

Dr. Schmitzer started his medical practice along with Dr. Mark Radbill. As their practice grew, they saw the need to expand in order to better serve our community. Along with other individuals, Drs. Schmitzer and Radbill helped establish the Delaware Valley Medical Center. Eventually, the organization joined Aria and is now known as Aria Health-Bucks County.

Although an esteemed medical practitioner, the hallmark of Dr. Schmitzer's career was his effort to form the Warminster Chapter of Gilda's Club. Dr. Schmitzer was among the 12 original founders and deemed the driving force. Named after comedian Gilda Radner who died from ovarian cancer in 1989, the organization provides emotional and social support for people living with cancer and the families that love them. They have been particularly attentive to the needs of children impacted by family members battling this horrible disease.

On behalf of the constituents of Pennsylvania's 8th Congressional District, I offer Dr. Schmitzer my gratitude for a career marked with selfless dedication and compassion for our friends, neighbors and loved ones. Thank you, Dr. Schmitzer.

GAETANO ARMANDO FORMICA

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gaetano Armando Formica who selflessly served as a U.S. Army soldier during World War II and is celebrating his 100th birthday. His family and friends will join together this Sunday to celebrate and wish him continued health, happiness, and prosperity.

Gaetano Armando Formica, also known as Al, was born September 4, 1914. Al worked in the family bakery and then went on to work for Federal Leather. With his experience there, Al eventually went on to open his own shop where he recovered chairs and furniture.

Al married his wife Anna in 1943. Soon thereafter, he was drafted into the Army and served in several European countries during World War II. His services in World War II deserve special recognition.

Al was on Utah Beach, the westernmost part of the Allied landing beach on D-Day, the Invasion of Normandy. He also fought in the Battle of the Bulge toward the end of World War II.

Al helped to liberate the Buchenwald Concentration Camp. It was one of the first and largest concentration camps on German soil where over 55,000 innocent souls lost their lives. Today, the remains of Buchenwald serve as a memorial and permanent exhibition and museum.

Al returned to civilian life after being injured during the war. For many years, he served as commander in the Disabled American Veterans Post 38. He was also the Grand Marshal in the Memorial Parade in 2009.

Al and his wife Anna have been blessed with three children, Armand, Gary, and Roberta as well as six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Sadly, his son Gary was killed in 1970 while serving his nation in the Vietnam War. Truly the Formica family has given of itself in service of our great nation.

Al and Anna currently reside in Bloomfield, NJ. Al keeps busy with gardening work, playing the guitar, and cooking. He also takes care of Anna who is wheelchair bound.

As his friend, I am very pleased to have the great fortune of being able to honor such a marvelous member of our community. I sincerely wish Mr. Gaetano Armando Formica and his entire family the best.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing and commemorating the services of individuals like Mr. Gaetano Armando Formica.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Mr. Formica's family, friends, and all those whose lives he has touched, and me, in recognizing Gaetano Armando Formica for one hundred years of life dedicated to family and nation.

HONORING FRANCHESTER
COLEMAN EASON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a self-motivated leader and innovator of the community, Mrs. Franchester Coleman Eason, who is the owner of Franchester's Salon.

Franchester was born January 3, 1969 to the late Eddie and Henrietta Coleman. She along with her 13 siblings was raised south of Rolling Fork, MS in a small rural community called Edgermount. Franchester is a graduate of Rolling Fork High School and holds an AA degree from Hinds Community College in the field of Cosmetology. She has worked as a cosmetologist since earning a license from the MS State Board of Cosmetology in 1990.

Franchester began her career working for the late Minnie Pearl Brown at the Rolling Fork Beauty Charm. After working at Rolling Fork Beauty Charm for several years Franchester decided to work for Lee's Hair Care, for the late Mrs. Letha Lee. Upon the passing of Mrs. Lee, Franchester managed the shop as her own for many years. In 2009 she and her husband, Frank, were blessed with the opportunity to buy the business. The beauty shop is now called Franchester's Salon and is located at 153 North 2nd Street; opens at 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., Tuesday thru Friday. Franchester's Salon offers a wide variety of hair care techniques.

Franchester is a member of the National Beautician Association. She is also a member of Mt. Ollie M. B. Church in Edgermount.

Franchester and her husband, Frank, are the proud parents of Catina, Mariesha, Jeremy and Frank III.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Franchester Coleman Eason for giving back to the community in which she was born and reared.

HONORING VINCE CALLAHAN

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Virginia Delegate Vincent F. Callahan, Jr., who passed away on September 20th, 2014, at the Virginia Hospital Center in Arlington, Virginia.

