

CONGRATULATING PATRICE WALKER POWELL UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT OF THE ARTS

**HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 17, 2014*

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of a dedicated public servant, Patrice Walker Powell of the National Endowment of the Arts (NEA). Over her 23 years of service at the NEA, Ms. Powell has worked to broaden and deepen the NEA's reach with diverse and underserved communities across the nation.

At the outset of Ms. Powell's career at the NEA, she was charged with leading their Education and Access Department at the same time that the institution experienced significant cuts to its operational budget, forcing the agency to run with reduced resources. Ms. Powell successfully engaged the philanthropic community to develop bridge funding and protect multidisciplinary art centers that were cultural anchors in communities across the nation.

Ms. Powell developed the Arts REACH program, designed to work with each state arts agency to hold staff-led public seminars on NEA funding opportunities and work with state partners to determine potential applicants for grants. Over a three-year commitment to this program, Ms. Powell's efforts resulted in an overall 350% increase in NEA-supported projects in states that previously received direct NEA grants.

During her tenure at the NEA, Ms. Powell has been the point person for the agency's response to natural disasters across the country. Appointed to the National Coalition on Disaster Planning and Preparedness, an association of public and private funders and national cultural services organizations, Ms. Powell led agency efforts to work with state, regional, and local arts agencies decimated by natural disasters—most notably Hurricane Katrina. Ms. Powell worked to get necessary funding to areas stricken by disaster, and to ensure that Federal grant funding was properly utilized to preserve cultural treasures.

Ms. Powell's leadership at the NEA demonstrates her commitment to public service and dedication to advancing the arts to people and communities across the country. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking Ms. Powell for her service and wishing her a happy, healthy retirement.

A TRIBUTE TO JOEL AND KIT  
McNALLY

**HON. GWEN MOORE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 17, 2014*

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise on this occasion to congratulate Joel and Kit McNally, recipients of the 2014 James Howard Baker Award, established by the Milwaukee Community Brainstorming Conference. Joel and Kit McNally, having been married for more than 45 years, met while attending Indiana University where they both wrote for the college paper.

Kit McNally retired after providing 23 years of distinguished service as Chief Executive Officer of the Benedict Center, a non-profit, inter-faith criminal justice agency that advocates for positive change in the criminal justice system. The Center initiated many programs under her watch, including the gender-responsive Women's Harm Reduction Program, utilized by both the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office and Milwaukee County judges as a diversion from prison program. Further, under her direction, the Benedict Center was a statewide leader in drafting a model Community Justice Act for Wisconsin designed to return money to local communities that reduced state incarceration costs through implementation of effective treatment and diversion programs. She has served on various national and local boards, committees and commissions and continues to serve as the citizen representative on the Executive Committee of the Milwaukee Community Justice Council which is comprised of top leaders on criminal justice issues in Milwaukee County.

Joel McNally is a national-award-winning Wisconsin journalist based in Milwaukee. Joel worked as a reporter, feature writer and satirical columnist at the Milwaukee Journal for 27 years. While at the Milwaukee Journal, his column was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize and he won a National Headliners Award for best local column. Joel is currently teaching at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and as a syndicated columnist, writes for the Capital Times, the Shepherd Express and other newspapers where he provides commentary on issues including racial and class inequities. He is also a television commentator on the weekly INTERchange Program providing the liberal point of view. Joel has served as a panelist at our local Community Brainstorming Forums Community Brainstorming has met monthly as a breakfast forum to discuss and advance the interests of African Americans in particular and Milwaukee in general since 1986. Joel and Kit McNally are regular attendees at Community Brainstorming Forums.

Mister Speaker, for these reasons, I am honored to pay tribute to Joel and Kit McNally who both continue to fight for the rights of the poor, disenfranchised and African Americans without the expectation of monetary benefit or public accolades. I value their service and am proud to call them friends. They have contributed greatly to the citizens of the Fourth Congressional District, the State of Wisconsin and the nation.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN H.  
KREBS

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 17, 2014*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of my good friend and former Member of Congress, John H. Krebs. John passed away on November 10, 2014 at the age of 87.

John Krebs was an honorable man, and a community leader whose unwavering service will be greatly missed. In addition to his two terms in the U.S. Congress from 1975–1979, Mr. Krebs was a civic and Democratic Party leader in Fresno, an attorney in private prac-

tice for over 30 years, an apprentice diamond cutter during his youth in Tel Aviv, and served in the U.S. Army.

