

his wonderful dinners, which were more like Enlightenment-inspired salons. When he spoke of life, he often used the examples of his wonderful children who have led such eclectic lives, and of his loving wife Suzanne, a gifted and celebrated nurse whose devoted care so eased his passing. And when he spoke of law, he cited Samuel von Pufendorf as much as John Marshall. He was familiar with legal giants who may be unfamiliar to many today, but whose legal principles breathe life into law. And Doug loved the law. He understood its history and structure, and its role in shaping the duties of both legislators drafting statutes and citizens living under them. He kept with him the spirit that governed when he first joined the House Legislative Counsel's Office, a time when legislative counsels worked more directly with Members, away from the cameras, to engage in robust debates that plumbed fathoms deeper and miles wider than today's media often allows."

Doug lived a full, appreciative life, with the understanding that the good life is a moral one. He was also a devout poet. He penned these lines, which were printed for his memorial service:

What good God gives to us we dimly know
While guile besets our fates and tempests brood

While ignorance still reigns and harsh winds blow;

Where envy breeds in brackish waters' flood,
We sink beneath the waves and gasp for air.
Yet unseen pipers dart upon the sand,
And still bright Sun illuminates Ocean's lair
And bold strong waves still seek th'untested land.

For grace that knows no limits us pursues,
And gathers us within God's loving arms,
Surprises us with what we cannot lose,
And brings us strange but not uncertain charms.

What love God has for us we can but feel,
So too our love by loving prints its seal.

—Douglass Bellis

It is with the utmost respect, and on behalf of generations of committee Members and staff, that we include in the RECORD this tribute in memory of Douglass Bellis.

HONORING KIWANIS GOVERNOR JOHN "HANK" BAKER AND FIRST LADY BONNIE BAKER

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2018

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Kiwanis Governor John "Hank" Baker and his wife, First Lady Bonnie Baker. During their leadership tenures, Governor and First Lady Baker have upheld Kiwanis International's mission of improving the lives of underserved children and adults throughout New York state.

Kiwanis International is an organization committed to serving underprivileged children and adults throughout the world. As they conduct their service projects, Kiwanis focuses on fighting hunger, teaching verbal and written communication, and setting children on a path to success. Governor and First Lady Baker have spearheaded many such initiatives during their Kiwanis careers.

As Governor, Mr. Baker has championed the participation of military children at Kamp

Kiawanis in Taberg, NY. At Kamp Kiawanis, children are presented the opportunity to participate in a variety of outdoor activities, as well as learn the qualities of leadership and fairness. Additionally, Governor Baker has opened two Aktion Clubs, which aim to teach individuals with disabilities the skills necessary to succeed.

During her current tenure as First Lady, Ms. Baker has established a supply drive called Krafts for Kamp. Under the First Lady's leadership, volunteers will be working with all New York Kiwanis districts to secure the supplies needed to support Kamp Kiawanis arts and crafts activities next year. First Lady Baker has long been active in Kiwanis, serving as Lieutenant Governor of the Niagara Frontier division prior to becoming First Lady.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in recognizing John and Bonnie Baker's contributions to the New York District of Kiawanis. Their commitment to serving individuals in need and passion for philanthropy is a standard all should look up to. I applaud their efforts in New York, as well as the work of Kiwanis International throughout the world.

HONORING THE 70TH BIRTHDAY OF PAT POPRIK

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2018

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to recognize a dear friend, trusted partner, and community icon who is celebrating her 70th birthday this month.

Pat Poprik continues to work tirelessly to improve the lives of all Bucks County residents. For decades, she championed the virtues of limited government, individual freedom, and liberty for all people of this great nation.

For the past four decades, Pat has provided wisdom and mentorship for Pennsylvania Republicans, rising to become the party's state treasurer. Her work culminated in her current position as chairwoman of the Bucks County Republican Party, where her deep understanding of local issues and community concerns has delivered lasting, positive results for our community.

It is hard to name anyone who works harder or is more connected to Bucks County than Pat. On behalf of a grateful, civic minded community, I wish Pat a very happy birthday.

RECOGNIZING CHIEF ERWIN ROY OLNEY

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2018

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the distinguished life and distinguished career of 100-year-old Chief Erwin Roy Olney of Burlington, Washington.

Chief Olney is a World War II and Korean War U.S. Navy veteran who served in Dutch Harbor, Alaska; Honolulu; and New York City.

He enlisted at 17 on August 4, 1936. He was discharged in October 1941, but re-enlisted in December, 1941, after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

While in Dutch Harbor, he shot down a Japanese Zero fighter plane. The recovered plane helped U.S. engineers understand their enemy and improve U.S. fighters at a critical time in the war.

Chief Olney retired in 1956 with more than 20 years of service. His rank at retirement was Chief Aviation Machinist Mate.

On October 11, 2018, Chief Olney turned 100 years old.

He is a patriot and deserves to be honored not just for this milestone birthday but also for his commitment to this country.

During the month of his 100th birthday, I rise to recognize and thank Chief Olney.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSH GOTTHEIMER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2018

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, I was absent from floor votes on September 12, 2018, due to a loss in my immediate family. I was unable to cast my vote on roll call No. 394 through No. 396.

Had I been present to vote on roll call No. 394, I would have voted 'YEA'.

Had I been present to vote on roll call No. 395, I would have voted 'YEA'.

Had I been present to vote on roll call No. 396, I would have voted 'YEA'.

HONORING JOANNE SANTANDREA WITH CALIFORNIA'S THIRD DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2018

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Joanne Santandrea as a woman of the year. She has always taken it upon herself to be there when others need it most. As a radiology technologist at Adventist Health Clearlake, she is a committed healthcare professional always focused on the wellbeing of her patients. When fires have torn through her community, she has been on the front lines of ensuring that those affected receive proper medical care and supplies. Whether it's been the Valley Fire, Ranch Fire, or Pawnee Fire, she has gone above and beyond to meet all the pressing challenges and desperate needs that arise. An active member, secretary, and treasurer for the Clearlake Oaks Women of the Moose, Chapter 1691, she has been an indispensable resource for the organization. Whether changing dressings and checking vital signs, arranging for a truckload of food to be delivered to Lake County from her former church, or making hundreds of dinners for evacuees, Ms. Santandrea demonstrates her compassion and generosity daily. Her engaging personality and commitment to professionalism enable her to bridge divides and affect positive change in the lives of those she seeks to serve. Others are quick to note that she is amongst the most generous, caring, and helpful of people that they have had the pleasure of knowing. Ms. Santandrea is a true