

Bigham, one of my constituents and a true servant of our community.

A native of Chester, South Carolina and proud graduate of The Citadel, Larry dedicated much of his free time—what little he had—in service to his community. In addition to owning a popular restaurant in Rock Hill, he served on the Rock Hill School Board, the Rock Hill Economic Development Board, the Santee Cooper Board, the Winthrop University Eagle Club Board, was actively engaged in the local Republican Party, and even ran for Congress—twice. His near-victories, in a part of the world long dominated by the other party, set the stage for many future wins, including my own: something that will never be lost on me.

Most importantly, Larry was a loving father, grandfather, and husband. I send my deepest condolences to all of them, and especially his wife, Kathy. Please know that Larry's lasting legacy will be the way in which he so positively impacted countless people in our community, and his memory will live on for years to come.

TRIBUTE TO ANTONIETTA MONTIN

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Antonietta Montin, a Largo resident celebrating her 105th birthday.

Ms. Montin was born in 1911 in New York City. She grew up with ten siblings, and she became known for her amazing story telling and her kind heart. She cherished her upbringing in a large family and decided to have one of her own. Today, Ms. Montin has three sons, six grandsons, and twelve great-grandchildren.

She has had the opportunity to travel the world, and frequently can be found sharing stories of these experiences with her friends and family. Ms. Montin is also known for her love of dancing, which she showed her guests at her 105th birthday this past May.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Antonietta Montin for her vivacity and kind heart. I wish her the best in her birthday celebrations and I ask that this body join me in recognizing Ms. Montin for her incredible life.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FRED SHEHEEN

HON. MICK MULVANEY

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2016

Mr. MULVANEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and mark the passing of Fred Sheheen, one of my constituents, a civil rights activist, and a true servant of our State.

Fred was born in 1937 in Camden, South Carolina to Austin and Lucile. He graduated from Camden High School, and later with honors from Duke University. He dedicated his life to serving his fellow South Carolinian and those less privileged. As the head of the State Commission on Higher Education for nearly a decade, he was instrumental in helping to

make the dream of higher education for all people a reality.

Fred is survived by his wife of nearly fifty years, Rose, his daughters Maria and Margaret, and brothers Austin and Robert, and his grandchildren Austin, Joseph, Anthony, William, Robert, David, Olivia, and Thomas.

Fred is also survived by his son, Vincent. Vincent and I served together in the South Carolina Senate, and I consider him a friend. Fred went to his grave knowing that his son is a good and honest man, an earnest public servant, a good father and husband, and a devout Catholic. I can think of no better memorial to any man than to have a son like Vince.

Fred changed the lives of many for the better, and he will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

TRIBUTE TO STAY AND PLAY INITIATIVE

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Tampa's Stay and Play initiative for helping reduce crime among teenagers in our cities.

Last year, the city of Tampa launched the initiative to help provide a safe space for kids after there was an increase in gun-related crime in the local area. The more than 16,000 teens that participated, all aged between 13 and 19 years old, were granted free passes to recreation centers which stayed open later than usual. As a consequence of the initiative, the homicide rate fell significantly in the following weeks.

The initiative is returning this summer, and food will be served at a few of the locations. In addition, this year's program will include computing, cooking, music and art classes. The initiative provides the students with an invaluable opportunity to pursue alternative life choices away from crime.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Tampa Mayor Bob Buckhorn and the Stay and Play initiative for giving our children a better chance to succeed in life. The program has helped build stronger communities and save lives, and I ask that this body join me in recognizing their efforts.

THEY STAND

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2016

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following poem by Albert Carey Caswell.

THEY STAND.

IN MEMORY OF THE FALLEN AND WOUNDED POLICE OFFICERS OF DALLAS—CORPORAL LORNE AHRENS, OFFICER MICHAEL KROL, SERGEANT MICHAEL SMITH, OFFICER BRENT THOMPSON, OFFICER PATRICK ZAMARRIPA

They Stand,
so we can keep
All our freedoms we so seek
They Stand to keep the peace
To serve and protect while all their families
weep

Mothers, Fathers, Sisters, Brothers who in freedom do so believe

All out there on that thin blue line,
walking out the front door kissing their loved ones goodbye
Knowing full well that this might be their last time

They care so very deep,
as why they wear their hearts out on their sleeves

Quiet heroes who on the front lines help all of those in need

As why they care in them believe

As why it hurts so very bad,

so very deep

“Let not today be like most days”

stand behind them all in hearts always

Because, They Stand for what is true

As why They have devoted their entire life to you

They need your love and support,

to help them fight the darkness to thwart

To serve and protect and never neglect

To keep you safe without regret

They swore a sacred oath,

all in their heroic hues of blue to serve and protect to give the most

As They fight the darkness when it comes into view

While, others run away from harm,

towards the darkness they so swarm

Brothers and Sisters coming together in a bond so very warm

Who for each other are willing to die

Police and First Responders,

all in this brilliance born ready to lay down their lives

For heaven holds a place,

for such selfless and gallant men and women of honor and grace

As now we see their tears upon their face

As one They Stand up against this evil to erase

And Hate Is Hard and it makes me cry.

When, I see those tears in their loved ones eyes

Whose, beloved ones will never see another sun rise

Brothers and Sisters who ask why

Boys and Girls without Moms and Dads,

Husbands and Wives who've lose the best friends they ever had

Mothers and Fathers,

whose precious Sons and Daughters Gave That Last Full Measure so sad

But the darkness is no match for the light

As five new Angels have risen up to heaven this night

Could you,

or would you stand?

To save the life of another woman, child, or man

All out there on that thin blue line,

while every day and night it happens all over again

All across Dallas this night there comes a gentle rain

As our Lords tears wash down upon their families to remain

to ease their pain

Until, up in Heaven they meet again,

and won't have to cry no more

Let not us find Hate

Let us find respect for such men and women of such hearts of grace

For these are The Stars of Texas,

who provide the bed of freedom and safety for this great State

Thank them now,

please show them how

how much you care for them who walk on that thin blue who death awaits

“United we stand,

divided we will fall” ALL LIVES MATTER most of all,

“not the color of your skin” answer Dr. King's clarion call