While in Congress, he was best known for his authorship and enactment of legislation incorporating the Mineral King Valley into Sequoia National Park, thwarting Disney developers who wanted to turn the wilderness area into a major ski resort. To recognize his accomplishment, in 2009, President Obama signed legislation establishing the John Krebs Wilderness Area, covering 40,000 acres within the Mineral King Valley.

John Krebs was born December 17, 1926, in Berlin. His parents fled Germany only a few months after Hitler came to power, and he was raised in Tel Aviv. In his teens, he embarked on a career as a diamond cutter and joined the Haganah, a Jewish underground organization opposing the British rule, while also preparing to attend college.

Mr. Krebs moved to the U.S. in 1946 to attend the University of California, Berkeley. He graduated in 1950 and became a U.S. citizen in 1952. Following his two years in the Army, he attended the University of California Hastings College of Law and passed the California Bar in 1957. For the next three decades, he practiced law with the Parichan law firm, specializing in civil defense litigation.

Politics beckoned, and Mr. Krebs became an activist and leader in Democratic politics, playing a key role in local and statewide campaigns. In March 1970, he was elected to the Fresno County Board of Supervisors, a post he held until his election to Congress in November, 1974. He was the first foreign-born congressman from California. In a 1978 interview, Mr. Krebs said: "It's a tremendous credit to our system. Here I can come to a community as an immigrant, really not knowing a soul, and 27 years later, I am elected to Congress."

He returned to Fresno after his tenure in Congress, and practiced law until his retirement. Mr. Krebs served on numerous boards and commissions, and was foreman of the Fresno County Grand Jury for two years. He and his wife enjoyed traveling, and relished visiting their grandchildren during the past 23 years. During his life, Mr. Krebs' high values, strong work ethic and caring for others have been an inspiration for his family and friends. His loving guidance as a husband, father and grandfather will be forever cherished.

Mr. Krebs is survived by his wife of 58 years, Hanna Krebs; his son Daniel Krebs of San Anselmo, California, daughter-in-law Susan and grandsons Clay and Peter; his daughter Karen Krebs Wood of New Canaan, Connecticut, son-in-law John and grandchildren Elizabeth, Caroline and Jack; and his 90 year old brother, Shlomo Krebs of Tel Aviv, his sons and extended family.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues to join me paying tribute to the life of John H. Krebs. It has been a privilege to have known John. His children, relatives, and friends have an extraordinary role model that they will hold in their hearts forever. His presence will be greatly missed but his legacy will surely live through those who knew him.

## RECOGNIZING BRAD GOLDBERG

**HON. NITA M. LOWEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 17, 2014*

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Brad Goldberg, who is being honored by the Humane Society of the United States for his dedication to the animal protection movement.

After a 35-year career in investment management in which Mr. Goldberg became senior vice president of Jennison Associates, a subsidiary of Prudential Financial, he retired to pursue his passion—animal welfare. Since 2001, Mr. Goldberg has run Animal Welfare Trust, an organization he founded, which works to increase grant-making and capacity building for animal welfare groups. He has devoted himself to this organization, which has been involved in numerous animal welfare related initiatives, including support for a Florida ballot measure outlawing gestation crates, as well as the New York Coalition for Healthy School Food, which advocates for a plant-based diet in schools.

Mr. Goldberg is also the Chair of HEART, a charity sponsored by Animal Welfare Trust that educates children to be compassionate and considerate of all living beings. As Chair of HEART, he has also given major gifts to support animal studies and animal law, and has funded fellowships for lawyers to work at nonprofits like the Humane Society. It is for this work in particular that Mr. Goldberg is being awarded the Compassion in Action Award by the Humane Society of the United States.

In his personal life, Mr. Goldberg is a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather. Activism and volunteerism are priorities for Mr. Goldberg and his wife Sunny, and animal welfare is one of many causes to benefit from their devotion to community and the common good. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Brad Goldberg for his hard work and devotion to the animal protection movement and congratulate him for receiving the Compassion in Action Award.

WORLD DAY OF REMEMBRANCE  
FOR ROAD TRAFFIC VICTIMS**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 17, 2014*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims. Each year, observers use the day as a time to remember those who have lost their lives as a result of a road crash. It is also a time to recommit ourselves to the goal of changing behaviors that lead to driver accidents.

