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IN REMEMBRANCE OF LINDA BROWN, CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER, PILLAR OF COMMUNITY, AND LEAD PLAINTIFF IN LANDMARK BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION CASE THAT CHANGED AMERICA

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in remembrance of a civil rights icon, Linda Brown, a schoolchild who transformed the country.

Linda Brown was born on February 20, 1942, in Topeka, Kansas, to Leola and Oliver Brown.

As a schoolgirl Linda Brown, was at the center of the landmark U.S. Supreme Court case that rejected racial segregation in American schools.

Linda Brown was 9 years old in 1951 when her father, Oliver Brown, tried to enroll her at Sumner Elementary School, then an all-white school near her Topeka home.

When the school blocked her enrollment, Oliver Brown partnered with the NAACP and a dozen other plaintiffs to file a lawsuit against the Topeka Board of Education becoming the landmark Supreme Court case, of *Brown v. Board of Education*, 347 U.S. 483 (1954).

By the time of the ruling, Linda Brown was in junior high, a grade level that had been integrated before the 1954 court ruling.

Linda Brown went on to attend Washburn and Kansas State universities.

Linda Brown was always conscious of the importance of standing up for one's Constitutional rights.

Linda Brown realized that with rights, come responsibilities that is why Linda Brown toured the country telling her story and advocating for increased educational opportunity for all Americans.

Faith was also important to Linda Brown because as she knew as the gospel hymn goes, "we've come this far by faith."

While Linda Brown's faith and devotion could be found on display at St. Mark's African Methodist Episcopal Church, where she played piano and taught children how to play.

While Linda Brown's name will forever be a part of American civil rights history, her contributions to the community after the case should be remembered as part of her legacy.

Linda Brown continued to speak out against racial segregation and reopened the Topeka case with the American Civil Liberties Union in 1979, arguing that the district's schools still were not desegregated.

Linda Brown will be missed greatly, but her contributions to America will live on forever.

I ask the House to observe a moment of silence in memory of Linda Brown.

RECOGNIZING LINDA HOULDIN

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, today I posthumously recognize Linda Houldin of Newtown Square, Pennsylvania. Linda was a long-time resident of Delaware County and a pillar of her community.

She served as the Executive Director of the Delaware County Historical Society and co-founded the Delaware County Veterans Memorial. Linda's countless hours spent helping others left a profound and undeniable impact on everyone around her and the community she loved. She was a strong, passionate, and dedicated woman who touched many lives—particularly veterans, children, and society's most vulnerable.

Linda is to be inducted into the Delaware County Women's Commission Hall of Fame, and rightfully so. She showed us how an individual with energy and commitment to community can enrich the lives of friends and strangers alike.

Her absence will be felt by those who knew her and the many she helped through her generosity and service.

IN RECOGNITION OF CAMERON SMITH ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Cameron Smith of Maumee, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Cameron's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Naval Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2022. Attending one of our Nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of a lifetime.

Cameron brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2022. While attending Anthony Wayne High School in Whitehouse, Ohio, Cameron served as Student Council treasurer, secretary for the Interact Club, participated in National Honors Society and is ranked fifth in his class.

Throughout high school, Cameron performed in the All-Nationals Honor Band, Symphonic Winds, and OMEA All-State Honor Band. Cameron also served as an officer in the environmental club, is an Eagle Scout, and participated in the Spanish club. I am confident that Cameron will carry the lessons of his student and extra-curricular leadership to the Naval Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Cameron Smith on his offer

of appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Cameron will excel during his career at Naval Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

TRIBUTE TO LUCILLE AND RON JONES

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Lucille and Ron Jones of Afton, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on January 19, 2018.

Lucille and Ron's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies our Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th 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 60 years 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 and in wishing them both nothing but continued success.

HONORING JACQUELINE LINDA BLASDEL

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend, Jacqueline Linda Blasdel, who recently passed away at the age of 80 in Greensburg, Indiana.

Jackie married Bill Blasdel on September 27, 1963, and they moved to Greensburg, Indiana in 1968. Bill and Jackie were both very active in the community. Jackie's extraordinary civic leadership included service as president of the American Cancer Society, a founding member of both Tree County Players and Tree City Singers, board member of Tulip Trace Girl Scout Council, Vice Chair of the Decatur County Republican Party, and President of the Chamber of Commerce. Jackie was also a 30 year member of the United Methodist Church and a member of the Greensburg Wesleyan Church.

In 1974, Jackie started the WB Panel company with Bill, which was later incorporated with an industrial oven company to form Blasdel Enterprises. Jackie was the CEO for over 35 years. In 2007, she was awarded the Distinguished Hoosier Award from Governor Mitch Daniels and a state recognition from the Republican Party. In 2010, Jackie and Bill were recognized with the Greensburg Decatur County Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award.

I got to know Jackie during her time as Vice-Chair of the Republican Party. Jackie and