

2017 WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD  
WINNER—CATHIE WICKS

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 2, 2017*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cathie Wicks, whose entire professional career has been spent in Yolo County, California advocating to improve the quality of life for rural children, families, and communities.

Cathie is the founder and immediate past Executive Director of RISE, Inc. (Rural Innovations in Social Economics, Inc.). Ms. Wicks has over 35 years of non-profit administrative experience, including extensive grant project development and supervision, rural program design, implementation and project based fund control experience. Cathie is also a lifetime mission-builder in innovative leadership programs for teens, with an interest in intervention models for motivated at-risk youth.

Cathie's early work history includes raising sheep, which began as a hobby. In the early 1970's, she started her career in the anti-poverty upward mobility programs focused on continuing education and diversified education. She also co-founded a non-profit to leverage grants from outside the community. Cathie served as Executive Director of RISE for the next 25 years. Her work didn't stop there, Cathie integrated her grant writing skills to assist Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation in grant writing, policy development and programs designed to enhance the community.

Cathie is the face of non-profit success in rural Western Yolo County, building programs, trends, strong organizations, and fiscal success modes that have improved the quality of life in rural communities. Cathie enjoys spending time with her children and grandchildren, still raises sheep with her son, enjoys golf and travels with friends, family and colleagues.

RECOGNIZING "COLLEGE PRESIDENTS: PROTECT OUR STUDENTS, PASS THE DREAM ACT," AUTHORED BY ANGEL CABRERA; JOHN J. DEGIOIA, DERIONNE P. POLLARD, AND SCOTT RALLS

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 2, 2017*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to include in the RECORD an Op-Ed by Angel Cabrera, president of George Mason University, John J. DeGioia, president of Georgetown University, DeRionne P. Pollard, president of Montgomery College, and Scott Ralls, president of Northern Virginia Community College. I am proud to represent George Mason University and Northern Virginia Community College. This important and eloquent piece, titled "College presidents: Protect our students, pass the Dream Act," was published in the Hill on October 16, 2017:

"One month ago, the lives of 800,000 young people around our nation were put in jeopardy, with the decision by the White House to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. This decision fails

to understand the overwhelmingly positive impact that the DACA program has had for so many students, and the devastating consequences that rescinding it will have on them, their families, our schools, our communities and our country.

We cannot set aside the invaluable contributions of these students and their passion and commitment to the work of our colleges and our country.

We cannot forget the impact of their contributions to our economy—estimated at \$460 billion over the next decade.

We cannot ignore the joy they bring to our communities and the degree to which we are strengthened by their presence.

We believe, as presidents of colleges and universities, it is imperative that we protect these young people through the passage of the Dream Act. They have grown up here in America. They've gone to grade school, middle school and high school with our children. They are student body presidents, medical students and doctoral candidates. Some serve in high school ROTC and volunteer in their churches. Others help single parents raising younger siblings and tutor their peers as they prepare for college. They are members of our communities. They have done all the things we expect of our young people, and for their efforts so many have been able to earn places on our college campuses. They want—and deserve—the chance to continue learning and living in America without the constant fear of deportation.

We have seen the contributions that these extraordinary young people make to our campuses and our communities. Colleges and universities are about opportunity and the pursuit of each and every student's version of the American dream. No matter who they are—or where they came from—every student deserves an equal shot at success. We take responsibility for fostering academic and social environments that give every student the means and opportunity to pursue a better future.

Across our nation, our higher education community is coming together in support of our Dreamers. This week, the American Council on Education and colleges and universities around the country are contributing their voices to a national campaign: "Higher Education Week" in support of Protecting Dreamers. To launch this week, our institutions—which represent public and private as well as two- and four-year institutions in Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C.—have come together to reflect on the invaluable presence of these students on our campuses. Our region has approximately 23,000 DACA recipients and we know that almost half of all DACA recipients are in school or pursuing a college degree.

These young people belong here. They have played by our rules since the day they arrived as minors with their parents. They have done everything we could expect of them. They have earned their places on our campuses. They are poised to contribute to the future of our nation. We have the capacity, and responsibility, as a nation to provide a permanent bipartisan legislative solution.

We call upon Congress to pass the bipartisan DREAM Act so that these talented and hardworking students, brought here as children by parents who only wished for a better life, are able to get the shot at success and the American dream that they so rightfully deserve."

Mr. Speaker, I agree wholeheartedly with Presidents Cabrera, DeGioia, Pollard, and Ralls. I invite my colleagues to read their thoughtful piece, and I urge them to take its message to heart.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF THE HONORABLE JAMES (JIM) MARTIN

**HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 2, 2017*

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I received the sad news earlier this week that the Honorable James (Jim) Martin passed away from this life at the age of 99, in Gadsden, Alabama. Jim Martin was not only a former member of this body, but he was the Congressman for the district of Alabama, which I now represent.

James Martin was born in Tarrant, Alabama on September 1, 1918, the son of a railroad engineer and school teacher. Martin attended school in a log cabin. After graduating high school in 1936, he attended a business college, and then started a job as a clerk at Pan-American Petroleum in Birmingham.

In 1941, shortly before America was drawn into World War II, Martin decided to join the U.S. Army. Martin served as a captain and was part of the American effort to liberate Europe from the Nazis.

Martin and his men liberated concentration camps and saw the horrors of war firsthand. In an interview with the Library of Congress, Martin said, "I'm not the same person I was before World War II."

After fighting in that war, he came back to Alabama and settled in the city of Gadsden. It was in Gadsden where he met his future wife Pat Huddleston.

It was in 1962, that Martin decided to enter politics. He challenged then U.S. Senator Lister Hill, the incumbent Democrat. Martin came within 6,000 votes of upsetting Hill.

Alabama voters elected Martin to the U.S. House of Representatives in November of 1964. Martin took office as the Member of Congress from Alabama's 7th Congressional District in 1965 which was the year I was born. He served one term, from January 1965 to January 1967.

To say that Congressman Martin was a trailblazer in Alabama politics is an understatement. His election in 1964 marked a change of course in a state that had been dominated by a single party for decades.

During his time in Congress, Martin worked diligently to represent the wishes and interests of his constituents back in Alabama. He was a great leader and one of those rare individuals who could convey his conservative message in words like few others.

In 1966, Martin chose not to seek reelection to Congress, but instead decided to seek the Governorship of Alabama. While Martin did not win the election against the wife of George Wallace, Lurleen Wallace, his showing was remarkable. Martin received more support than any Republican candidate for governor since Reconstruction.

Then in the 1990s, Martin served as Alabama's Conservation and Natural Resources director under Governor Fob James. Just as Martin had been a trailblazer in politics, he did the same during his time serving in this capacity.

Martin convinced the state to purchase Cathedral Caverns in Marshall County. It has since become a state park. He also started Alabama's Forever Wild Program. Its mission