The theme of this year's observance is "Speed Kills." Each day around the world, more than 500 children are killed on the way to and from school because of the actions of unsafe drivers. Indeed, road crashes are the leading cause of death for people from ages 15 to 29. This annual World Day of Remembrance provides road traffic victims and their families with an opportunity to remind the

world of these troubling statistics and to have their voices heard.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in remembering those who have lost their lives or were injured as a result of a road crash, to console the families of those affected, and to commit ourselves to the goal of making roads safe for everyone around the world.

AT 100, SADIE STRAWN STILL HAS  
SPUNK**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 17, 2014*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this week will not just be a typical Thursday. For 100 years ago this day Mrs. Sadie Strawn was born.

Born and raised in Byhalia, Mississippi, Mrs. Strawn has appreciated the beauty of God's country from day one. She attributes her health to the good food of the South and The good Lord who provides it, never taking for granted all that she has been given.

After high school, Mrs. Strawn left the comfort of her family and moved to Memphis in pursuit of a nursing degree.

This was not her first courageous move, as she is known to have been a bit of a daredevil throughout her early years—riding cows, jumping out of haylofts, and swimming down rivers.

It was in college that she met her husband, Malcolm Strawn, and decided to devote her life to raising a loving family.

Nashville was lucky to have the Strawns for 45 years, after which Mr. and Mrs. Strawn packed up and moved to Houston in order to be closer to their grandchildren.

Upon arrival, Mrs. Strawn became immediately involved in the Republican Party as a delegate at the Texas State Convention. She was the oldest person to vote in this year's Midterm Elections!

Mrs. Strawn is the proud mother of Jim, Bill, and Dave Strawn. She has eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, all of whom hope to be just like her when they grow up.

According to her sons, her barbecue meatballs are world famous. She would feed them to anyone that asked to be fed after church on Sundays, and still found time to be active in her boy's scouting.

After 100 years, Mrs. Strawn's is still as active as ever. She walks nearly a mile every day without any assistance. She is an active member of her Church at Paradise Springs Independent Living and plans to be for years to come.

The Strawn boys are continuously thankful for the values that their mother instilled in them: responsibility, commitment, and faithfulness.

At 100 years old, Sadie Strawn still has spunk.

And that's just the way it is.

## RECOGNIZING RODERICK M. HILLS

**HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 17, 2014*

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege and honor to recognize Roderick M. Hills who

passed away on October 29 of this year. Rod served our country through his efforts to strengthen relations between the United States and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

Thirty years ago, in partnership with Caltex (now Chevron) and IBM, Rod founded what is today the US-ASEAN Business Council, aided by a grant from the U.S. Department of State that was matched two to one by the private sector to establish an organization that would promote and support ASEAN. In 1985, as Chairman of the Council, Rod established his first office. He has played a critical role in supporting the Council ever since, whether providing guidance to subsequent chairmen or advising government officials of the United States and the ASEAN countries or leaders in the private sector.

Today, the Council's members include more than 140 of the leading U.S. companies doing business in Southeast Asia, together representing over \$6 trillion in annual revenue and more than 13 million employees.

ASEAN has become America's fourth largest export market, supporting some 560,000 U.S. jobs through nearly \$100 billion in goods and services exports to ASEAN. U.S. investment in ASEAN is greater than U.S. investment in Brazil, Russia, India and China combined. Investment by ASEAN in the United States has grown over 1,440 percent since 2001, creating new jobs across the country and on track to create even more.

The past 30 years have seen a significant strengthening of ties between the United States and ASEAN. And Rod was there for every one of those years.

Rod served the United States in many capacities throughout his life, including as the Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission in the Ford Administration, and he had an exemplary career in the legal profession. But his dedication and passion for Southeast Asia and his appreciation for the potential that ASEAN creates is a testament to the difference one person can make.

Significantly, he founded and became chairman of the Hills Program on Governance that established Centers for the Study of Governance in academic institutions around the globe, including at the Asian Institute of Management in the Philippines and the University of Indonesia. This initiative aims to identify serious governance problems in both the public and private spheres, and it works to develop a better understanding of the corrupting influences that create such problems and organize efforts to reduce those influences.

Ideas like this help change societies. They build the foundation on which security and opportunity can prosper. They pave the way for growth and resiliency. And Rod Hills created a lasting impact on the way in which the countries all over the world, and in Southeast Asia in particular, are embracing the realities of the 21st century and looking to the future.

Again, I want to recognize Rod Hills for his service to the United States and in particular for his vision for and steadfast support to the US-ASEAN Business Council and the important work they have done for the last 30 years to advance business relations between ASEAN and America.