

FRAN AND PEG

(Ms. TENNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two outstanding members of our community and my dear friends: Peg Roberts, a retired teacher, and Fran Henry, a retired nurse.

Peg and Fran embody the American patriotic spirit through their musical talent. The two sisters were inspired by the famous duo, Diamond and Silk. They refer to themselves as Ruby and Lace. Some of us in the country affectionately refer to them as Coal and Flannel. These darling songstresses, retirees, have also been known by the moniker, "the two Hotties."

It is a true honor to represent such determined and patriotic people. Mr. Speaker, I hope you and all my colleagues can laugh a little and enjoy the humorous lyrics of our upstate Hotties, affectionately known as Ruby and Lace, or as I like to call them, Coal and Flannel.

THE RULE OF LAW

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, it is important for this body to adhere to the rule of law. There are several points that I want to make this morning that define adhering to the rule of law.

First of all, we know that Mr. Cohen pled guilty yesterday on questions of truth or falsity to the United States Congress. With all due respect, we must investigate the rule of law.

In addition, it is important that we put forward a bill that addresses the question of the killing in Yemen and our continued support for the bloodshed created by the war between Saudi Arabia and Yemen. The rule of law, peace or war, determination by this Congress.

Finally, I encourage my colleagues to seek and look into their districts because of the increasing number of gangs—not MS-13, but gangs in our high schools and middle schools. We must begin to address directly more resources to intervene in children's lives to steer them away from the violence of gangs. Rule of law, doing our job.

I hope that we start doing it, and doing it soon. I know we will do it in the 116th Congress.

FARMER OF THE YEAR: DANNY CUNNINGHAM

(Mr. COMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Mr. Danny Cunningham, owner of Cunningham

Farms in Calloway County, Kentucky, for recently being named the 2018 Kentucky Farm Bureau Farmer of the Year. This is the third year in a row a farmer in Kentucky's First Congressional District has been recognized as Farmer of the Year.

After growing up on a small dairy farm owned by his father, Danny Cunningham began his own farming operation in Calloway County. Fifty-eight years later, Cunningham Farms is a massive family-run operation.

Danny has been an active member of the Calloway County Farm Bureau, serving on the board of directors for more than 30 years.

He was married to his late wife, Judy, for over 54 years and is the proud father of three daughters.

I am honored to congratulate Farmer of the Year Danny Cunningham on his unwavering work ethic, dedication to the Calloway County Farm Bureau, and outstanding role in the agriculture community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOSEPH P. GAVAGHAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HILL). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2017, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HOLDING) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. HOLDING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of Joseph P. Gavaghan.

Joe Gavaghan was born on October 27, 1920, in Philadelphia, to Gertrude and Joseph, Sr.

After graduating from LaSalle College High School in 1940, Joe went to work for the Reading Railroad Company in his hometown.

A short time later, Joe's life and the lives of millions of Americans was forever changed when a devastating and unprovoked attack on the United States Pacific fleet at Pearl Harbor thrust the United States into the Second World War.

The very next day, as a stunned nation tried to come to grips with what had just happened, Joe stepped forward and answered the call of duty by enlisting in the United States Army.

Unaware of what the future held, Joe had just one more thing he wanted to do before shipping off to war; and on August 1, 1942, Joe married the love of his life, Mary Alvey, in their hometown of Philadelphia.

Shortly thereafter, Joe deployed as a sergeant in the 65th Infantry, leaving behind his new bride, his family, and everything he had ever known.

Over the course of the next 3 years, Joe experienced the brunt of the war in Europe. He landed in Normandy on D-day as part of the successful allied invasion of France. From there, Joe went on to serve in several major campaigns, taking him from the rolling hills of northern France to the Battle of the Bulge, to the small towns of central Germany.

By May of 1945, with the war coming to a close, Joe and the 65th division arrived in Linz, Austria, where they connected with the allied Russian troops. He remained in Linz for the duration of the conflict.

Joe distinguished himself in the line of duty. In recognition of his valor and bravery, he was awarded numerous medals, including Bronze Stars and the Combat Infantry Badge.

With the war over, Joe returned home to his wife, Mary, and together, they welcomed two children into the world: Patrick and Marita. Today is Patrick's birthday, by the way.

He also went back to work for the Reading Railroad Company.

Joe's intelligence and strong work ethic, qualities that served him well on the battlefield, set him apart in the civilian world. He excelled in his work and rose through the ranks of the company, and after working for 43 years for Reading Railroad, Joe retired as the company's general manager.

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Outside of his professional career, Joe was a beloved and active member of his community. He served as a member of the Union League of Chicago, Knights of Columbus, VFW, American Legion, Polish-American Club of Vero Beach, past president of the Coal Club of Philadelphia, and many Chambers of Commerce.

Sadly, Joseph passed away peacefully on July 12 of this year.

Joe enriched the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing him. In the face of unthinkable evil and tangible danger, Joe's resolve never wavered. He leaves behind an endearing legacy of extraordinary service, and his character and morality are an inspiration for us all.

His life personifies the very best of America's greatest generation—remarkable young men and women who answered the call of duty, defeated the forces of evil, and returned home to build the world's strongest economy and most prosperous society.

While Joe will be dearly missed, he will not be forgotten.

On behalf of a grateful Nation, I offer my deepest condolences to the entire Gavaghan family.

HONORING THE LIFE OF TOM ELLIS

Mr. HOLDING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of Mr. Tom Ellis of Raleigh, North Carolina.

Over the past 50 years, few people have had as big of an influence on Tar Heel politics as Mr. Ellis. The courtly, pipe-smoking Raleigh attorney played a central role in shaping the careers of Jesse Helms and Ronald Reagan, two of the most important conservative figures of the 20th century.

Mr. Ellis was born on August 10, 1920, in Alameda, California. He first fell in love with North Carolina while attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Mr. Ellis served in the Navy during the Second World War as an officer,