

RECOGNIZING JOSEPH GRAUBART

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2018

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Joseph Graubart and his efforts investigating and researching cold case homicides. Mr. Graubart has rendered extraordinary service in these efforts, which have helped provide answers to relatives and communities in cases where official action has long ago been terminated.

Mr. Graubart, and his team of fellow volunteers, have relentlessly pursued answers, disclosure, and justice. Devoting thousands of hours to the public interest of not allowing homicide cases to be forgotten because they are old, cold, or related to corruption or organized crime. His efforts, lauded by local law enforcement, have shined a bright light on the coordinated efforts of organized crime and the relationship amongst over three dozen cold case homicides.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Joseph Graubart for his efforts in seeking truth and justice on behalf of victims, communities, and our nation.

HONORING RAYMOND RALPH
LOCHHEAD

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Raymond Ralph Lochhead and remember his rich and full life.

Mr. Lochhead was born in St. Louis, Missouri on April 28, 1923 and graduated from the California Institute of Technology. He founded the vanilla extraction and production company, R. R. Lochhead Manufacturing Co., in Paso Robles, California in 1963.

Mr. Lochhead was not only a businessman and entrepreneur. He was also a chemist, engineer, salesman, single-engine plane pilot and traveler. Mr. Lochhead frequently worked with his hands—he flew planes, fixed cars and built the house he lived in. He enjoyed skiing, fly fishing, sailing, hiking, photography, painting, singing and playing the piano.

The love of his life was Emilie, with whom he had five children—Guy, Louise, Carolyn, Josephine and Angus. Mr. Lochhead had eleven grandchildren—Raymond, Emilie, Louise, Angus, Rudy, Susannah, Jeanne, Jesse, Margaret, George and Henry and nine great-grandchildren. His family, including his brother James, were his life's driving force.

Mr. Speaker, Raymond Ralph Lochhead loved life deeply and was devoted to his family and his strong Mormon faith. He is an example of how passionately we should strive to live life. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

MASTER SERGEANT GERALD
HARMAN SPANN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Master Sergeant Gerald Harman Spann, United States Marine Corps, for his service to our country.

Master Sergeant Spann served in the United States Marine Corps from 1964 to 1968, enlisting with his brother, Donald, and serving for one year, two months, and eighteen days in country, in the Republic of Vietnam. From there, he served in the Colorado Army National Guard from 1975 to 1992, retiring at the rank of Master Sergeant. Gerald's military awards and decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnamese Service Medal with one device, the Vietnamese Campaign Medal with the 60 device, the USMC Good Conduct Medal, the Rifle and Pistol badges. After his military service, Gerald taught Industrial Arts Education in the Jefferson County School District, retiring in 1999. After completing a course of study at Emily Griffith Technical College studying clock repair, Gerald continues to work as a clock technician.

My office had the honor and privilege of getting to know Master Sergeant Spann and hearing about his experiences during a Vietnam War 50th Commemoration pinning ceremony in August 2017. In addition, Sergeant Spann's stories and that of his brothers will be submitted to the Library of Congress Veterans History Project (VHP), a congressionally chartered project to collect, preserve and make accessible personal accounts of American war veterans.

Master Sergeant Spann's courageous service has charted the path for future generations of men and women to serve in the military. I extend my deepest appreciation to Master Sergeant Spann for his dedication, integrity and outstanding service to the United States of America.

HONORING ORAMENTA NEWSOME

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the life of Oramenta Newsome, the vice president and executive director of the Washington, D.C. Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC DC), who passed away earlier this year at age 62.

Oramenta served in the LISC DC office for nearly 25 years, leading the organization's charge to improve the overall quality of life for District of Columbia residents. In particular, she was instrumental in ensuring that public, private and philanthropic resources were leveraged to create an environment where all D.C. residents—especially the homeless, elderly, low-income and youth—would thrive.

Oramenta came to Washington in the early 1990s. She spent several years at Enterprise Community Partners and then, in 1995, took a

leadership role with LISC DC as the program was seeking to expand its impact. As one of LISC's longest-serving executive directors, she was part of a group of leaders who sought innovative ways to connect investment capital to nonprofit vision at a time when there was still great skepticism about whether the formula could bring about real progress. She was also one of the country's first African American women to guide large-scale community development work.

Under Oramenta's leadership, LISC DC invested nearly \$285 million in affordable housing, economic development and jobs throughout the District. Specifically, LISC DC has helped create and preserve 10,000 units of affordable housing, nine arts and cultural facilities, eight health clinics, five early childhood education centers, 11 schools and youth centers as well as nearly two dozen other businesses and community facilities that have opened their doors in underserved D.C. neighborhoods.

As the economic market in D.C. began to trend upward, Oramenta strengthened LISC DC's commitment to vulnerable communities. In 2016, Newsome told the Washington Post that improving the quality of life in neighborhoods on the brink of gentrification should be a priority. Indeed, she said she wanted to "make sure that people with modest incomes have a fighting chance to stay and remain there and enjoy all the goodies that are on the way."

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating Oramenta Newsome's humble and reverent service to D.C. and to extend deepest condolences to her beloved husband of 22 years, Wallace, and her siblings, nieces, nephews, friends and admirers.

TRIBUTE TO STEVE ELKINS

HON. LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of my colleagues Senator TOM CARPER and Senator CHRIS COONS of Delaware, to honor and congratulate Steve Austin, a Delaware Fire Service veteran and recipient of the Congressional Fire Services Institute's (CFSI) 2018 Mason Lankford Fire Leadership Award.

A selfless citizen, Steve served the people of Newark in one of the state's largest volunteer fire companies after joining the fire service in 1963. His willingness to help others has been a source of comfort to Delawareans experiencing times of overwhelming loss and tragedy. Steve's sacrifice and volunteer spirit is a testament to his character.

Steve's work was essential to the formation of the CSFI in 1989 and since then, he has dedicated his life to advancing the health and safety of firefighters across the nation for more than three decades. His life-long passion is evident in his founding of the Emergency Responder Safety Institute and Delaware Chapter of International Arson Investigators. Steve has been a powerful advocate at the local, state and federal level on issues that affect the ability of first responders to safely resolve dangerous situations and continue living a long, healthy life.