

Court judge for the District of Columbia, Luther Youngdahl. Stephen informally advised California Governor Jerry Brown and Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley and was appointed to the Los Angeles Police Commission, which he chaired before his judicial confirmation in 1980.

In 1979, Stephen was appointed by President Jimmy Carter as a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in California. The last of President Carter's appointments, Stephen would serve on the Ninth Circuit for 38 years and become the 6th longest serving judge in the Ninth Circuit's history.

Stephen's judicial philosophy was defined by his empathy for the underdog, authoring rulings that often sided with the most downtrodden of our citizens. Stephen described this empathy as being inspired by his relationship with his step-grandfather Max Reinhardt, a Jewish filmmaker who had fled the horrors of Nazi Germany and came to America. Some of Stephen's rulings were later reversed by the Supreme Court, but his steadfast dedication and commitment to creating a more just society never wavered. When asked if he was upset with the Supreme Court for overturning some of his decisions, Stephen replied, "Not in the slightest! If they want to take away rights, that's their privilege. But I'm not going to help them do it."

Stephen's vision of the law empowered the expansion of civil liberties and civil rights. He authored rulings designating California's overcrowding of prisons as unconstitutional, overturned a Washington state law prohibiting doctors from prescribing medication to help terminally ill patients die with dignity, and ruled that certain regulations and restrictions on a woman's ability to access healthcare services was unconstitutionally vague and imposed an undue burden on women.

Even though the publication *The Weekly Standard* would describe Stephen as "the liberal bad boy" of the federal judiciary, Stephen's critics admired his ability to transcend political differences and praised his legal reasoning. Stephen authored the ruling striking down California's Proposition 8, which banned same-sex marriages, writing that the ban "serves no purpose and has no effect, other than to lessen the status and human dignity of gays and lesbians in California, and to official reclassify their relationships and families as inferior to those of opposite-sex couples." The Supreme Court would recognize the right of marriage equality a year later.

Stephen is survived by his wife Ramona Ripston, the former director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California, his three children Mark, Justin, Dana, and seven grandchildren whom I hope take comfort in the way Stephen lived his life as a deeply thoughtful, compassionate and moral citizen. May his memory be a blessing to us all.

ISAAC NAFTZ

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 10, 2018*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Isaac Naftz for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Isaac Naftz is a student at Pomona High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Isaac Naftz is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Isaac Naftz for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING JIM MOYER

**HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 10, 2018*

Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Washington State University's (WSU) Associate Dean of Research, Jim Moyer on his retirement.

Jim grew up on a wheat farm near Walla Walla, WA. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in agronomy in 1971 from WSU and a Ph.D. in 1975 from The Pennsylvania State University. After a postdoctoral position at the University of California-Davis, he joined the Department of Plant Pathology at North Carolina State University (NCSSU) as an assistant professor in 1976. A renowned plant pathologist, Mr. Moyer has focused his research on virology—in particular, the population structure and dynamics of tospoviruses. He has made contributions to sweet potato pathology and cultivar development, was awarded a patent for fingerprinting ornamental plant cultivars and is involved in numerous national and international activities.

He has served as president of the American Phytopathological Society and is a fellow of that group. He received the Morrison Medal from the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service and the Alex Laurie Award from the national floral crop industry for his research contributions.

In 2013, Jim and his wife Mary returned to Pullman where he serves as Associate Dean of Research for WSU's College of Agricultural, Human and Natural Resource Sciences. In that position, he works closely with Washington's Congressional delegation to support the College's agriculture stakeholders, including securing funding for the newest College of Agriculture, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences (CAHNRS) facility the Plant Growth Facility. He worked with stakeholders around the state to support their research needs, testified before the House Agriculture Committee and led the College to the top in USDA research and development expenditures in FY 2016.

Over the course of his career, Jim has been a strong advocate for the agriculture community. His knowledge of the field has been vital to the success of the College. Jim's humble attitude and incredible work ethic speaks to his lasting impression throughout the community.

After retirement from WSU, Jim and Mary are staying in Pullman where they will work on

their farm and enjoy time with their children, Joe and his new wife Lauren, and their son Andrew. I would like to thank Jim for all he has done and wish him a happy retirement. And of course, Go Cougs.

TRIBUTE TO THE INDIANA MILITARY VETERANS HALL OF FAME

**HON. TODD ROKITA**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 10, 2018*

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great Hoosier organization, The Indiana Military Veterans Hall of Fame. On April 5, the organization held the dedication and grand opening of its memorial facility, the only one of its kind in the nation.

The Indiana Military Veterans Hall of Fame is a non-profit organization founded in 2013. Its mission is to publically emphasize the honor brought to our state and nation by the sacrifice of Indiana military veterans and their families. The memorial was built with funding provided by leaders of Indiana's credit unions across the state and their business partners with funds totaling over \$330,000, and stands near the Indiana Department of the American Legion on land that was once Fort Benjamin Harrison.

There are currently 161 Hoosiers who have been inducted into the Indiana Military Veterans Hall of Fame, including each of the 99 Medal of Honor recipients from Indiana, one U.S. President, three Indiana Governors, and one Indiana Supreme Court Justice. These brave men and women are not alone, they represent the tens of thousands of Hoosiers who have honorably served and made sacrifices for our country as members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard.

In 2014, I was honored to celebrate the beginning of what I believe will be a lasting legacy for our servicemen and servicewomen when the inaugural class was inducted into the Indiana Military Veterans Hall of Fame. At the time, the establishment of a permanent location to recognize the heroism and sacrifices of Indiana's men and women in our armed forces was but a vision. Today, this is a reality thanks to the tireless advocacy and work by the organization's Board of Directors, volunteers, and supporters. I would also like to recognize the Board Chairman, Colonel Russ Dowden, US Army (Ret.), for inviting me to participate in the project back in 2013 and for his unyielding support of the organization and our veterans.

I congratulate all of those who worked to make the Hall of Fame possible, and celebrate the American heroes who keep fight to preserve liberty and uphold our Constitution.

ALICIA SCHINDEWOLF

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 10, 2018*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Alicia Schindewolf for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.