

"24 Years of House Work . . . and the Place Is Still a Mess." She lives with her husband, James in Celebration, Florida.

I am honored to recognize former Congresswoman Pat Schroeder, during Women's History Month, for her many contributions.

## HONORING THE LIFE OF JOE LEVY

### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 25, 2014*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Joe Levy who passed away on February 10, 2014, at the age of 82. Joe was a pillar in the community, and his support, dedication, and commitment to the success of the City of Fresno will be greatly missed.

Joe was born and raised in Fresno, California. After graduating from Fresno High School, he attended the University of Southern California. He then went on to work in Des Moines, Iowa, for Younker's department store. In 1956, Joe's journey with Gottschalks began. When he joined the company in 1956, Gottschalks had one store in Downtown Fresno. Under Joe's leadership as CEO and Chairman, the company grew to 80 stores.

Joe was a savvy businessman, but his success was attributed to more than just knowing how to run a business. His understanding and compassion for others were significant traits that contributed to Joe's accomplishments. He truly cared for his employees, and during a time when it was a contentious issue, Joe was a strong advocate for women's advancement in the workplace.

Joe helped shape the Valley's business community, but his influence spread to all sectors of the region. His advocacy led to building California's Highway 41, and he was a tireless supporter of Measure C, which helped pay for segments of Highways 41, 168, and 180. Joe was also devoted to the revitalization of Downtown Fresno. He was an active member in the Downtown Association, and he understood the importance of a prospering downtown hub in order to have a thriving economy in the City of Fresno. In addition, Joe served as President of the Fresno Chamber of Commerce.

In 1954, Joe married the love of his life, Sharon. They would have been married 60 years this week. Joe and Sharon shared a love for their community. They raised three children: Felicia, Jody, and Bret. Joe's children, nine grandchildren, relatives, and friends will always have a special place in their heart for Joe. Every day he demonstrated the importance of treating others with kindness and respect.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to honor the life of Joe Levy. His presence will be greatly missed, but his legacy will surely live on in the City of Fresno.

## IN COMMEMORATION OF THE KHOJALY TRAGEDY

### HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 25, 2014*

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to the attention of my colleagues the tragedy that took place in Khojaly, Azerbaijan 22 years ago today, February 25, 1992. That evening, scores of lives of innocent Azerbaijanis living in Khojaly were lost and many others were wounded or taken hostage when their city was brutally attacked.

With a population of 7,000, Khojaly was one of the three largest urban settlements of the Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan. Nagorno-Karabakh is recognized by the United States and the United Nations as Azerbaijani territory occupied by Armenia.

At the time, the Khojaly tragedy was widely covered by the international media, including the Boston Globe, Washington Post, New York Times, Financial Times, and many other European and Russian news agencies.

Over two decades later, there is still too little attention or interest paid to the plight of Khojaly outside of Azerbaijan.

According to Human Rights Watch and other international observers the massacre was committed by Armenian troops, reportedly with the help of the former Soviet 366th Motor Rifle Regiment. Human Rights Watch described the Khojaly Massacre as "the largest massacre to date in the conflict" over Nagorno-Karabakh. In a 1993 report, they stated "there are no exact figures for the number of Azeri civilians killed because Karabakh Armenian forces gained control of the area after the massacre" and "while it is widely accepted that 200 Azeris were murdered, as many as 500–1,000 may have died."

Soon after the attack, Time Magazine published the following report on the Khojaly Massacre: "While the details are disputed, this much is plain: something grim and unconscionable happened in the Azerbaijani town of Khojaly two weeks ago. So far, some 200 dead Azerbaijanis, many of them mutilated, have been transported out of the town tucked inside the Armenian-dominated enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh for burial in neighboring Azerbaijan. The total number of dead—the Azerbaijanis claim 1,324 civilians were slaughtered, most of them women and children—is unknown."

Azerbaijan has been a strong strategic partner and friend of the United States. The tragedy of Khojaly was a crime against humanity and I urge my colleagues to join me in standing with the people of Azerbaijan as they commemorate this tragedy and urge world leaders to help bring a peaceful solution to the occupation of these lands.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 25, 2014*

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 62.

I had to depart DC early in order to arrive in GA in time to attend prior obligations there that would have been missed had I stayed in DC, due to the quickly deteriorating weather conditions in Washington and Georgia that eventually forced the closure of all the local airports in DC and Atlanta.

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

## HONORING THE LIFE OF HUBERT WALSH

### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 25, 2014*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Hubert Walsh, known to many as "Hub," who passed away on February 10, 2014, at the age of 89. Hub's service to our nation and his contributions to the community of Merced are countless and deeply appreciated.

Born January 16, 1925, in Blue Ridge, Texas, Hub was the youngest of eight children. Hub worked hard to help make ends meet for his single mother and his siblings by working on farms and picking cotton. In 1943, he graduated from Anna High School and enlisted in the United States Army, where he served his country in World War II. After three years of service in France, the Ardennes, the Rhineland and Central Europe, Mr. Walsh was honorably discharged in January 1946. Not long after his discharge, Hub enlisted in the United States Air Force where he served in historic operations, including the Berlin Air Lift, the Korean War, the Cuban Missile Crisis, and the Vietnam War.

In 1946, Hub met his future wife, Mary Elizabeth Worthen, while stationed in Rockwell, New Mexico. They met over the Thanksgiving holiday while traveling on the same bus to visit their respective families, and soon they began dating. One day after Christmas in 1947, they married and spent the next 63 years together. Hub and Mary had three children together and lived in 20 homes in six states, finally settling in the Central Valley.

After retiring from the U.S. Air Force in 1969, Mr. Walsh attended Merced College and Stanislaus State University. Hub was a dedicated servant of the local community of Merced, where he worked as a substitute teacher for Merced City Schools and Merced High School. In addition, he was a devout Christian and served as a deacon in the Southern Baptist Church.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Mr. Hubert Walsh. He was a pillar of our community who will be greatly missed.