

Between the 1970s and 1990s, Mamie created and directed advertising for over 80 local, state, and federal Republican campaigns. She was a talented and fierce trailblazer and, in recognition of her work in advertising, Mamie won the American Advertising Federation's Silver Medal Award in 1982.

In addition to being politically active, Mamie was an active member of our community. She was an active member of the Roanoke City Sign Ordinance Committee, served as Chairman of the Roanoke City Arts Commission, and served as the Roanoke Valley Coordinator for the Virginia Bicentennial Commission. Mamie also was appointed by Governor Linwood Holton to the Consumer Credit Study Commission, by Governor John Dalton to the Advisory Committee on Furnishing and Interpreting the Executive Mansion, and by Governor George Allen to the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Museum of Natural History.

Regrettably, Mamie passed away on November 17, 2015. She is survived by her husband of 56 years, her granddaughter Sedona Marguerite Hanks, as well as her sister and brother-in-law, George and Ruth Heafner of Greensboro, N.C., Helen Mabry of Cherryville, N.C.; sister-in-law, Barbara Vest of Maryland. Also surviving are many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins.

Mamie Vest was dedicated to her work and her family. She had a tremendous impact on our community and, though she will be greatly missed by many, she will long be remembered. We are both honored to have called her a friend. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mamie's family and loved ones. May God give them comfort and peace.

RECOGNIZING THE ANNIVERSARY
OF DWAYNE AND CAROL CHEST-
NUT

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 15, 2015

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the golden wedding anniversary of Dwayne and Carol Chestnut, two dear friends, respected community leaders, generous philanthropists, and loyal Democrats. They have three children, Kay, Michelle, and Mark, and two grandchildren, Darrel and Danielle Jobe.

Carol and Dwayne met as teenagers in high school when, coming out of class, he held the door open for her. Carol responded, "It is good to know that there are still gentlemen and scholars left." Dwayne was smitten and holds the door for Carol still today.

When Carol and Dwayne were courting in Texas in the early fifties, their favorite song was "Too Young" by Nat King Cole. Its words were prophetic: "This love will last though years may go." The joy they find in each other spills over into the numerous lives, including

my own, which they have touched over the fifty years they have been together.

Congratulations. Here's to many more good times and sweet memories to come.

ANGELO CANDELORI: A LIFETIME
OF OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERV-
ICE

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 15, 2015

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express gratitude and deep appreciation for the leadership and commitment of one of New Jersey's most dedicated public servants, Colonel Angelo Candelori.

For over 30 years, Colonel Candelori has volunteered countless hours and offered exceptional guidance and insights as a member of the Fourth Congressional District's Service Academy Nominations Board—a task he has taken most seriously and accomplished with great success. Year after year, Colonel Candelori has "sweat the details," tediously poring over the applications of prospective Service Academy nominees. With great scrutiny and wisdom he has interviewed every young man and woman, recommending only those whom he felt were most deserving of my congressional nomination.

I have benefitted greatly from Colonel Candelori's expertise, discernment, dedication, and desire that our armed services receive the best and brightest possible officer applicants. And so, too, has the United States military.

Having served for 32 years in the United States Marine Corps and the reserves—a tenure that overlapped with his time on our Service Academy Board—Colonel Candelori relied on his instinctive knowledge and judgement, as well as years of military training, to help identify young applicants best suited to become America's next generation of military leaders. With honor, integrity, courage and dedication, Colonel Candelori easily embodies the Marine Corps motto "Semper Paratus"—proving to be "always faithful" to the United States of America, his fellow Marines, and all members of our armed forces.

If you knew Colonel Candelori personally, you would know that his dedication to his community and his commitment to public service is evident beyond his military career. For many years Colonel Candelori was a member of the Hamilton Township Planning Board and the Hamilton Township Development Review Advisory Board. His positive impact in many local and state volunteer and/or civic organizations resulted in his designation as a Point of Light by President George H. W. Bush. Colonel Candelori was also named a recipient of the U.S. Secretary of Energy's Community Service Award and the Enrico Fermi Federation Achievement Award.

Recognition of Colonel Candelori's leadership quality is international as he was knighted with the title of Cavaliere in the Order of Solidarity by the government of Italy. He served as president of the Societa Cavaliere d'Italia and is a past trustee of the Italian-American National Hall of Fame and a past president of the Enrico Fermi Federation.

Mr. Speaker, to say that Colonel Angelo Candelori is a patriot and a gentleman would be an understatement. He is a remarkable, dedicated family man and community leader who has truly advanced the common good.

This year, as he steps down from his more than three decades of assisting in the vetting of future uniformed military officers, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Colonel Angelo Candelori for his dedicated service to the citizens of New Jersey and to the United States of America.

IN HONOR OF GOVERNOR TERRY
BRANSTAD

HON. ROD BLUM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 15, 2015

Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Iowa Governor Terry Branstad, who yesterday became the longest serving governor in the history of the United States, surpassing former Vice President George Clinton from New York.

Governor Branstad has now served 7,642 days as governor. I salute and congratulate him on his dedication to the state of Iowa and his passion for public service.

Born and raised on a farm in Northern Iowa, Governor Branstad's life has been dedicated to the advancement of the state of Iowa. After a tenure in the United States Army, he served three terms in the Iowa House of Representatives and was subsequently elected as the Lieutenant Governor.

In 1982, at the age of 35, he was elected as the youngest governor in Iowa history. After his first four terms in office, Governor Branstad refocused his boundless energy on continuing to serve the state as the President of Des Moines University. He returned as governor in 2010 and is currently serving his sixth term.

During his administration, Iowa has seen record low unemployment rates, as well as an admirable budget surplus. His endless energy and strong work ethic inspires all of us who serve in elected office to constantly strive to improve our performance on behalf of all Iowans.

Thank you, Governor Branstad, for all that you have done for the great state of Iowa and your nearly twenty-one years of service.