

TRIBUTE TO LLOYDINE AND LEO CASH

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 2, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Lloydine and Leo Cash of Council Bluffs, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on October 9, 2018.

Lloydine and Leo's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 70th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 70th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

HONORING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jefferson County, Missouri, created on December 8, 1818 by an "Act of the Territory," uniting portions of St. Louis and Ste. Genevieve Counties. It was named for our nation's third president, Thomas Jefferson, the father of the Louisiana Purchase which included the land that became Missouri. Jefferson County's earliest settlers were French and they settled along the area's many waterways that include the Mississippi River, the Meramec River and the Big River.

Jefferson County is home to sites where archeologists say mastodons roamed 12,000 years ago. Lead shot made in the county was used in the War of 1812 and there are 10 sites in Jefferson County on the National Register of Historic Places. Historical societies in local cities are dedicated to preserving their history with a county museum established in Festus as part of the 200th birthday celebration.

With its rich history and promise of progress, Jefferson County is a treasure that continues to be a vital part of Missouri's economy and future growth. I am proud to congratulate Jefferson County on its bicentennial today before the United States House of Representatives.

HONORING ELTA BARBER WITH CALIFORNIA'S THIRD DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Elta Barber as a woman of the year. She is committed to serving those in need both in her community and around the world. When she realized that her community lacked constructive activities for young people, she took the initiative to organize the "Youth Explosion" event. In coordination with other community leaders and faith-based organizations,

she put on this quarterly program which gives youth in her community an opportunity to showcase their talents. Thanks to her dedication to this project, over 100 young people participate in this program each quarter.

Ms. Barber's advocacy for young people extends beyond her community into the rest of the world. She is a founding member of a program providing outreach and support to an orphanage in Africa. Each year she works with other community leaders to host "To Tanzania with Love," a fundraiser which helps provide crucial educational supplies and other essentials to children living in an orphanage in Tanzania. She has provided devoted support to this organization as a member of the Board of Trustees for over 26 years. Ms. Barber is a skilled and passionate advocate who is an inspiration to volunteers and leaders throughout her community.

RECOGNIZING JACKIE RIPPERT

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an educator in Bucks County, Pennsylvania who recently became a finalist in a national education grant contest.

Jackie Rippert, a teacher at Neshaminy High School in Langhorne, becomes one step closer to the \$100,000 education grant that is sponsored to fund meaningful projects in local schools and communities.

If selected, Jackie plans on creating a "living classroom" that enables students to grow plants and cultivate produce. This is particularly beneficial for food pantries, who will benefit from the vegetables grown. It will also serve as a hands-on learning experience for students with special needs to gain valuable life skills.

I applaud Jackie for her dedication to her students and our community. I wish her all the best in her quest for this important grant.

TRIBUTE TO BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Iowa which is celebrating 50 years of service to Des Moines and central Iowa area. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Iowa was established in 1968 and continues to have an important impact on the lives of children and families.

The Big Brothers movement started in New York City in 1904. The Ladies of Charity, which befriended girls, formed around the same time. Both groups worked independently until 1977 when they joined forces to create Big Brothers Big Sisters. Big Brothers Big Sisters operates under the belief that inherent in every child is the ability to succeed and thrive in life. The Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Iowa have been helping children reach their potential and realize new opportunities for their future. The overwhelming community support from volunteers, donors, and advocates is a true testament of their success.

Mr. Speaker, I commend and congratulate Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Iowa for their many years of dedicated and devoted service to children of Des Moines and Central Iowa. The Big Brothers Big Sisters staff and volunteers make a real difference by helping

and serving others. It is with great honor that I recognize them today. I know that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in applauding their accomplishments and I wish them and staff continued success in the future.

CELEBRATING HALL COUNTY'S BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 2, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 200th anniversary of my home, Hall County, Georgia.

Hall County is Northeast Georgia's center for banking, industry, and health care. It was established on December 15, 1818 by the state legislature and was named in honor of Lyman Hall. Hall was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence and served as a physician and Georgia governor.

