

service to our committee and to our nation will not be forgotten.

May God bless Ray, and may He keep his wife Kristine and the rest of his family in His embrace.

IN HONOR OF GINNY STEESE
RICHARDSON

HON. MIKE KELLY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 16, 2018

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, today it is my distinct honor to recognize the dedicated career and community service of my constituent and dear friend, Ginny Steese Richardson of Mercer County, upon her retirement as the Treasurer of Mercer County, Pennsylvania. Ginny served the residents of Mercer County as Treasurer for 23 years, from 1994 until 2017.

Ginny has lived a lifetime of service to others. Her volunteer service and commitment to improving Mercer County and the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania began as a young girl growing up on a farm in Grove City, where she learned the value of a hard day's work and the importance of keeping one's word. Over the year's Ginny has been a member of the Mercer County Pomona Grange, the London Grange #1492, the Grove City Sportsmen's Club, the Grove City Kiwanis, the Grove City Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

One of Ginny's most valuable contributions to the Mercer County community has been her and her family's lifelong commitment to the Mercer County Grange Fair, where she has served as the secretary of the Fair Board for the last 30 years and has also served as the past chairman. Ginny has also served as the treasurer of the Mercer County Farm Tour.

In addition to her commitment to the business and agricultural communities of Mercer County, Ginny has served as the past secretary of the Mercer County Republican Party and is currently serving as the party Chairman. In this capacity, Ginny has helped many candidates on their path to victory with wise words of counsel.

While serving as the Mercer County Treasurer, Ginny was very active in the Pennsylvania State Treasurer's Association and was chosen by her peers to serve as the president of this organization. During her tenure she also served on the Dog Law Advisory Board.

I wish Ginny great success and happiness in her well-deserved retirement. I join her entire community in thanking her for her years of service.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE LIFE
AND MEMORY OF LYNDA CATH-
ERINE McDUGALD

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and service of Lynda Catherine McDougald, Lynda passed on De-

cember 25, 2017 at the age of 67, after a lifetime of dedication to the East Elmhurst and Corona communities of Queens. Lynda's dutiful efforts in Queens through her leadership positions at civic organizations of all kinds made her a role model and an inspiration to those around her, as well as a model citizen who represents the very best of what it means to be a member of our community. Lynda's experiences as an activist began in 1963 when her parents took her to the March on Washington, and soon after she participated in the first New York City Board of Education Sit-in. Thus, Lynda understood early in her life the power of community organization as an effective tool for bringing about real and righteous change.

In 1978 Lynda became one of the very first members of the Curtis Street Block Association, where she would eventually serve multiple terms as the association's president. Lynda also served several terms as president of both the East Elmhurst-Corona Civic Association and the Frederick Douglass Democratic Association. In addition to leading these influential groups during her life, Lynda was also an executive board member on the Community Planning Board #3 as well as the Jerome Hardeman Sr. Child Care Center board. Lynda was a participant of the 115th Precinct Council, a member of the Corona-East Elmhurst N.A.A.C.P. chapter, and a member of the Valley Brook Community Church Married Couples Ministry. Lynda was well known for her work within the Couples Ministry at the Antioch Baptist Church of Corona along with her husband of 40 years, Thomas McDougald.

Lynda grew up on 104th Street between Northern Boulevard and 32nd Avenue and began working at the age of 18 at the Equitable. She continued to work tirelessly in addition to her community involvements and finally retired in late 2016 from her position of Parent Coordinator at Thurgood Marshall High School. Lynda was perfectly suited for the position of Parent Coordinator, a job she performed with great care and love. With her abundant warmth and kindness, it is no surprise that she collected lifelong friends everywhere she went.

When Lynda and Thomas physically left the Queens community in 2016, moving to Laurel, Maryland to be closer to their children, there can be no doubt that our community lost an immense force for positive civic engagement. Unsurprisingly, within a year of living in Laurel Lynda was already attending local political and civic events and looking for ways to move forward in her commitment to public service, although accolades never factored into the reasons Lynda worked on behalf of those around her.

Lynda is survived by her husband, Thomas; daughters Alicia and Jennifer; son, Ruxton; granddaughter Aria; Son-in-law, Kenton; sisters Adrienne and Vivienne; nieces Larinda and Janeene; nephews Evan, Conrad, Marlon, Coby, and Keemen. Lynda was a woman of elegance, grace, joy, hope, charity, love, and action. Mr. Speaker, Lynda's lifelong commitment to serving her community and loving her family and so many friends was, and should continue to be, an inspiration to all of us. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and legacy of Lynda C. McDougald. May she rest in peace.

TRIBUTE TO GLORIA JEAN AND
GLENN BRENNAN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 16, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Gloria Jean and Glenn Brennan of Council Bluffs, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on December 2, 2017.

Gloria Jean and Glenn's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

RECOGNIZING RICKY LE

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 16, 2018

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ricky Le, who just concluded over five years as my chief of staff.

Ricky's story is truly an inspirational and American one. He was just four years old when his family fled communist Vietnam as refugees in a raft and came to the United States, seeking freedom and opportunity.

Ricky grew up in San Jose, California, raised by his parents Tan Xuan Le and Kim Phi Luu. With the help of a local mentor, he was the first in his family to go to college. With the help of scholarships and grants, he graduated from the University of California, Santa Cruz. As someone appreciative of the opportunities he was offered by our country, Ricky has devoted his career to public service.

He began by serving as an intern for my California colleague, Congresswoman ZOE LOFGREN, before assuming the role of scheduler and staff assistant. Following a break to earn a law degree from Santa Clara University School of Law, Ricky went back to Congresswoman LOFGREN'S office as a policy advisor and eventually deputy chief of staff. He also worked for her on the House Administration Committee and as executive director of the California Democratic Congressional Delegation.

His wealth of congressional experience, knowledge of California, and policy expertise is why I was grateful when Ricky agreed to be my chief of staff when I was first elected to Congress in 2012. He is believed to be the first Vietnamese American congressional chief of staff and has served as a mentor to dozens of congressional staffers from the Asian American and Pacific Islander community.

Ricky did a remarkable job in setting up my office. He assembled a great team, provided able counsel to me on the inner-workings of the House, and strived tirelessly to