

Combat Marine Outdoors has provided well over 200 wounded veterans from Balboa Hospital to Walter Reed with the opportunity to hunt and fish. These outdoor experiences foster the opportunity to engage in a challenging experience that promotes teamwork and camaraderie. In many cases, these excursions facilitated a turning point in emotional recovery through a challenging experience that helps our wounded military men and women regain confidence through a sense of accomplishment.

Col Orr is an accomplished professional, the most knowledgeable artillery officer I have ever known. But his impact to those Marines on and off the battlefield is immeasurable. I am honored to have served with Col Orr, a man who not only personifies military discipline, but exudes the compassion and love for our young warriors through a life of service above self.

I ask my colleagues join me in recognizing the exemplary military service of Col Alan Orr and his continued dedication to the young men and women of our Armed Forces.

IN TRIBUTE TO AMBASSADOR
LINDY BOGGS, DIPLOMAT,
EQUAL RIGHTS ACTIVIST, AND
FORMER MEMBER OF CONGRESS

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a great American and a former member of this House. Ambassador Corrine "Lindy" Boggs was a diplomat, equal rights champion, and a former Member of Congress from Louisiana. Lindy Boggs, who died on Saturday, July 27, 2013, was one of the most admired members of this body and was beloved by all who knew her. She will be truly missed. All of us mourn her loss and extend our condolences to her family and loved ones.

Born Marie Corinne Morrison Claiborne Boggs on March 13, 1916 on a sugar plantation in Louisiana, Lindy Boggs attended Sophie Newcomb College at Tulane University in New Orleans, where she met and later married her husband Hale Boggs. After graduation, Lindy Boggs became a history and English teacher in Romeville, Louisiana. Her husband attended law school before being elected to Congress in 1940, rising to become Majority Leader of the House of Representatives.

On October 16, 1972, a tragic event occurred. A plane carrying Congressmen Nick Begich of Alaska and Majority Leader Hale Boggs perished in the Alaska wilderness. Both were presumed dead, as their bodies were never recovered. Lindy Boggs won the special election and succeeded her husband in Congress, becoming the first woman from Louisiana to be elected to the House. Mrs. Boggs was then elected to a full term in 1974 and re-elected seven times before retiring at the end of her term in January 1991. In 1976, Lindy Boggs became the first woman to preside over a Democratic National Convention.

The velvet Southern charm she had refined while growing up in Louisiana enabled her to become a very effective legislator. It was because of her amendment that discrimination

on the ground of "sex or marital status" is prohibited by the Equal Credit Opportunity Act of 1974. Mrs. Boggs also pushed for other women's economic concerns, like equal pay for government jobs and equal access to government business contracts.

In addition to champion equal rights, Lindy Boggs was a strong supporter of historic preservation. She also supported civil rights legislation at a time when such support often met with hostility in the part of the country she represented. Lindy Boggs also strongly supported and defended antipoverty programs. She said:

You couldn't want to reverse the injustices of the political system and not include the blacks and the poor; it was just obvious.

In 1991, a room that was being used as the House speakers' office in the 19th century was named in her honor as the "Lindy Claiborne Boggs Congressional Women's Reading Room." In 1994, Lindy Boggs was admitted to the Louisiana Political Museum and Hall of Fame and in 1997, President Bill Clinton appointed her Ambassador to the Holy See. In 2006, she was awarded the Congressional Distinguished Service Award for her outstanding service in the House of Representatives.

In addition to her remarkable career in public service, perhaps Lindy Boggs' greatest accomplishment are the wonderful children she raised, each of whom has been quite successful in continuing the family legacy of service: Cokie Roberts, a Washington journalist for ABC and National Public Radio; Thomas Hale Boggs Jr., a leading lawyer and chairman of the noted firm of Patton Boggs; and Barbara Boggs Sigmund, who served as Mayor of Princeton, New Jersey.

Madame Speaker, a great lady has finished her course, run the great race, and gone on to claim her great reward. We are deeply saddened by the loss of this tireless champion for equal and civil rights. But her good works will be with us for eternity. For that we can all be grateful.

Mr. Speaker, I ask a moment of silence in memory of Lindy Boggs.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 434 I was unavoidably detained at a personal doctor's appointment.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, due to my attendance at a meeting with President Barack Obama at the White House, I missed eight recorded votes on August 1, 2013. I submit how I would have voted had I been present for those votes.

On rollcall No. 428, the Waxman (CA) Amendment to H.R. 1582, had I been present, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall No. 429, the Connolly (VA) Amendment to H.R. 1582, had I been present, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall No. 430, the Murphy (PA) Amendment to H.R. 1582, had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 431, the Motion to Recommit for H.R. 1582, had I been present, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall No. 432, Final Passage of H.R. 1582, had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 433, Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 322, had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 434, Agreeing to H. Res. 322, had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 435, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 1897, had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

CONGRATULATING THE ALPHA EPSILON PI INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I extend my congratulations to the Alpha Epsilon Pi International Fraternity on the celebration of its centenary. With more than 177 active chapters across the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, France, and Israel, and over 9,000 undergraduate brothers, there is certainly much to celebrate.

The fraternity is celebrating the largest event in its history—the Centennial Celebration on August 8th honoring the first 100 years of its existence and its success in cultivating generations of Jewish leaders on college campuses across the world.

The first 100 years are said to be the hardest, but the success of Alpha Epsilon Pi is a wonderful start.

I wish the fraternity every success in the future and look forward to seeing more leaders from Alpha Epsilon Pi take their place in the world.

AEPi was founded in 1913 at New York University, initially as a brotherhood of young men from similar backgrounds, but expanded in time with the goal of giving them the best college and fraternity experience. Since then approximately 100,000 men have been members of the fraternity.

More important is the leadership training provided by AEPi. Its members include Wolf Blitzer, Mark Zuckerberg, former Florida Congressman Ron Klein, National Hockey League Commissioner Gary Bettman, James Brooks, a producer/director of The Simpsons, Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel, and architect Frank Gehry, plus numberless more.

Celebrating a Centennial is a rare event. AEPi has contributed to the nation and the world for 100 years and if past performance is any indication, this will continue for many generations to come.