

nation while not taking ourselves too seriously. His bright presence will be sorely missed. As we adjourn today, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying our last respects to this great American, Fred Wahl.

THE RETIREMENT OF SPEIGHT JENKINS FROM THE SEATTLE OPERA

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to offer special recognition to my constituent, the esteemed Speight Jenkins, on the occasion of his retirement from Seattle Opera. Throughout his 31 years as General Director, Mr. Jenkins' passion for the arts and energetic leadership style have been instrumental in the Opera's success. Under his steady guidance, Seattle Opera captured national and international attention and significantly raised the city's profile as an arts destination. Notably, Mr. Jenkins helped to intensify Seattle Opera's focus on Wagner, and presided over many superlative productions of the Wagner operas, which helped draw opera-lovers from all over the world. In fact, his captivating productions drew visitors to Seattle from all 50 states and over 60 countries, generating increased tourism and strengthening the local economy. Over the course of his career with Seattle Opera, Mr. Jenkins produced an incredible 1,227 performances of 92 operas, while missing only 6 performances.

Locally, The Seattle Times named Mr. Jenkins one of the 150 most influential people who have shaped the character of Seattle and King County. Additionally, both the City of Seattle and King County proclaimed August 9, 2014 "Speight Jenkins Day" in recognition of his work. Nationally, the National Endowment for the Arts gave him an Opera Honors Award in 2011, and Opera News has called him one of the 25 "most powerful" names in American opera. His knowledge of opera has tremendous depth, and is reflected in Seattle Opera's many innovative productions, significant publications, and comprehensive educational services.

An ardent lover of the arts, Speight Jenkins proudly served on the National Council on the Arts from 1996–2000 following his nomination by President Clinton, and has been a lifelong advocate for increased arts funding and opportunities on both a national and local level. He also played an important role in the creation of McCaw Hall, one of the nation's most beautiful and acoustically exceptional performance facilities.

Speight Jenkins has been an invaluable asset to the Seattle arts community. His dedication to excellence with Seattle Opera and commitment to making the arts accessible provide a model for us all. The people of Seattle are grateful for the guidance and leadership he has shown and I join them in thanking Mr. Jenkins for his service and in wishing him all the best in his future endeavors.

INTRODUCING THE MEDICARE HOME INFUSION SITE OF CARE ACT

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, the Medicare fee-for-service program stands virtually alone among health care payers in the United States in not fully recognizing the clinical and cost benefits of providing infusion drug therapy to patients in their homes. Infusion therapy is fully covered by Medicare in hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, hospital outpatient departments, and physician offices, but not in patients' homes. As a result, Medicare beneficiaries in need of infusion therapy often must receive their treatments in health care facilities rather than in their homes, which is the setting that is the most desirable, convenient, and by far the most cost effective.

This is unfortunate and unnecessary. In the private sector, the accepted standard of care and practice for over 30 years is to provide infusion therapy at home where medically indicated and when requested by the attending physician. Ironically, patients who have access to this benefit under their private plans lose this coverage when they enroll in Medicare.

Medicare's lack of coverage of infusion therapy in the home setting can lead to substantial beneficiary lifestyle disruptions and costs. Because Medicare covers infusion services in institutional settings, the beneficiary either has to travel to a health care facility to receive infusion treatments, sometimes multiple times a day, or remain in a facility for the duration of the treatment episode.

Today, Representative ELIOT ENGEL and I are introducing The Medicare Home Infusion Site of Care Act so patients can receive the same infusion treatments in the comfort and convenience of their homes at a lower cost to Medicare. I look forward to working with Representative ENGEL and my other colleagues in Congress to see this commonsense bill move forward, and I urge all of my colleagues to support our bill to give patients better quality and better care at lower costs.

HONORING LAWRENCE BROOKS

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Lawrence Nathaniel Brooks, Sr. Mr. Brooks, a World War II veteran and Louisiana resident, will be celebrating his 105th birthday on September 12, 2014.

Mr. Brooks served his country in World War II with the United States Army's 91st Engineer Battalion. A father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-great grandfather to a large family, he is known and loved by even more. But perhaps Mr. Brooks' most enduring legacy is his engagement and involvement with his community in New Orleans, Louisiana. He is widely known as a pillar of his community and

regularly volunteers at his church, St. Luke's. His positive attitude and dedication to family and friends are an inspiration to us all.

It is my honor to introduce Mr. Brooks to the country. I invite everyone to join me in congratulating Mr. Lawrence Brooks on a life well-lived, and wishing him the best.

JOHN ARTHUR JONES

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an extraordinary leader and hero of the Tampa Bay community, Mr. John Arthur Jones. Mr. Jones had a distinguished career and has spent a lifetime serving this country with honor and valor. Today we salute his many contributions to our community.

John Arthur Jones was born in 1921 in San Antonio, Florida. During World War II, he served with distinction in the European Theater under the command of General Patton's 3rd Army and received a Bronze Star for his contributions in the Battle of Metz, France. The men of the 95th Infantry became known as the "Iron Men of Metz" for their capture and defense of the castle and river crossing in the city of Metz against several German SS Armored and Infantry Divisions. Mr. Jones finished his military career through the reserves and attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He married Sally Johnson in 1949 and the couple enjoyed 64 happy years together. They also have four children Matthew, Lisa, Malcolm, and Darby.

After graduating from the University of Florida, College of Law, Mr. Jones began his legal career. In May 1949, Mr. Jones joined the Tampa law firm of Knight, Thompson and Turner which under his guidance resulted in the formation of Holland and Knight. Throughout his long career, Jones earned a national reputation in the field of trusts, estates and fiduciary law. Integrity was certainly one of Mr. Jones' hallmarks throughout his entire life. He frequently said, "You can't afford not to be honest and not do your best." He was one of the first recipients of the firm's highest individual accolade for a partner, the prestigious Chesterfield Smith Award. The Chesterfield Smith Award is given to lawyers who have demonstrated in extraordinary commitment to pro bono service. In 2009, he was honored by the firm for his six decades of contributions to the field of law.

On August 12th, 2014, Mr. Jones passed away at the age of 92. He will be remembered not only as an attorney and an expert in his field, but also as a man who bravely served this country as well as the legal profession with courage and dignity. Mr. Speaker, John Arthur Jones was a great American. I join the Tampa Bay community in recognizing Mr. John Arthur Jones for his lifelong service to the State of Florida, his high ethical standards, and his commitment to good causes.