

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
JAMES KYU LEE

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of James Kyu Lee—a loving husband, father, and grandfather—who passed away on May 29, 2017.

James was born in 1932 in Buchon, South Korea where he attended Seoul Technical High School. Shortly after the start of the Korean War, James served valiantly in South Korea's Navy from 1950 to 1953. After the war, James studied at Hong Ik University where he received his bachelor of arts and went on to receive a law degree from Sung Kyun Kwan University. James went on to serve in the Korean Central Intelligence Agency from 1963 to 1978.

In 1980, James immigrated to the United States where he studied and received his California Radiologic Technologist License. He worked at the Medical Clinic as an X-Ray Technician from 1981 to 2002.

He retired in 2002 and enjoyed playing golf in his free time. He remained active in the Korean War Veterans Association and the Korean Navy Veteran Association.

James is survived by his wife, Nan Ja Lee, his three children, Janice Jong Hyun Lee, Chris Hoon Lee, and Brad Hyuck Lee, and seven grandchildren, Alex Lee, Kate Lee, William Lee, Austin Lee, Aaron Lee, Brandon Lee, and Donovan Lee. Three children are happily married. Janice Jong Hyun Lee is married to Jay Lee, Chris Hoon Lee is married to Judy Lee, and Brad Hyuck Lee is married to Julie Lee.

I hope his family can rest knowing James lived a full and happy life. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing James Kyu Lee's amazing life.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 37TH INFANTRY BRIGADE

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people of Ohio's 15th Congressional District to recognize the 100th anniversary of the 37th Infantry Brigade of the Ohio Army National Guard. Since July 18, 1917, the Buckeye Brigade has had elements stationed in 126 different communities across Ohio, and has served in major conflicts from the First World War to the modern War on Terrorism.

In 1968, then-Governor of Ohio, James Rhodes, astutely described the Buckeye Brigade: "It was a superb outfit, and such units are made by superb men." The bravery and courage displayed by these soldiers causes pride to resonate in the hearts of Americans, and has earned eight of its members the Medal of Honor.

Individually, they are superb; as a unit, they are all but unstoppable. Seen as heavyweights of our military, the 37th was regarded as the best American division the Germany Army

faced in World War I, and was among the first formations called upon following the attacks of September 11th.

Today, the Buckeye Brigade is made up of approximately 3,500 soldiers in the Ohio and Michigan Army National Guards, and is regarded as the top IBCT in the Army National Guard—which reflects the readiness and abilities of its soldiers.

As a Brigadier General in the Ohio Army National Guard, I am supremely thankful for the sacrifices made over the years by the 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, and am honored to recognize the unit on this tremendous occasion. I also extend my thoughts to the Brigade as it is deployed in support of Operation Joint Guard-Kosovo Force, and pray that they return safely to their loved ones.

TRIBUTE TO YOUNG STAFF MEMBERS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE 18TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS AND THE UNITED STATES

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as Members of Congress we know well, perhaps better than most, how blessed our nation is to have in reserve such exceptional young men and women who will go on to become leaders in their local communities, states, and the nation in the areas of business, education, government, philanthropy, the arts and culture, and the military.

We know this because we see them and benefit from their contributions every day. Many of them work for us in our offices as junior staff members, congressional fellows, or interns and they do amazing work for and on behalf of the constituents we are privileged to represent.

Mr. Speaker, I believe there is no higher calling than the call to serve a cause larger than ourselves. That is why I ran for public office. I was inspired to serve by President Kennedy who said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country," and by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who said:

"Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. . . . You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

By this measure, there are several other great young men and women who served as volunteers this year in my offices. They may toil in obscurity but their contributions to the constituents we serve are deeply appreciated. That is why today I rise to pay tribute to 14 extraordinary young persons for their service to my constituents in the 18th Congressional District of Texas and to the American people. They are: Tiffany Williams from Spelman College and Stanford University; German Barbosa from the University of Houston; Whitley Pannell from Hampton University; Walter Abrego Sara Ali from Texas Tech University; Hadeel Abdallah from the University of Kentucky; Kaleb Taylor from Texas Southern University; Astrid Guerra from Georgetown University; Jeremiah Sung-Eun Kim from Cornell University; Naiya Speight-Leggett of Yale Uni-

versity; Marshall Forney of Morehouse College; Courtney Fontaine of Texas Tech University; Brock Bennett of Morehouse College; Ahmad Awwal of Texas Tech University; and Isabela Belchior from University of Houston Law Center.

