

IN RECOGNITION OF LIEUTENANT
COMMANDER RYAN CHAMBERLAIN

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Lieutenant Commander Ryan Chamberlain on his separation from the United States Navy after 12 years of faithful service to our country. An esteemed and respected member of the U.S. Navy, Lieutenant Commander Chamberlain most recently served as a Liaison in the Navy's U.S. House of Representatives Liaison Office. In this capacity, he oversaw and led many Congressional and staff delegations to naval installations throughout the United States and around the world. These trips helped members and their staffs achieve a greater understanding of the issues facing our Navy and its Sailors.

LCDR Chamberlain attended Southern Illinois University where he earned a bachelor's degree in Aviation Management and was commissioned as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy in 2006. He would later go on to earn his "wings of gold" and qualify as a Naval Aviator in 2008. LCDR Chamberlain deployed on both the USS *Nimitz* and USS *John C. Stennis* in support of operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. He has accumulated more than 1,400 flight hours and 300 carrier arrested landings in the F/A-18E Super Hornet. Prior to joining us here on the Hill, LCDR Chamberlain served as a Blue Angel from 2012 to 2016. An estimated 11 million spectators view the Navy's Flight Demonstration squadron during air shows each year. Additionally, the Blue Angels visit more than 50,000 people per show season at schools and hospitals across the country.

LCDR Chamberlain's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal—Strike Flight (two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards), and other personal, campaign, and service ribbons.

As LCDR Chamberlain embarks on a new chapter in life, it is my hope that he may recall, with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment, the outstanding contributions he has made to the United States Navy. I would like to send him my best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors.

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HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize legendary Civil War historian Edwin "Ed" Bearss. Mr. Bearss will be honored next month by the General Meade Society of Philadelphia for his contributions to Civil War history.

Ed's interest in the Civil War began at an early age. As a young man in Billings, Mon-

tana, Ed grew up listening to the stories of Civil War veterans in his home town. Following in their footsteps, he enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1942. He would participate in the Guadalcanal and Russell Islands campaigns before suffering a near-fatal wound in the Battle of Cape Gloucester. After a two year long recovery process, Ed left Montana to pursue higher education. He received his bachelor's from Georgetown University before earning a master's degree in history from Indiana University.

After several years working for the United States Hydrographic Office, a visit to the Shiloh Battlefield inspired Ed to make a career change. Beginning in 1955 as a park historian at the Vicksburg National Military Park, he quickly gained a reputation as an engaging and theatrical battlefield guide. His research led to the 1956 discovery of the USS *Cairo*, a Union ironclad gunboat sunk during the Yazoo Pass Expedition. Ed would later be elevated to Chief Historian of the National Park Service, a position he would hold from 1981 to 1995. Following his retirement, Ed received the title of Chief Historian Emeritus.

The General Meade Society of Philadelphia is only the latest organization to recognize Ed for his work. His honors include the Harry S. Truman Award for Meritorious Service in the field of Civil War History, the Department of the Interior's Distinguished Service Award, and the American Battlefield Trust's Lifetime Achievement Award. Most impressively, despite turning 95 in June, Ed continues to lead battlefield tours to this day.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that all of my colleagues join me in honoring Ed Bearss on receiving this important honor.

REMEMBERING THE DESEGREGA-
TION OF STRATFORD HIGH
SCHOOL IN NASHVILLE, TEN-
NESSEE

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Stratford High School and the Nashville community on the 55th anniversary of the school's desegregation. On that remarkable day, four twelve-year-old girls courageously walked into Stratford High School prepared to change history and open the doors of opportunity for all.

The lessons of Nashville's involvement in the Civil Rights Movement are still teaching us how to build a more perfect union. In a 1960 speech in Nashville, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "I came to Nashville not to bring inspiration, but to gain inspiration from the great movement that has taken place in this community." Equal access to quality education, like that provided at Stratford, is vital to growing leaders who will inspire generations to come.

In 1963, just a few days after Dr. King was murdered, Bernadine Price Rabathaly, Beverly Page Ward, Brenda Harris Haywood, and Pamela Franklin walked into school and were greeted with hate. With the help, encourage-

ment, and protection of the school's Assistant Principal, Ronald Webb, the students overcame obstacles that no students should face and helped change our nation forever.

As we reflect on the past, let us remember and thank these heroic individuals for their relentless efforts in making our community a stronger place, and realize we still have a lot of work to do.

RECOGNIZING MRS. JUNE LUCILLE
DOWELL ROUSEY

HON. JAMES COMER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mrs. June Lucille Dowell Rousey who is celebrating her 90th birthday today. A resident of Casey County in the First District of Kentucky, she grew up in a household where everyone was welcome around the table and where compassion and love of family were treasured values. Mrs. Rousey spent her childhood working in the family store where she learned the value of hard work and serving others.

In March of 1947 she married Mr. Robert Rousey, a member of the U.S. Navy who would later become President of the Casey County Bank. Together they had three children—Barbara, Connie, and Barry—who brought them many joyous occasions and a lively extended family. She spent her time teaching Sunday School, serving as a 4-H leader, and a devoted homemaker and mother who viewed her home as a gathering place for all those who needed a loving presence. Mrs. Rousey also began to manage her parents' store—then Dowell's Furniture—which still operates in downtown Liberty under the supervision of her youngest son, Barry. Throughout her marriage to Robert she was a devoted and loving wife who steadfastly cared for her husband throughout his bouts of illnesses before his passing. Mrs. Rousey always enjoyed vacationing and being outdoors with her family, leading her and Robert to build a cabin at the old Rousey homeplace in Butchertown. Together they forged trails, collected and planted wildflowers, and created a family retreat which they shared with school groups, their church, and their fellow community members. This location continues to be a haven for gatherings and events where their loving legacy lives on.

Mrs. Rousey stays active as a member of the Casey County Explorers Hiking Group and continues to travel internationally and domestically with tour groups. At the age of 80, she even rode in a hot air balloon. She is an active member of the First Christian Church, maintains her garden, continues to investigate health issues and keeps up with current events. She enjoys attending family events and stays busy with the many weddings, graduations, plays, and birthdays of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Rousey is a treasured member of the local community and I join with her family and friends to celebrate this milestone birthday. I hope the upcoming year is filled with family, friends, and many blessings for her.