In its two-century history, Hall County has become home to many great attractions, including Lake Lanier, which has brought millions of visitors to the area. Any discussion of Hall County begins with chicken, as Gainesville is the poultry capital of the world. Jesse Jewell, a Gainesville native, pioneered the vertically integrated poultry farming method that revolutionized the industry. Flowery Branch is home to the training complex of the Atlanta Falcons. Lula, the hometown of my wife, Lisa, is a heritage-minded community that welcomes the annual Railroad Days each spring.

From north to south, east to west, those who call Hall County home know just how special it is from the beautiful lake to the foot-hills of Hall County area, where I was raised and still call home. I celebrate Hall County's two centuries of rich history and wish the citizens generations of success that last long into the future.

TRUE HERO: SPECIALIST FIFTH CLASS CLARENCE E. SASSER

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor the heroism of Specialist Fifth Class Clarence E. Sasser of the United States Army. Specialist Fifth Class Clarence E. Sasser was a private in the 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division when he earned the U.S. military's highest decoration, the Medal of Honor, for his selfless and courageous acts on January 10, 1968, during the Vietnam War. As a combat medic in Vietnam, Specialist Sasser served our country above and beyond the call of duty. He is a hero among us.

Clarence Eugene Sasser was born in 1947 in Chenango, Texas. Sasser was studying chemistry as a part-time student at the University of Houston when he was drafted in 1967. Sasser completed a ten week course at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio to be a medical aid man. The 20 year old went to Vietnam in September 1967, assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division. The division was sent to the Mekong Delta, in southwestern Vietnam.

As the medic for 1st Platoon, Company A, Sasser would accompany the unit when it left base camp to go on patrols, missions or night-time ambushes. On January 10, 1968, what Sasser considers "the longest day of his life",

his company was on the third day of their search and destroy mission when Company A was sent out in 12 helicopters to a large, flooded rice paddy. The lead helicopter was hit with enemy fire and crashed, so the rest landed. More than 30 Americans were either immediately killed or wounded. Upon stepping off the helicopter, Sasser was shot through his right leg.

Since the rice paddy was flooded with mud and water, Sasser found it easier to grab tufts of grass and rice plants to pull himself and glide through the paddy to render medical aid. It was faster than trying to walk, and being low made him less exposed to enemy fire. Sasser pulled one man to safety near an embankment that provided some cover and was going back when mortar fire landed about five feet from him, and shrapnel struck his back and left side just as he reached cover. Despite these injuries in addition to his legs being immobilized from injury, Sasser continued sliding through the rice paddy to answer fallen infantry soldiers calling for "Doc".

Into the afternoon and through the night, Sasser treated injuries until his supplies ran out, then continued going to soldiers calling for help when all he could offer was emotional support. Army helicopters were finally able to come into the area and the platoons were evacuated about 4 a.m., 18 hours after they first arrived in the rice paddy.

President Richard Nixon presented 21 year old Sasser with the Medal of Honor on March 7, 1969, "for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty," according to the medal citation. "It's confirmation to me that I did my job. And that's how I had to deal with it," Sasser said in an interview in 2011. "It was my job, and I don't think what I did was above and beyond. I never have."

Following his military service, he attended Texas A&M University on a scholarship offered by then President James Earl Rudder in August 1969. After attending Texas A&M, he began working at an oil refinery for more than five years before going on to work at the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to continue to serve his country. On November 7, 2013, he was the eighth Texas Aggie to be added to Texas A&M University's Medal of Honor Hall of Honor. During his speech at the ceremony, Sasser said "I am particularly proud that my Medal of Honor is for saving lives and not taking lives."

Specialist Sasser is also honored at the Brazoria County Courthouse in Angleton, Texas for his outstanding bravery. On Veterans' Day 2010, he was memorialized into the 40 foot "Ring of Honor" with a life-size portrait bronze sculpture of Sasser in a crouched run, carrying his medic bag while in action.

Of the 246 Medals of Honor awarded during the Vietnam War, 20 were given to black servicemen. Of the 53 Vietnam War-era recipients still living, Sasser is the only black veteran.

