

bells of Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church rang to celebrate emancipation. Under the pastorate of David Laney, most notably, the distinguished Gothic Revival structure of the Church was constructed. The Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church is not only the oldest African-American congregation in the state of Georgia, but also bears the distinct honor of being one of the oldest minority congregations in the country. Named for the street on which it is located, the Church has become the primary place of worship for many generations of the most prominent black families in Macon. It also enjoys the privilege of being listed in the National Register of Historic Places in America, another indication of its importance in the local, state, and national communities.

The story of Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church, which began as a small group of slaves worshipping in a small "African Chapel" and has grown into an expansive and successful church, is truly an inspiring one of the dedication and perseverance of a faithful congregation of people who put all their love and trust in the Lord.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in paying tribute to the Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church in Macon, Georgia for its congregation's enduring commitment despite adversity, to each other and to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ for over 180 years. May their actions continue to inspire the community in courage, in dedication, and in faith.

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HONORING THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF WILLIAM HAROLD AND BILLIE JO BROWN GUTHRIE

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 13, 2018*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 65th wedding anniversary of William Harold and Billie Jo Brown Guthrie of Oxford, Alabama.

They were married on November 1, 1953 at First Baptist Church of Oxford. Harold was in the Navy and came home on leave for the wedding and returned immediately to San Diego, California.

Harold retired from the Navy Reserve as Lieutenant Commander after 25 years and from Anniston Army Depot after 30 years.

Billie Jo was a house wife and she and Harold raised three daughters. They've been blessed with one grandson and five great-grandchildren.

The Guthries have lived in Oxford their entire 65 years of marriage and have been faithful members of Meadowbrook Baptist Church for over 50 years.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the 65th wedding anniversary of Harold and Billie Jo.

IN RECOGNITION OF COACH GEORGE CURRY, ON HIS INDUCTION TO THE PENNSYLVANIA SPORTS HALL OF FAME

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 13, 2018*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late coach George Curry, who was inducted to the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame on November 3, 2018. Curry was among those honored during the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame held in Plains, PA.

Coach George Curry served as a high school football coach for 46 years, during which his teams amassed 455 victories and six Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association Class 3A championships. During his time at Berwick Area High School, Curry's teams won three mythical high school national championships based on their team record during the season. During his tenure he was twice named USA Today High School Football Coach of the Year.

Curry began his coaching career in 1967 at Lake Lehman High School in Lehman, PA. His teams achieved a winning record during his four years tenure. In 1971 he moved to Berwick, where he served until stepping down at the end of the 2005 season. It was while at Berwick that Curry's teams became a force to be reckoned with, earning six state football championships. He coached three more seasons at Wyoming Valley West High School in Plymouth, PA retiring in December 2008. Coming out of retirement he returned to Berwick Area High School as an interim head coach. He passed away on April 1, 2016.

It is an honor to recognize George's achievements and his storied career in Pennsylvania sports history and it is fitting that he should be inducted as a member of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame. I join with the members of the Hall of Fame in recognizing the life of George Curry and in celebrating his impact on two generations of Pennsylvania's athletes.

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HONORING DAVID AND RUTH NUTTY

**HON. LUKE MESSER**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 13, 2018*

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize David and Ruth Nutty for their contributions to our state and Fayette County.

David and Ruth have made a positive and lasting impact in Fayette County through public and community service. Our state is better off today because of their extraordinary leadership and service.

On a personal note, the Nuttys were among my earliest and most vocal supporters. They are loyal friends and wise advisers. I want to thank David and Ruth for their friendship and

support of my work in Congress. I wish them continued success in all that God has planned for their family.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF ANN ELIASER

**HON. NANCY PELOSI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 13, 2018*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleague, Congressman MIKE THOMPSON, to honor the life and legacy of a trailblazing, transformative leader, Ann Eliaser, who passed away on October 24 in her beloved city of San Francisco.

Ann was a woman of exceptional vision and determination, who fearlessly spoke truth to power to reshape the face of our state and national politics during her decades in the political arena. She was driven by the extraordinary strength of her convictions and by her remarkable independence of thought, making history as she rose through the ranks of the state Democratic Party.

Ann did not merely observe political history; she shaped it. As a California delegate at the Democratic National Convention and as the California Democratic Party's National Committeewoman, she played a vital role in determining who sat at the decision-making table in our state and country. She fought relentlessly for candidates who would champion Democratic values, regardless of conventional wisdom or political popularity. Her advocacy was critical to the success of leaders up and down the ballot, from Presidents Harry Truman and Jimmy Carter to local politicians in our city of Saint Francis.

Ann was a San Francisco native, who dedicated her full life and spirit to building better futures for the people of the Golden State. As an appointee to the San Francisco Board of Permit Appeals, she held our city's business leaders accountable for ensuring fair pay and better working conditions for employees. As the first woman member of the Lake Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, she fought relentlessly to protect the beauty of God's creation for generations to come. Through her leadership on numerous city, state, national and international boards, she advocated relentlessly for our nation's fundamental promise of liberty and justice for all, fighting to overturn the death penalty, end unjust wars and support the State of Israel.

Ann's deep belief that strength lies in diversity was essential in bringing more women and greater diversity into the halls of power in our country. Her courage to defy history and demand a seat at the table has inspired and empowered generations of strong women leaders, leaving a beautiful and lasting legacy for our nation.

Ann's many friends will forever remember and cherish her profound love for family. May it bring some measure of comfort to Ann's daughter, Mary Powell, her grandchildren Blair Shane and Alexander Rosenblatt, her four great-grandchildren, and all who were blessed to know and love her, that so many grieve with them and pray for them during this sad time.