Mr. Speaker, the energy, intelligence, and idealism these wonderful young people brought to my office and those interning in the offices of my colleagues help keep our democracy vibrant. The insights, skills, and knowledge of the governmental process they gain from their experiences will last a lifetime and prove invaluable to them as they go about making their mark in this world.

Because of persons like them the future of our country is bright and its best days lie ahead. I wish them all well.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful that such thoughtful committed young men and women can be found working in my office, those of my colleagues, and in every community in America. Their good works will keep America great, good, and forever young.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018

SPEECH OF

HON. RO KHANNA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2810) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mr. KHANNA. Mr. Chair, I am a strong supporter of our troops and voted to move the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18) out of Committee in early July. As I pointed out in my Additional Views expressed in House Report 115–200, however, I remain very concerned with the size of the defense spending increases proposed by the legislation and the required cuts that would likely be necessitated in non-defense discretionary spending. The measure would provide \$621.5 billion for regular national defense activities, which would exceed the \$549 billion cap set in the 2011 Budget Control Act (Public Law 112–25) by \$72 billion. If you include war funds for the Pentagon, nuclear programs at the Energy Department, and mandatory spending, the measure would authorize a total of \$696 billion for FY18.

The BCA was enacted in August 2011 in response to increased deficits in the wake of the Great Recession. The primary method of direct deficit reduction imposed by the BCA was the installation of caps on discretionary spending from FY12 through FY21. There have been three major revisions to the deficit reduction measures imposed by the BCA and each one included parity where the effects on total defense and nondefense budget authority were identical. As a member of the House Budget Committee, I know the discretionary caps are already scheduled to decline by a combined \$5 billion in FY18 relative to FY17 levels. House Republicans have yet to release their Budget Resolution mark which would

quantify the exact spending cuts they propose to pay for the large increase in defense spending.

With the uncertainty of the size and scope of potentially massive cuts to our non-defense discretionary spending such as to diplomacy, foreign aid, education, housing, basic research, job training, and infrastructure, I cannot in good conscience vote for the additional billions of dollars in defense spending. I support our troops and a strong military to keep the peace, but this bill's spending levels would weaken our country's efforts at home and abroad. Our diplomatic and foreign aid budgets are an integral part in keeping the peace abroad. An increase to defense in conjunction with a cut in diplomacy and aid is a choice I cannot support. This should not be an either-or issue. However, because of the BCA and the decisions made by my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, this is the choice I had to make on behalf of my constituents in Silicon Valley and what is right and in the best interests of our troops and national security interests and objectives.

SOUND RELIEF HEARING CENTER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sound Relief Hearing Center for receiving the Golden Rotary Ethics in Business Award.

The Ethics in Business Award was established by the Golden Rotary to honor for-profit and non-profit businesses. The recipients of this award must maintain integrity, conviction and possess high ethical standards demonstrated by the treatment of customers, employees, community and the environment.

Sound Relief Hearing Center is a family-owned and operated business specializing in hearing solutions. They have built a foundation of exceptional service, showing compassion for the community and genuinely caring for the people they serve. Their code of ethics includes a commitment to charitable giving, educating the public and volunteering their time. Some examples of their philanthropy include earmarking 10 percent of their earnings for several charities and reimbursing employees for continuing education.

To all the employees of Sound Relief Hearing Center, congratulations on receiving the Golden Rotary Ethics in Business Award, and thank you for your continued commitment to excellence.

LORI AIMEE SNEED

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of Lori Aimee Sneed, beloved member of the Gulfport community, who was taken far too soon and went to be with the Lord on July 12, 2017.

Lori was a vivacious woman who battled many physical challenges throughout her life,

all the while spreading her contagious positivity and never-ending kindness to those around her. After suffering a spinal cord injury during her freshman year at the University of Mississippi in 1991, Lori was left a quadriplegic but continued to relentlessly pursue her educational and professional goals.

