

IN HONOR OF MARGARET MORTON

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the tremendous work of my constituent Margaret Morton, a 2016 honoree at the Loudoun Laurels Gala. Ms. Morton exemplifies the very best of the traditions of public service, stewardship, and personal contributions to the life and history of Loudoun County. Her dedication to a high standard of conduct allowed her to remain honest and loyal while making a positive impact in the journalistic community.

Margaret Morton is a graduate of Edinburgh University in Scotland. She left her home in Britain to come to America in 1966. Twenty-six years later she entered the world of journalism when she joined the staff of Leesburg Today. Last year, she became a founding member of the writing staff of Loudoun Now, recently judged to be Loudoun County's best new business.

Ms. Morton has nearly a quarter century of experience, granting her the skills and style to serve Loudoun. Her writing illustrates both her intelligence and her deep understanding of the community she loves, and is similarly reflected in her meritorious career. Currently, Ms. Morton is the Dean of the Loudoun County Press Corps.

Serving on Loudoun County's first Historic Review Board, Ms. Morton is an active preservationist. She is an avid supporter of numerous community charitable activities, for which we readily commend her.

Mr. Speaker, I now ask that my colleagues join me in thanking Margaret Morton for the outstanding services she provided to our great Commonwealth throughout her long-lasting career. I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO PATTY AND JIM
COWNIE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

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Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Patty and Jim Cownie for being awarded the 2016 Robert D. Ray Pillar of Character Award, presented by the Robert D. and Billie Ray Center at Drake University. They were presented with the honor during the annual Ray Center's Iowa Character Awards in Altoona, Iowa.

Each year, a selection committee of 50 members selects recipients who have exemplified a life filled with volunteerism and sacrifice. The Cownies embody each of those qualities. Ever since the Ray Center opened its doors as Character Counts back in 1997, Patty and Jim Cownie have given their time and resources to make sure it was a total success.

Patty Cownie has always displayed a commitment to volunteerism throughout her life. From 1999 to 2014 she served on the Drake University Board of Trustees and now dedicates her time and expertise to the Iowa Board of Regents. She has also contributed

her time to organizations such as the Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation, Meals from the Heartland and Bravo! Greater Des Moines.

Recognized as one of the top businessmen in the State of Iowa, Jim Cownie has still found time to dedicate himself to causes and organizations of which he cares. Along with his wife, Patty, Jim has sacrificed his time and given his expertise to many charitable organizations throughout the state and continues to utilize his own resources to improve the lives of others.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Patty and Jim Cownie for receiving this esteemed designation. It is truly an honor to represent them in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them and in wishing them nothing but continued success.

HONORING ALICIA DICOCHEA

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Alicia Dicochea. Alicia is known throughout Merced County for her dedication and service to her community. She is retiring this year after serving as one of the founding members of the Board of Directors of Golden Valley Health Centers since 1971. Alicia has gone above and beyond in the effort to make her community a better place, volunteering her time in health care, education and church.

Alicia was born in Cutler, California. She is the youngest of five siblings, born to parents who immigrated to the Central Valley from Mexico in the 1920s. From an early age she learned the meaning of hard work, working in the fields with her siblings in order to help support the family.

In 1947 Alicia married Jesus Dicochea. The young family, along with their children moved to Los Banos in 1965 in order to pursue work opportunities, where they have lived ever since.

Alicia's involvement with Golden Valley Health Centers began when it was just a single clinic for farm workers. Today the medical center has 25 clinics and serves Merced and Stanislaus counties. Alicia has been an advocate for health care for the Valley's underserved since the beginnings of her involvement with Golden Valley.

Alicia has also been an advocate in education. She made the decision to play an active role in her children's school from the day the first of her ten children began school. She was selected to be a part of a group of parents and UC Davis students to assess the needs of the community in order to properly use funding available to local students and families. She was involved in Merced College's Los Banos campus from its beginnings. She taught Spanish and advised on the curriculum for English as a Second Language students.

Her strong faith has led to a natural involvement with her church. Alicia served as a delegate for the Guadalupanas Society in Los Banos and served as secretary for District 7, which includes Los Banos, Dos Palos, and Atwater.

Alicia's service to her community knows no limits. She has served on the Los Banos Planning Commission and as a member of the National Board of National Association of Farmworkers Organization. During the holiday season, she participates in initiatives to feed the homeless.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Alicia Dicochea. Her forty-five years of service on the Board of Directors of Golden Valley Health Centers, in addition to the wonderful work she has done in the community, should be commended. Los Banos will be forever grateful for the impact she has made in the community.

REMEMBERING LESLIE WITT
REICHENBACH**HON. MIKE QUIGLEY**

OF ILLINOIS

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Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life of an important and respected member of the Chicago community, Ms. Leslie Witt Reichenbach.

For nearly 40 years, she woke up generations of Chicago's WXRT listeners on weekend mornings. A native Chicagoan, she earned a bachelor's degree in communications and environmental science from the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Shortly after, she began her radio career as a disc jockey at a progressive rock station in Massachusetts. With her growing enthusiasm for radio, she returned to Chicago to work at WXRT 93.1 FM in 1977. Leslie was also a news reporter for WBEZ, Chicago's Public Radio station in the 1980s, while still DJ'ing on weekend mornings at WXRT.

Leslie, often referred to as "the overnight angel," was known for her kind smile and her ability to connect with others. Her sense of wonder was the source of her ability to communicate about the music with conviction. Leslie's dedication helped mentor many new D.J.'s who preceded her radio shift.

Sadly, Leslie passed away on July 17th, 2016 at age 63 in Riverwoods, Illinois after her battle with ovarian cancer.

Leslie bravely fought her illness by listening to new albums, attending concerts, and practicing ballet. Leslie's top priority was always her family, and the love and support they provided her was the most important thing in her life. Leslie is survived by her husband, Chuck Reichenbach and their adult children Kay and Kurt.

Mr. Speaker, may God bless the Reichenbach family and the memory of a woman who was truly loved by her friends, her community, and her family.

IN MEMORY OF SERGEANT
KENNETH D. JUMPER, SR.**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, South Carolina is paying positive tribute to the service of American Patriot Kenneth D.