Vince represented Virginia's 34th District in the Virginia General Assembly for nearly four decades. During his tenure on the Appropriations Committee, he worked tirelessly on important regional projects for his constituents in McLean and Arlington. He was always willing to work across the aisle to find compromise and get things done.

Vince's many legislative accomplishments include supporting the growth of George Mason University and the Dulles Corridor, as well as securing state funds for public spaces, like Wolf Trap. The northern Virginia we know today would not exist if it were not for Vince and his outstanding statesmanship in the Virginia General Assembly. The region owes him a debt of gratitude for his faithful and effective service.

Vince was a man of strong convictions and the highest moral character. He was a true Virginia gentleman, family man and a loyal friend; he will be sorely missed by his family, friends and community. Vince is survived by his wife Yvonne, eight children, 22 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

I respectfully submit Vince's obituary from The Fairfax Times and ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Vince's life and achievements.

[From FairfaxTimes.com, Sept. 26, 2014]

CALLAHAN'S LEGACY BURNS BRIGHT

Fairfax County lost one of its true statesmen—and untold amounts of institutional knowledge—when longtime state legislator Vince Callahan died last Saturday from complications related to West Nile virus.

Callahan, who represented McLean in the Virginia House of Delegates from 1967 to 2008, will best be remembered as someone who cared deeply about Northern Virginia and spent more than half his life fighting for his district, his constituents and for Virginia.

It's hard to travel through Fairfax County today and not see Callahan's fingerprints on many key institutions and roadways. He was critical in drumming up dollars and support for George Mason University and Northern Virginia Community College; many Fairfax residents could locate either school on a map. He championed Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts when many others viewed the project as a waste of money and land. He was instrumental in establishing Georgetown Pike as a scenic byway, fending off intense pressure to four-lane the road through Great Falls and parts of McLean.

He also played a lead role in establishing the Dulles Toll Road, erecting sound walls along Interstate 495 and sparking commercial development on the Dulles corridor.

Callahan's list of accomplishments goes on and on, fueled mostly by a calm, inclusive leadership style rarely seen in today's General Assembly.

In an era of partisan bickering and political gamesmanship, Callahan built his career on putting people ahead of party and solving old problems rather than creating new ones.

He was keenly aware that he worked at the behest of those in the 34th House district—not the other way around. A lifelong Republican, he went to Richmond each winter focused on improving the lives of his constituents in McLean, Arlington and other parts of Virginia. That often meant crossing the aisle and working with Democrats to pass critical legislation. It also meant standing up to lawmakers in his own party when they were pushing policy harmful to his district.

In the midst of yet another expensive, attack-oriented election cycle, Vince Calhahan's passing should serve as a reminder that there's always going to be a place for people with firm spines, positive ideas and good intentions.

RECOGNIZING THE COLLINSWORTH FAMILY AS THE 2014 WALTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Collinsworth family of Westville, Florida, for being selected as the 2014 Walton County Farm Family of the Year.

The Collinsworth family traces its Northwest Florida roots to 1894, where their ancestors settled near the small community of Gaskin, Florida. Today, about 25 miles southeast of Gaskin, the Collinsworth family farm, owned by Bobby and Hazel Collinsworth, comprises three generations of farmers, including their son-in-law and grandchildren of the Currid family, each of whom play an integral role in the family's farming operations.

Since 1924, Bobby and Hazel Collinsworth have worked tirelessly to cultivate their farm to the successful operation it is today. What originally produced corn, soybeans, cotton, peanuts and consisted of hogs and cattle has flourished into 320 acres owned and 240 acres leased to raise 129 crossbred cows and 16 registered Simmental cows.

Mr. Speaker, our great Nation was built by farmers and their families. The Walton County Farm Family of the Year Award is a true reflection of the Collinsworth's family dedication to family and farming and their shared passion for ranching and caring for the land for future generations to come. On behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to offer my congratulations to the Collinsworth family for being outstanding in their field. My wife Vicki and I extend our best wishes for their continued success.

CONGRATULATING CALVIN L. JOHNSON, SR.

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Calvin L. Johnson, Sr. as he completes his time as the Worthy Grand Joshua, of the Most Ancient Grand Court, Heroines of Jericho, Inc., Prince Hall PHA of Pennsylvania.

