant, and an honorable defender of the rule of law. May his spirit of strength and resilience continue with us. He will be greatly missed, but his legacy and influence will be long remembered across the entire western region of Virginia.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Judge Williams' wife, Jane; his four daughters, Susan, Judith, Rebecca, and Melinda; his family, friends, and many loved ones. May God give them comfort during this difficult time.

IN TRIBUTE TO JAMES M. AND
JAMES L. NEDERLANDER ON
THE OCCASION OF THEIR REC-
OGNITION BY THE NEW YORK
LANDMARKS CONSERVANCY AS
LIVING LANDMARKS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, November 15, 2012

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to James M. and James L. Nederlander who are being honored by the New York Landmarks Conservancy at its Living Landmarks Celebration 2012. The Nederlander family has been a symbol of Broadway theater for three generations. This year marks the 100th Anniversary of The Nederlander Organization. James M. Nederlander, who celebrates his 90th birthday this year, is Chairman of the Nederlander Producing Company. James L. Nederlander serves as President of The Nederlander Organization.

James M. Nederlander, affectionately known as Jimmy, has had a remarkable 70-year career in theater production and management. The Nederlander Organization, founded by his father, David T. Nederlander in Detroit, Michigan, now owns and operates nine theaters in New York City. Five of them—Brooks Atkinson, Neil Simon, The Palace, Lunt-Fontanne, and Richard Rodgers—have been named New York City landmarks. The Nederlander Organization also owns several venues across the United States and in London. James M. Nederlander is credited with establishing the concept of an outdoor amphitheater. He has succeeded in drawing new audiences and has worked to keep a loyal audience through an Audience Rewards program.

Mr. Nederlander moved The Nederlander Organization to New York in 1964, recognizing that there was greater opportunity for expansion outside of Michigan. He became one of New York's preeminent producers, earning 11 Tony Awards, including a Lifetime Achievement Award he received on June 6, 2004. He has also produced ballets, operas, and concerts. Dedicated to the support of young performers, Mr. Nederlander established The National High School Musical Theater Awards (NHSMTA). The national competition, known as the "The Jimmy Awards" in his honor, is being documented in a new PBS television series called *Broadway or Bust*.

Under the leadership of Jimmy's son, James L. "Jimmy, Jr." Nederlander, the Nederlander Organization continues to maintain its trademark standards of excellence. The production company is responsible for putting on some of Broadway's most famous shows, including *La Cage Aux Folles*, *Hairspray*, *Wicked*, *Rent*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, *Chicago*, and *The Lion King* among many others. The company has long-standing relationships with some of the greatest companies and composers in show business, including Lord Andrew Lloyd Webber, Jerry Herman, and Disney. The Nederlanders have produced over 100 theat-

rical productions enjoyed by thousands of New York City tourists and residents every year, and have invested in, co-produced and booked countless others.

James L. Nederlander has been a theater owner since 1970 and has produced plays since 1984. Former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani appointed Mr. Nederlander to the Trust for Cultural Resources of the City's Visitors and Convention Bureau, the Mayor's Theatre Advisory Council, and the Mayor's Office of Film, Theatre, and Broadcasting. He is also a member of several charitable and philanthropic organizations. He is on the Executive Committee of the League of American Theatre, the Board of Trustees of the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, the Board of the Fisher Center for Alzheimer's Research Foundation, and the Board of the Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center Comprehensive Cancer.

The Nederlanders continue to present some of the most popular plays on Broadway in the culture capital of the world. Current shows include *Peter and the Starcatcher*, *Evita*, *Newsies*, and *Annie*. Their contributions to Broadway and the broader theater community across the country are truly legendary. The achievements of the Nederlander family have earned them the distinction of being the Landmarks Conservancy's first father-son Living Landmark honorees.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating my good friends, James M. and James L. Nederlander on this remarkable honor. They have entertained audiences for 100 years, and made significant contributions to the arts and to New York City that will last for many years to come.

IN HONOR OF INTERNATIONAL
EDUCATION WEEK

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, November 15, 2012

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of International Education Week which is a joint initiative created by the U.S. Department of State and U.S. Department of Education 12 years ago and, as of today, is celebrated in more than 100 countries. Schools throughout the United States and the world are celebrating this week to promote and celebrate the benefits of international education and global exchange.

I saw firsthand the value of building international relationships during my time with the Peace Corps. Learning a foreign language opens minds to other worlds, builds lasting positive relationships, and has been scientifically proven to generate more flexibility in thinking—something we are in great need of today. During all of my years representing the Central Coast of California, I have been an ardent supporter of culturally-based foreign language education within our schools, universities, and within our government institutions. Our future leaders must have strong global skills which are best attained by learning a foreign language and by studying or volunteering abroad. I am proud to say that Monterey, California, in particular is a great talent bank rich in foreign language and cultural expertise thanks in much part to our secondary school