Mr. Speaker, we continue to honor Specialist Sasser for his sacrifice and heroic efforts. He is a true warrior who went above and beyond, risking his own life to save others. We must ensure that our country's veterans are not forgotten and are given due recognition of their bravery and sacrifice.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING DOROTHY JOHNSON WITH CALIFORNIA'S THIRD DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI
OF CALIFORNIA
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Friday, November 2, 2018

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dorothy Johnson as a woman of the year. She has spent her career as an educator and established a reputation for her dedication to community service. She serves on the executive board of the Solano County Retired Teachers Association, working to support measures that advance the financial security of retired educators and further safeguarding the state's commitment to these educators. Dorothy is an active voice in pressing for issues affecting teachers and the public education system. She is instrumental in supporting the educational needs in her community and beyond. As a teacher for the Department of Defense Dependent Schools and the Department of Defense Education Activity, Dorothy has served and taught the children of military service members at the American military bases in Germany, Japan, and Taiwan. Additionally, she generously volunteers her time to help members of her community who are in need by supporting toy drives, fundraisers, and assisting the Vacaville Police Department during their community outreach events. Dorothy Johnson's generosity and volunteerism are an example for future leaders and her work has been vital in strengthening her community and supporting Solano County residents of all ages.

TRIBUTE TO CINDY LUNDY

HON. DAVID YOUNG
OF IOWA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 2, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Cindy Lundy of Adair, Iowa for being selected as Guthrie County's 2018 inductee into the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame.

Cindy has served as 4-H leader in Guthrie County for 25 years. She has assisted with community service projects such as cleaning up yards, sewing receiving blankets, and collaborating with other 4-H clubs to provide activities during holidays and town celebrations. She has served on the Youth Committee Board as a Static Exhibit judge, Livestock Judging Committee, and the Food Stand Committee. She is also active with her school district and church.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by Cindy demonstrates the rewards of harnessing one's talents and sharing them with the world. Her efforts embody the Iowa spirit and I am honored to represent her, and Iowans like her, in the United States Congress. I know that all my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Cindy Lundy for her achievement and wish her nothing but continued success.

HONORING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF WAYNE COUNTY, MISSOURI

HON. JASON SMITH
OF MISSOURI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 2, 2018

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the bicentennial birthday of Wayne County, Missouri in the beautiful foothills of the Ozarks. It was originally known as the "Great State of Wayne" because when it was established, it was bigger than some states and it was consolidated before Missouri even became a state.

Wayne County was officially organized on December 11, 1818, named for Revolutionary War General "Mad" Anthony Wayne. Among its pioneer settlers are the families of Bollinger, Limbaugh, Seabaugh, Miller, Slinkard and the descendants of Francis Clark, who settled the Piedmont area in 1803. Civil War battles were fought there and General William Hardee headquartered his Union Army in what is now the county seat of Greenville.

Once home to 90 one-room school houses, Wayne County now boasts two thriving consolidated public school districts and 13,341 residents. Wayne County welcomes visitors to explore its outdoor playgrounds at Lake Wappapello, the Mingo Wildlife Refuge and Clearwater Lake.

It is my great privilege to congratulate the people of Wayne County as they mark 200 years of pride and progress today before the United States House of Representatives.

HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEWTOWN ATHLETIC CLUB

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 2, 2018

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the 40th anniversary of a business in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, that promotes the health and wellbeing of our community, the Newtown Athletic Club.

On Saturday, November 3, 2018, the Newtown Athletic Club will host a night of celebration and camaraderie. This evening will seek to celebrate physical and mental wellness, along with raising awareness and funding for ALS research through the organization's partner charity, the NAC Have a Heart Foundation. To date, the NAC Have a Heart Foundation has raised nearly \$2 million to find a cure for this disease.

I applaud the leadership of Newtown Athletic Club owner and NAC Have a Heart founder, Jim Worthington, for his generosity and advocacy. Jim truly embodies community service and active citizenship. I'd also like to recognize Matt Bellina, whose activism on behalf of the ALS community is deeply inspiring.

The Newtown Athletic Club is more than just a facility; it is a cherished institution here in Bucks County. I appreciate all the Newtown Athletic Club has contributed to our home, and wish all members, management, and staff my heartiest congratulations on its 40th anniversary.