

Fourth Congressional District's northwest counties, is the result of collaborative efforts by the Mulberry River Society, U.S. Forest Service, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, and the Arkansas Canoe Club.

The resulting restoration will allow the Mulberry River to continue as a recreation spot for residents and visitors alike for decades to come. I congratulate the Mulberry River Society on its restoration and look forward to marking the occasion in person on Friday, April 20, 2018 at its 50th Anniversary Celebration of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act on the banks of the Mulberry River.

TRIBUTE TO LOREN LONG

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Loren Long. Loren was recently awarded the Greenfield Lion of the Year Award.

As a member of the Lion's organization for many years, Loren has worked tirelessly behind the scenes. He has dedicated his time to ensuring the organizations success in his community, whether it was working cleanup after events or getting the word out about upcoming community events. Loren, along with his wife Mary, are also the owners of Long's Market in Greenfield.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Loren for receiving this outstanding award and I am proud to represent him in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Loren and in wishing him nothing but continued success.

ISRAELI INDEPENDENCE IS 70 YEARS OLD

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this week Israelis celebrate 70 years of independence and success against all odds. In Israel, independence day is celebrated the day after the entire country solemnly remembers its fallen soldiers and victims of terrorism.

The mingling of memorial and celebration in Israel is rooted in the country's history: from the very moment of its founding, Israel's enemies have tried time and again to wipe the Jewish state off the map.

Israel was established in 1948 as a refuge for the Jewish people, after generations of oppression in all corners of the earth. After over 2,000 years of exile, Holocaust survivors and persecuted Jews from Muslim lands miraculously returned to their ancient homeland to forge a new future together.

These refugees went on to make the desert blossom and establish a prosperous, industrious, and free nation. Today, Israel stands as a stalwart American ally and an outpost of freedom and democracy in a region plagued with tyranny and fear.

So today, we congratulate Israel for 70 years of defying the odds and tell the Israeli

people: The United States will always stand by their side.

And that's just the way it is.

TRIBUTE TO ZELL MILLER

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, given the recent passing of former Georgia Governor and United States Senator Zell Miller, I include in the RECORD reflections of my dear friend and mentor, former Congressman Jack T. Brinkley of Columbus, Georgia, entitled "The Influence of Peach Tarts." Zell Miller, Jack Brinkley, and Guy Sharpe, distinguished men of great service and accomplishment, were Phi Chi Champion Debaters at Young Harris College.

Their accomplishments bring to mind what the English poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow once wrote: "The heights by great men reached and kept were not attained by sudden flight, but they, while their companions slept, were toiling upward in the night."

THE INFLUENCE OF PEACH TARTS

"The faintest flutter of a butterfly's wings may result in a hurricane one hundred years hence."—Unknown

Behind our rural home in Bettstown, Georgia, we had a small barn-like structure which we called the corn crib. It had a fine tin top which got blazing hot in the summer time. Daddy stored wagon loads of his corn crop in the crib, and that is where a huge, orange colored rat snake lived and thrived. It looked after the rats nicely and would always frighten us children when we played among the ears of corn.

We had a peach tree nearby, and mother used to gather peaches and slice them for drying on top of the corn crib. She would place cloth beneath them and above them, and the preservation process didn't take all that long.

After they dried out she kept them in a flour sack in our shed room, and we would often eat some of them out there. Mother was ahead of her time, considering the dried fruit industry of today.

Also, equally important in the process, she would make peach tarts, and they had a wonderful, tree ripened, robust taste. To eat one was to crave another one.

Our family had little to offer at a Franklin Baptist Church social at Betts' Mill pond one night, and mother decided to make a huge platter of peach tarts.

Mr. Frank Betts was the taciturn owner and operator of the grist mill there and a man of few words. That night he smacked his lips and asked, "Who was it that brought the peach tarts?" Miss Ollie, his utterly remarkable wife, answered him, "Pauline, did."

The Pauline of whom she spoke was my mother Pauline Spearman Brinkley, and with the peach tarts she set in motion an incredible and providential chain of events for me.

My daddy left home, and my mother kept the family together, riding the school bus with us and working at the lunchroom. The community was there for us as well, and Frank Betts came to our rescue by loaning us a Milk Cow and calf for our use during those hard times.

Mother showed me how to milk the cow, and it was as natural to me as breathing. On cold winter days I would rest my head on the

warm flank of old Muley and milk with both hands with the pail between my knees. "If you done it," said Dizzy Dean, the famous baseball player, "It ain't braggin'!" I did become very good at milking.

Upon graduation from high school the next year, my uncle Devon Brinkley, told me of a college where you could work a quarter and go to school a quarter. It was Young Harris College, where the outstanding Cathy Cox of Bainbridge would many years later become president, and the president at that time, Hon. Walter Downs, accepted my application to go.

Mother polished my shoes and off I went without money but with determination. When I got to Young Harris, I lived in the dormitory with the other students and ate with them in the wonderful dining hall.

And now, as Paul Harvey would say, for the rest of the story.—My work that first summer was at the college dairy, and providentially I knew how to milk a cow, how to do the work and how to do it well.

While at Young Harris I became of Phi Chi Champion Debater with Zell Miller and Guy Sharpe, and from there became a teacher, a USAF pilot during the Korean war, a lawyer, a United States Congressman and a trustee of the college. Like old Dizzy Dean said . . .

Today there is a Pauline Spearman Brinkley Memorial Highway just up the road from where mother made the peach tarts which our beloved Frank Betts liked so well. Was that possibly in the back of his mind when he loaned us old Muley? Actually, he and Miss Ollie did that as the Christian friends which they were, but the peach tarts surely set the stage in a young boy's mind.

Never underestimate the power and influence of peach tarts.

HONORING WAYS AND MEANS STAFF DIRECTOR DAVID STEWART

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize a good friend, a trusted policy adviser and by every measure, one of the very best to ever serve the Ways and Means Committee and the House, Mr. David Stewart.

David began his Congressional journey in 2000 when he came to intern for Ways and Means Committee Member Congressman Phil English. Over his career as a staffer, David became a trusted voice on policy for Speaker John Boehner, Speaker PAUL RYAN, and two and a half years ago to me when he joined the Ways and Means Committee as staff director.

This past year, with David's steady leadership, and immutable resolve we were able to pass the first tax reform in a generation that's boosted our economy and helped so many families.

David's focus has always been on making lives better for all Americans, and I stand here today to tell him job well done. David is a selfless public servant, who has sacrificed time away from his family—his wife Betsy and his daughters Grace and Poppy and has served his nation well.

To say David works hard is an understatement. Once when he was asked how many hours he works per week, David replied simply with "a lot." This also shows David's witty and wry sense of humor that has always made busy days brighter.