

HONORING THE LATE  
CONGRESSMAN LOUIS STOKES

**HON. TIM RYAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, the late Congressman Lou Stokes loved life and loved his family. He loved Cleveland, and he loved the political process. He was a giant of a man who embodied a quiet dignity that still inspires me today to do more for those who don't have a voice.

It was my privilege to attend the funeral service of Congressman Stokes on August 25, 2015. While many family members and friends paid special homage to a great public servant, the remarks of Congresswoman MARCIA FUDGE rung particularly true to all who were able to hear them. It is those comments that I would like to share with you now.

EULOGY OF LOUIS STOKES

(By Marcia Fudge)

I rise today to perform one of the most heavy-hearted duties to which I have ever been assigned. Lou Stokes himself was the assigner. He asked me several weeks ago to, on behalf of the political community, to deliver a discourse in commemoration of his lifetime of public service. Lou Stokes was the first African American elected to represent this community in the House of Representatives. I was blessed to have first a mentor/mentee relationship. Later, he became my colleague and my friend. That friendship continued without interruption until the day of his death. Make no mistake, my friends, we mourn this day, the loss of no ordinary man.

Napoleon I as the story goes was crossing the Alps, when he saw a lone peasant woman along the side of the road. "Where are you going on this bright morning?" And she answered "I am heading through the pass to hopefully see the Emperor." It was obvious she did not know who he was, so he went on and said "why would you be interested in seeing the Emperor, than his majesty from the House of Bourbon. It seems to me that you have exchanged one politician for another." The peasant spent a few minutes and said, "The Bourbons were the rulers for the rich and famous. Napoleon is our ruler." In this holy place, we have assembled to pay respect to the cherished and honored Louis Stokes, because no matter how many degrees he possessed, no matter how many world leaders he knew by first name, no matter how many Presidents sought his counsel, he was the Congressman for the peasant, the pauper, the passed over, and yes the populate.

Louis Stokes, thank God, never embraced the shallow notion that he should be like everyone else. Had he done so, he would never have reached his extraordinariness. He was a gifted orator, a writer of atypical ability, a lawmaker with legendary legislative savvy, and a statesman of sterling examples of civility. As the drama of history unfolds, Congressman Stokes will be ranked as one of the all-time greats, and to be sure, his greatness will endure. Because of Louis Stokes' staying power, I make it a practice to never praise the one hit wonders. Such ephemeral leaders are like the meteors that flash across the heavens, just long enough to announce the dark oblivion into which they soar. I, perhaps like many of you, prefer stars that don't burn out so quickly. Lou's star still shines.

There are millions of things that do not last. Such things are magnificent for a mo-

ment, and then like a mighty gust of wind, they're gone. The majority of men and women who served in Congress served and never left a trace. Deft winds hold no such victory over Louis Stokes. He was a man of good works. Remember, good works are inspired by God, and receptive to his people. Eternal life is the fruitage of good works. Yes I'm saying that if Lou Stokes is not in heaven, most of us can forget about it. I'm not a preacher, or a theologian, so I can't present a picture of Lou in heaven—but in the vernacular of the House of Representatives—the gentleman from Ohio has been appointed to an unknown committee, holding hearings in an unknown location, but orchestrated by a well-known, all-knowing chair.

RECOGNITION OF GOLDEN GOOSE  
AWARD RECIPIENT, DR. CHRISTOPHER SMALL

**HON. MARK POCAN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Golden Goose Award, which recognizes researchers whose federally funded research has returned significant benefits to society.

In particular, I rise to celebrate one of this year's Golden Goose Awardees and fellow alum of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, in my district: Dr. Christopher Small. With funding from the National Science Foundation, Dr. Small, an earth scientist, and his colleague, Dr. Joel E. Cohen, a mathematical population biologist, pursued what seemed like a simple curiosity: how many people live at any given altitude on Earth? The result was the first global map of how the human population is distributed in altitude—an important factor in our exposure to risk, our human health and even how computers function.

While Drs. Small and Cohen were particularly interested in populations near coastlines, where they are at risk from natural disasters and sea-level rise, companies like Intel, Proctor & Gamble, and Frito-Lay have all consulted with them about populations at high altitudes. In fact, Dr. Small got what he calls the "biggest surprise of [his] scientific career" when he received a phone call from Frito-Lay representatives, interested to learning if there was a sufficient high altitude market to justify designing packaging that could sustain large differences in pressure from sea level up to the Rockies or the Himalayas.

Beyond working with industry to examine the potential of high altitude markets, the two have worked with biomedical researchers and public health professionals to help them understand the magnitude of altitude-related impacts on human health.

Without federal support, Drs. Small and Cohen may never have had the incentive to pursue their curiosity and develop game-changing insights into how the human population is distributed—insights that inform everything from microchip manufacturing to food production and packaging and from biomedical research to the treatment of human disease.

I rise today to congratulate my fellow Badger in receiving this important recognition and applaud those supporting the Golden Goose Award which continues to highlight the importance of federal investments in research.

These investments help grow our economy and improve the quality of our life and future generations.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BERNARD  
T. GATES, JR.

**HON. ANDY BARR**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life of a special man from Kentucky's Sixth District, Bernard T. "Bud" Gates, Jr. Mr. Gates was a successful business owner and a leader in the automotive industry.

Mr. Gates was born in 1924 in Indianapolis, Indiana. He graduated from Indiana University, where he played football. Mr. Gates served his country as a member of the United States Army Air Corps. He was a well-known and successful race car driver. He was also a local television personality in Indianapolis.

Mr. Gates began his automotive career at the age of ten when he began working at his father's Chrysler-DeSoto dealership. He went on to own and operate Bud Gates Chrysler, Bud Gates Chevytown, one of the largest General Motors dealerships in the midwest, and Bud Gates Toyota, Indiana's first Toyota dealership. He was most recently an associate with his son Steve Gates at Toyota South in Richmond, Kentucky. Gates served on the National Automobile Dealers Councils for Chrysler, Chevrolet, and Toyota.

Bud Gates was a leader in the automotive industry and a great American. He died on September first. He will be deeply missed, especially by his daughter and two sons, his grandchildren, and his great grandchildren.

CONGRATULATING RAMER SCHOOL

**HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, James A. Garfield said that "Next in importance to freedom and justice is education, without which neither freedom nor justice can be maintained". Even though President Garfield's presidency was short, he proclaimed the value of and set standards for better education in our nation. Being a former teacher he valued the public education system.

A strong education base in Elementary, Middle and High School is essential for continuous growth. Educators, students, and communities who accomplish academic achievement and growth should be recognized. I am honored to congratulate Ramer School for being named a "Reward School" for the 2014-15 academic school year. To be one of only 5% in the state and one of only six in rural west Tennessee to achieve this status is an accomplishment for any school. And to make it more newsworthy, this is the second time in four years for Ramer to receive this award. We celebrate the hard work and dedication of your students, teachers, parents, and administrators.

Ramer School, you are building a great foundation in the lives of future contributing adults. I congratulate you.