The Prince Hall Freemasonry is a collection of predominately African American jurisdictions

in North America with a rich history dating back to before the Revolutionary War. In the 1700s, upon receiving rejection by over a dozen colonial Freemasonries, a freed slave by the name of Prince Hall, along with fourteen other freed slaves, created a chapter through the Grand Lodge of England, the original source of Freemasonry. The position of Worthy Grand Joshua is one of the highest honors within the Prince Hall Freemasonry. During the past two years, Mr. Johnson's duties have involved a demanding schedule of visits to many lodges throughout the commonwealth of Pennsylvania and participation in countless ceremonies and events.

A lifelong resident of Pennsylvania, Mr. Johnson was born in Harrisburg and spent his formative years in Steelton. He graduated from Steelton-Highspire High. After completing high school, Mr. Johnson entered the U.S. Army and was able to retire as a Chief Warrant Officer 3, as a Criminal Investigator for the Department of the Army.

His career after the military includes working for the Department of Environmental Resources, the Office of the Attorney, and the Securities and Exchange Commission. Most recently, after four years as a Security Investigator, Mr. Johnson left to pursue part-time work as a private investigator, constable, and tax preparer. It is during this time that he became the Worthy Grand Joshua, of the Most Ancient Grand Court, Heroines of Jericho, Inc., PHA. He has served in this capacity for two years, performing his duties professionally and never without a smile.

Outside of his current role as Worthy Grand Joshua, Mr. Johnson also serves on the Executive Board of Steelton Youth in Action (S.Y.I.A.) as the Financial Secretary. Even with his many commitments, he finds time in his schedule to drive a school bus for Steelton-Highspire, McDevitt, and Central Dauphin students.

George Washington, a notable Mason, once shared: "To enlarge the sphere of social happiness is worthy of the benevolent design of a Masonic institution; and it is most fervently to be wished, that the conduct of every member of the fraternity, as well as those publications, that discover the principles which actuate them, may tend to convince mankind that the grand object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race."

Mr. Speaker, upon the completion of his duties as Worthy Grand Joshua, I thank Mr. Johnson for all that he has done for our area and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

HONORING DR. DEBRA STAKES

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in recognition of Dr. Debra Stakes, President of the Cuesta College Federation of Teachers, AFT 4909. Throughout her career, Dr. Stakes has been a committed individual to the advancement of high-quality education and scientific research. She has been a champion in moving forward these principles all while being a staunch advocate for faculty concerns and promoting community engagement, organizing, and political activism.

Dr. Stakes prestigious career in the sciences is a product of her academic tenacity and achievements. She is a graduate of Rice University and received her doctorate in Oceanography from Oregon State University. Dr. Stakes' prominent postgraduate work included research appointments at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the California Institute of Technology, as well as a year at the National Science Foundation. Among her many accomplishments, Dr. Stakes was the first woman to participate in a range of groundbreaking discoveries such as the seafloor hot vents.

Later, Dr. Stakes taught at the University of South Carolina for almost eight years, where she was the only woman on a faculty of twenty-five in the Department of Geology. During her time at the University of South Carolina, Dr. Stakes promoted the management of large educational programs to support students to excel and succeed in the fields of mathematics and science.

Dr. Stakes continued her work and research in scientific and oceanic developments during the decade she worked as the only female scientist at the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute.

In 2006, Dr. Stakes began teaching at Cuesta College in the fields of Geology and Oceanography, where she became involved in the faculty union as a Division Representative and later as the Committee on Political Education (COPE) Chair. Shortly thereafter, Dr. Stakes became the Vice President and took on the role of the organization's Chief Negotiator.

Dr. Stakes' passion for the sciences is evident throughout the trajectory of her career. She has been a trailblazer for women in her field and has continuously shown outstanding dedication towards the value of people's work and has stood against the injustice to deny anyone acknowledgement of their contributions.

As the current Chief Negotiator for Cuesta College's faculty union, Dr. Stakes continues to strive for the progress and enhancement of our education system, as well as the lives of educators. Dr. Stakes has encouraged and cultivated a strong bond of partnership between Cuesta College and the Tri-Counties Central Labor Council, which has benefited many people throughout San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties.

For these reasons, I am pleased to join the Tri-Counties Central Labor Council in honoring Dr. Debra Stakes for her unwavering dedication and tireless efforts to expand the role of women in the workforce, the education sector and our community.

HONORING PETER ANDREAS SZEGO

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleagues, Congress members ANNA ESHOO and MIKE HONDA, to recognize the impact of Mr. Peter Andreas Szego's lifelong involvement in the life of our community. We would like to express our deep sadness over his passing on September 28, 2014, in San Jose at the age of 89.