

at the Most Precious Blood Church, the young couple lived in Hyde Park for many years before moving to Walpole, Massachusetts in the 1990s.

For many years, John worked at New England Telephone and spent countless hours volunteering on local initiatives. During my years as a Massachusetts State Senator, I had the privilege of working alongside John—who devotedly served his neighbors as an earnest and dedicated community representative. Barbara, too, dedicated her life to public service as Director of Human Resources for the Suffolk County District Attorney's office. Though they are now both retired, they are still involved in their community and maintain a keen interest in politics and public affairs.

As a testament to the profound impact John and Barbara have had on their family, their spirit of service and community has transcended generations. Over the years, many of their children and grandchildren have gone into law enforcement and served in the Boston Police Department. John and Barbara celebrate their 70th anniversary surrounded by their loving family, which has grown to five children, eleven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor John and Barbara on this joyous occasion. I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing them and their family many more years of happiness.

HONORING PETER AND SHEILA ARELLANO

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2015

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the lives of a well-known and beloved couple in the Escalon community, Peter and Sheila Arellano. They passed away within a year of each other. Sheila on October 7, 2014 and Peter on June 14, 2015.

Peter, fondly known as "Chessie" to his friends and family, grew up in Sonora, California where he was noted as a star athlete. After graduating from high school, Peter enlisted in the United States Air Force during WWII. He was stationed in the South Pacific, Australia, New Guinea, the Philippines, and Europe where he spent several years diligently and courageously serving our Country. After returning from WWII, he graduated from San Jose State to begin a career teaching and coaching. He also served in his local Lions Club for over 65 years in various positions from Past President to Chairman. He was Stockton County Fair Escalon Exhibit Co-Chair for over 20 years. He also started the Peter Arellano Athletic Scholarship and he previously hosted the Peter Arellano Athletic Scholarship Golf Tournament to raise money for scholar athletes from Escalon High School. Peter married the love of his life, Sheila, and together they moved to Escalon, California where they lived for over 58 years. Pete continued his passion for teaching at Escalon High School.

Sheila proudly worked as the assistant editor for the Escalon Times. Sheila also served as President of the Chamber of Commerce for two terms, member of the Historian Society,

Escalon City Committee, Red Hats, Catholic YLI, Actor in Readers Theater, retired teacher aide at Den Elementary and El Portal Middle School, Escalon Soroptimist Group, and Stockton Country Fair Escalon Exhibit Chair for over 20 years. She started the Escalon Low Vision Support Group, hosted bingo lunch with seniors twice a month, and continued to be an acting Ambulance board member. The community honored them as Mr. and Mrs. Escalon because of their immense participation and contributions.

They have left a permanent mark on the Escalon Community. Both were inspiring human beings even in the face of difficult times. Sheila endured two bouts of breast cancer, kidney failure, heart attacks, and blindness due to macular degeneration. Despite all this, she maintained a smile on her face and a high spirit of gratitude. Pete's energy was just as contagious, and it allowed for them to be confident together. Both lived life the way it should be lived; they enjoyed the simple things and made the most of their time together every day.

Family was central to the Arellanos and they loved their family above all else. They are survived by their three children George Arellano, Tina Jensen and Bahrt Arellano; seven grandchildren Kim Theisen, Craig Berchtold, Holly Page, Heidi Rech, Jeremy Jensen, Cortez Arellano, Vincent Arellano; and eight great-grandchildren Kelsie Theisen, Callie Theisen, Trenton Berchtold, Emma Berchtold, Madelyn Page, Colton Page, Olivia Jensen and Vivian Jensen.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and recognizing Peter and Sheila Arellano for their numerous years of unwavering dedication to the Escalon community. They will be deeply missed by many and may God bless them always.

TRIBUTE TO THE SOUTHEAST POLK HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Southeast Polk High School Boys Baseball Team for winning the Iowa Class 4A State Baseball Championship.

I would like to congratulate each member of the Team:

Players: Cam Shannon, Kyle Underwood, Tim Neff, Austin Martin, Cole Horton, Nathan Gjersvik, Ryan Lamke, Brayden Shepherd, Jace Surprenant, Brandon Ross, Sam Henry, Thomas McLaughlin, Alex DuToit, Jake Nelson, Sean Joelson, Carter Bauge, Zack Hamilton, Cole Hauser, Alex Pierce, Cole Hassman, Sam Hermes, and Connor Young.

Coaches: Scott Belger, Dave Hartman, Mike Steele, Rick Fee, Ty Weatherman, Scot Surprenant, and Blake Kielman.

Mr. Speaker, the success of this team and their coaches demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent them in the United States Congress. I know all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating these young men

and the rest of the team for competing in this rigorous competition and wishing them all nothing but continued success.

RECOGNIZING MELANIE L. CAMPBELL FOR 20 YEARS OF SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP AT THE NATIONAL COALITION ON BLACK CIVIC PARTICIPATION

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2015

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Melanie L. Campbell, President and CEO of the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation (the National Coalition) for her exemplary leadership to expand and preserve civil, human and women's rights in the United States. This year marks the 20th year Ms. Campbell has led the National Coalition, which is composed of organizations that represent some 40 million people across our great nation. Campbell is well known for her unique ability to build powerful coalitions and networks that bring diverse people together for the common good.

The National Coalition was founded nearly 40 years ago on May 5, 1976 in the District of Columbia by great heroes and heroes of the Civil Rights Movement, including the late Dr. Dorothy Irene Height, Norman Hill, the late Maynard Jackson, Rev. Dr. Joseph E. Lowery, William "Bill" Lucy, Eddie Williams and many others—all of whom mentored Campbell to embrace servant leadership as a way of life in her journey in the fight for justice for all people.

Melanie Campbell is a nationally recognized expert in civic engagement, voting rights, women's rights and youth empowerment, and has led many successful coalition-based campaigns that have empowered thousands of African Americans to have a voice in our representative democracy including: 1) the Unity Voter Empowerment Campaign helping increase Black voter participation to historic records over the past decade; 2) the Unity Diaspora Census Campaigns helping reduce the undercount of the Black population in 2000 and 2010; and 3) organizing the ReBuild Hope NOW Coalition in 2005 to assist survivors of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in rebuilding their lives in the Gulf Coast Region.

Ms. Campbell acknowledges that one of her most rewarding accomplishments at the National Coalition has been creating an innovative, youth-led civic leadership development program, Black Youth Vote, which was launched April 4, 1996, under the banner, "the ballot, not the bullet" in commemoration of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Campbell is a passionate advocate for women's rights and serves as convener of Black Women's Roundtable (BWR), an intergenerational public policy and organizing network of the National Coalition. Under her leadership, BMR empowers thousands of women and girls annually with tools and resources to live a higher quality of life. BWR is focused on fighting for income equality for women and a living wage job for all Americans.

In 2014, Campbell led a Black Women's Roundtable delegation to challenge the NFL to