After completing a year at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Lori fearlessly returned to Ole Miss and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English in 1997. A prominent figure on campus, Lori was a member of Pi Beta Phi Sorority, a member of the University of Mississippi Committee on Disabilities, and a two-time winner of the Most Beautiful Eyes on Campus contest.

Upon completion of her degree, her inspiring and persistent personality helped her land her dream job at CNN working in the public information division, a position she held from 1997 to 2006. She shared her marvelous sense of humor with others through "stand up" and improvisational comedy routines, and became an exceptional watercolor artist later in life.

Lori never let her limitations define her. She will always be remembered as a strong, caring, and determined woman by those who had the pleasure of knowing her and will be fondly missed by her parents, Patti and Shorty Sneed, and her brother, Johnny. She epitomized selflessness and was known for being "beautiful inside and out."

Mississippi lost a dear daughter with the death of Lori Aimee Sneed. On behalf of the United States Congress and the people of Mississippi, we recognize her beautiful life.

IN RECOGNITION OF NANCY HUBBARD FOR HER LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO THE DEARBORN COMMUNITY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Nancy Hubbard for her service and dedication to the City of Dearborn. As one of the city's longest serving City Council members, Ms. Hubbard was a tireless public servant who left a legacy of achievement and will be missed.

Ms. Hubbard began her career as a secretary with Ford Motor Company and later worked for the Dearborn Department of Public Works and Dearborn Department of Building and Safety. She was elected to the Dearborn City Council in 1990 and compiled a distinguished record of success during her 24 years on the council. Ms. Hubbard has spent 16 years serving as the Council President Pro Tem, where she used the leadership position to advocate on behalf of the city's residents. She played a key role in the establishment of the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center and in expanding the greenway trail system in the city. She was also involved in economic development initiatives, including the establishment of the Dearborn Town Center and the redevelopment of the Warren Avenue and Dix-Vernor business corridors. As a result of her work, Dearborn has been transformed into a thriving community that effectively serves the needs of the city's residents.

Ms. Hubbard's commitment to public service and the City of Dearborn helped improve the quality of life for the community while driving economic development in the area. As a life-long resident of Dearborn, Ms. Hubbard's deep ties to the area allowed her to effectively engage with her constituents and address pressing issues facing the city at large. She was a tireless advocate during her career with the City Council who remained personally engaged with city's residents throughout her life, and her passion for public service will be missed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ms. Nancy Hubbard for her public service with the Dearborn City Council. Ms. Hubbard lived a life dedicated to public service and well-being of others.

TRIBUTE TO STEVE AND HEATHER WINFREE

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, heroes come into lives in different ways through the challenges people face during their lives.

A very special hero from my district came up with a heartwarming way to share her choice to be an organ donor for her husband who has been suffering from kidney disease for 14 years.

Heather Winfree took her husband's love for baseball and used it as a way to share the good news that she was a donor match.

Because of his diagnosis as a teen, Steve Winfree was never able to achieve his dream of playing college baseball.

Steve collects baseball cards on a regular basis, but the most rare card he has ever received is a custom Topps card that Heather designed for him.

It included Steve's picture and text on the back that read "Steve will be a rookie recipient at Vanderbilt Transplant Center where his wife, Heather, will be pitching a new kidney to him."

Because of Heather's heroic efforts to save the life of her husband, he could receive the transplant as soon as the end of July this year.

I am proud to see people from my district like Heather show us the true meaning of love while people like Steve show us what perseverance looks like.

Please join me in wishing them the best as they both undergo surgery in the near future.

I would like to include in the RECORD the following story about the Winfree's from CBS News.

[From CBS News, July 11, 2017]

MAN LEARNS WIFE IS KIDNEY TRANSPLANT MATCH FROM A CUSTOM-MADE BASEBALL CARD
(By Jennifer Earl)

Steve Winfree was excited to rip open up a brand new pack of Topps baseball cards. It has become a family tradition over the years. But this time, as he shuffled through the deck, he spotted something unusual—his very own playing card.

As he read the stats on the back, Winfree, who has been suffering from kidney disease for the past 14 years, broke down in tears.

"What the heck?" he asked, as his wife, Heather, sat beside him.