

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO AMELIA BOYNTON ROBINSON, CONGRESSMAN LOUIS STOKES, AND JULIAN BOND

SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 28, 2015

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to three heroes of the Civil Rights Movement: Julian Bond, Amelia Boynton Robinson and Former Congressman Louis Stokes.

My thoughts and prayers are with their families during this very difficult time.

First let me thank Rep. DONALD PAYNE, JR., and Rep. ROBIN KELLY for organizing this Special Order and for their leadership in the Congressional Black Caucus. I have known Julian since the 1970s and most recently stood with him to remember the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam Peace Movement at the Martin Luther King, Jr. memorial in Washington, DC. As a cofounder of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), Julian galvanized young people to fight against segregation, march in the Civil Rights movement, and better the lives of all Americans.

Julian dedicated his career to public service. After his work with SNCC, he served in the Georgia Legislature and as president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). I know his legacy of tireless advocacy for equality and social justice will live on. It inspires me every day as we work to address inequality and reform our broken criminal justice system.

I also rise to remember Amelia Boynton Robinson, a true hero of the Civil Rights Movement. Ms. Boynton Robinson was a trailblazer who championed civil rights and worked tirelessly for justice and equality. As one of the brave protestors at Selma, Amelia Boynton Robinson was brutally beaten in what would become known all around the world as "Bloody Sunday." Ms. Boynton Robinson, along with her fellow protestors, drew nationwide attention to the plight of African Americans and led us to the Voting Rights Act.

Last but not least, I want to commemorate the life of Former Congressman Louis Stokes. Congressman Stokes was a wonderful mentor to me as a member of Congressman Ron Dellums' staff and later as a Member of Congress. Congressman Stokes grew up in Cleveland public housing and his childhood informed the policies he championed.

He was the first African American Congressman to represent Ohio, one of the Founders of the Congressional Black Caucus and also the first African American to win a seat on the Appropriations committee, a committee on which I now sit. Congressman Stokes spent his congressional career fighting for the poor and the voiceless; he is a true American Hero.

Mr. Speaker, it is because of the tireless advocacy of these leaders that we saw an end to legal segregation, the enactment of the voting rights act, and the election of so many African Americans to Congress.

It was a great honor to count myself among the lives they touched. May the work they started continue until all forms of inequality are addressed.

And may their spirits soar as their memories live on in our hearts.

RECOGNIZING FLORIDA'S 16TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT FIRE AND RESCUE AND EMS PERSONNEL

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2015

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize fire and rescue and EMS personnel who have provided distinguished service to the people of Florida's 16th Congressional District.

As first responders, fire departments and emergency medical service teams are summoned on short notice to serve their respective communities. Oftentimes, they arrive at scenes of great adversity and trauma, to which they reliably bring strength and composure. These brave men and women spend hundreds of hours in training so that they are prepared when they get "the call."

In 2012 I established the 16th District Congressional Fire and Rescue and EMS Awards to honor officers, departments, and units for outstanding achievement.

On behalf of the people of Florida's 16th District, it is my privilege to congratulate the following winners, who were selected this year by an independent committee comprised of a cross section of current and retired fire and rescue personnel living in the district:

Firefighter/EMT Michael Dunn of the Cedar Hammock Fire Rescue was chosen to receive the Preservation of Life Award

Lt. Don Rossow of the Englewood Area Fire Control District was chosen to receive the Dedication and Professionalism Award

District Chief/Paramedic Robin Thayer of the Manatee County Emergency Medical Services was chosen to receive the Career Service Award

Lt. Jason Wilkins, Lt. Jamie Mann, Firefighter/EMT Nicholas Jones, Firefighter/Paramedic Sean Sponable and Firefighter/EMT Clayton Huber were chosen to receive the Unit Citation Award

Deputy Chief Brett Pollok of the West Manatee Fire and Rescue was chosen to receive the Career Service Award

Fire Investigator/Inspector Larry Betts of the Southern Manatee Fire and Rescue District was chosen to receive the Dedication and Professionalism Award.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PAUL HLYNSKY

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2015

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life of Paul Hlynsky, an Akron, Ohio community leader who passed away on September 23, 2015 at the age of 61 after a long and hard fought battle with cancer. As a man of great conviction and dedication to those he served, Paul will be remembered as a strident defender of his friends, family, and colleagues.

Through his 18 years of service as President of the Akron Lodge 7 Fraternal Order of Police, Paul led countless fights for the rights of his coworkers as the longest serving President of the Order. After 16 years in the Army where he rose to the rank of Major, Paul became a police officer in 1992, serving his country and community for decades. Paul was a unifier, bringing together Akron union leaders to work collectively on fighting for their workers' rights and interests.

As the child of Ukrainian immigrants who had been in a German labor camp during World War II, Paul faced difficult life challenges from the start, learning the value of staying dedicated to those you know and love.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents and older sister. Paul is survived by his sister, Irene (Dan) Harland; nieces, Stephanie (Scott) Jowers and Jeannette Harland; fiancée, Olya Tymciurak. He is also survived by many of his police brethren for whom he worked tirelessly.

I am deeply saddened by the loss of Paul Hlynsky, a man who was such a vital servant of the Akron, Ohio community. I hope you all will join me in offering my thoughts and prayers to him and his family.

IMPROVING RESEARCH AND TREATMENT FOR DYSTONIA

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2015

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, Janice and Len Nachbar of Freehold, New Jersey, who lead the Central New Jersey Dystonia Support and Action Group, eloquently addressed a congressional briefing yesterday on dystonia—a neurological movement disorder characterized by muscle contractions causing abnormal and often painful body movements and postures. Dystonia can cause a range of impairments, in some cases leaving a person legally blind or unable to walk or communicate.

Janice and Len are the loving parents of Joanna, a remarkably brave and smart woman who is afflicted with dystonia. Janice and Len explained their daughter's multi-year battle with this condition, saying in part:

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