

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF JEFF BELL

HON. PAUL D. RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Jeffrey L. Bell, an Army veteran and prominent conservative leader who passed away on February 10, 2018. I extend the deepest condolences of the whole House to the Bell family, most especially his wife, Rosalie, and their four children.

Jeff Bell's many contributions to politics and public policy date back half a century. He was a heavyweight in the conservative movement before it even was a movement. His ideas, and the passion with which he espoused them, paved the way for the Reagan Revolution. He was an integral part of President Reagan's campaigns, and worked with my mentor, Jack Kemp, to develop the policy agenda that would bring the nation great prosperity and end the Cold War.

His work spanned, and inspired, generations. Jeff ran for U.S. Senate in New Jersey twice, in 1978 and 2014. He published two influential books, in 1992 and 2012. To the last, he remained at the forefront, one of the most original voices for inclusive, aspirational conservatism.

Indeed, I count myself among the many who learned so much from this man. We first met in the early 1990s, and I have looked up to him ever since. Beyond the depth of his thinking, I was always struck by how decent and gracious Jeff was to everyone he encountered—the epitome of a happy warrior. It was such an honor to know him.

God bless the memory of Jeff Bell, the family that he loved so dearly, and this great country that he served so well and faithfully.

RECOGNIZING JAMES (JIM) BERNEY McMILLAN, JR. ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. James (Jim) Berney McMillan, Jr., on the occasion of his 90th Birthday. Jim is a longtime resident of and small business owner in Richmond, California.

Jim McMillan was the first African American student and graduate from the College of Pharmacy at Oregon State. He was the second African American Oregon State Graduate, after William Maxwell. When he enrolled in 1948, only one African American had graduated from Oregon State in any field. At that time, there were only two African Americans on the entire campus of about 6,000 students.

While at Oregon State, McMillan worked on trains traveling between Portland and Oakland during summers to support his college studies.

Jim moved to Berkeley after graduation because he found that no pharmacy in Portland, Oregon was willing to hire an African American pharmacist. In 1958, he opened McMillan's Pharmacy on 10th Street in Richmond, California. Jim ran McMillan's Pharmacy on Cutting Blvd. for 28 years, closing in 1996.

McMillan was elected to the Richmond City Council in 1982 and took his seat in early 1983. He served three consecutive terms, retiring in 1995.

Though he retired from the council in 1996, he has remained an active leader. He is a Golden Heritage and Lifetime member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, a founder of the Richmond Black American Political Action Committee, served on the Zhoushan China Sister City Commission, served on the Board of Directors of the West County Housing Corporation and volunteers on the Citizens Advisory Committee on toxic pollution for the Port of Richmond. Also served on the City of Richmond Library Commission.

I congratulate Jim on his lifetime of achievements and wish him the very best in the future.

HONORING THE LIFE AND DEDICATED SERVICE OF SHEILA OLSEN OF IDAHO FALLS

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance and celebration for a lady who spent her days on this Earth, serving her community.

Sheila Olsen, of Idaho Falls, passed away on Sunday, and she will be deeply missed. She was a patriot of this nation who made life better for those in my district, the state of Idaho, and this nation. Sheila was an inspiration to many in her community. Many looked to her as an example of enduring the difficulties of life, with optimism and joy. She was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1967 when she was pregnant with her fifth child. Although this provided many challenges to her health, she only increased in her desire to make this world a better place.

Sheila had a deep love for this nation. Her career in politics included a longtime member of the Idaho Republican Women, Republican Precinct committeewoman (30 years) and vice-chair and member of the Idaho Region VII Republican Party. She cultivated a keen understanding of what constituents needed in candidates, and how a candidate could fulfill such needs. Because of this knowledge, she played key roles in the campaigns of leaders such as; U.S. Senator MIKE CRAPO (1992,

2016), Governor Butch Otter (1994, 2006, 2010 and 2014), Superintendent Tom Luna (2006), U.S. Senator Larry Craig (1990), Governor Phil Batt (2002) and several others. She was currently serving as the Bonneville County coordinator for the Brad Little for Governor campaign.

For more than 20 years, Sheila held an annual Fourth of July flag-raising ceremony using the flagpole in her front lawn. Through the years this event attracted friends and family, local and statewide elected officials, and many others who wished to pay tribute to those who had given the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms.

Sheila had the ability to build bridges of friendship and engage in constructive discussions, with those of differing beliefs. Many times, Sheila united members of different faiths, to join together in humanitarian projects. She also served on the Executive Committee of the Greater Idaho Falls Public Affairs Council as a liaison between the media and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. She was frequently asked and entrusted to provide her insight and views to the media with regard to sensitive issues involving religion, faith and politics.

She was the recipient of numerous awards, including the President's Award, Community Human Rights Activist by Lockheed Martin, Service to Family Award by Brigham Young University, Exemplary Citizen by the Rotary Club, Woman of Distinction by Zonta, Who's Who in American Politics and National MS Mother of the Year by President George H.W. Bush.

Despite all of the awards and accolades that have come her way, Sheila will be remembered for the personal relationship that she built with anyone she came in contact with. Our nation is a better place because of Sheila Olsen.

Mr. Speaker, I send my condolences to Sheila's family and express my appreciation for the exceptional life she lived and the service she rendered in Idaho. On behalf of a grateful state, I honor her legacy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I was absent February 13, 2018, due to unforeseen circumstances. If I were present, I would have voted on the following:

Roll no. 71—H.R. 4979—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended: Yea.

Roll no. 70—H.R. 4533—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended: Yea.

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