

TRIBUTE TO LEONID "LULU"  
SAHAROVICI

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 10, 2018*

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my constituent and friend, Leonid "Lulu" Saharovici, a longtime member of the Tennessee Holocaust Commission, who worked in a Nazi-backed Romanian labor camp in his youth and passed away last month at age 91.

Mr. Saharovici was educated at the University of Bucharest Law School and pursued a career in administrative law and teaching at his alma mater before he and his wife of 62 years, Frida, and their children Alex (Debra), then 12, Livio (Heidi), then 8, emigrated to the U.S. Mr. Saharovici was hired by National Mortgage in Memphis in 1972 and worked there until his retirement in 1994. He also taught Romanian and Romanian Culture classes at Rhodes College.

After attending a Jewish Holocaust survivors gathering in Washington, D.C., in 1983, Mr. Saharovici wrote to Tennessee lawmakers with the idea of creating a Tennessee Holocaust Commission, which became a reality two years later. I'm proud to have been a sponsor of that effort as a Tennessee state senator. Mr. Saharovici was named as a Tennessee Holocaust commissioner and served in that capacity for 33 years. In that position, he devoted his time to educating high school students about the horrors of the Holocaust in an effort to ensure something like it could never happen again.

Mr. Saharovici was an active member of the Baron Hirsch Synagogue congregation and was a life member of its Board of Directors. Mr. Saharovici also co-founded the Jewish Historical Society and served as its second president. He also collected Passover Haggadahs. As Chairman of the Belz Museum of Asian and Judaic Art, he gave guided tours of the museum through the years.

An avid fan of the Memphis Symphony and opera in Memphis, he served as Chairman of the Belz/Parker Ascending Concerts series and invited musicians visiting Memphis to stage concerts at LeBonheur Children's Hospital, the West Clinic, Stax Museum and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

In 2010, Mr. Saharovici received the Jefferson Award for his efforts to improve society, his work educating the public about the Holocaust and his work bringing cultural and historical events to the city.

Mr. Saharovici lived a storied life and contributed in important ways to the adopted community he loved so well. I wish his friends and family my best.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
JERRY FORRESTER

**HON. DOUG COLLINS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 10, 2018*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the passing of a distinguished leader from Gainesville, Georgia, retired Police Chief Jerry Forrester.

After serving 13 months in Vietnam as a United States Marine, Jerry Forrester returned to the states and joined the Gainesville police department in 1968. He became Chief of Police in 1985 and is credited with updating the department with modern policing standards.

While leading 65 officers in the police department, Chief Forrester worked hard to get ballistic vests and ammunition for officers as well as to increase their salaries. At the time, officers in Gainesville had to furnish their own weapons and ammunition, and it would have cost nearly \$900 per officer to outfit each member of the department with the necessary equipment.

Prior to his retirement in 1991, Chief Forrester successfully reorganized the department into three divisions, each with a separate commander. This restructuring laid a foundation for others to follow.

Chief Forrester will be remembered as a leader others tried to emulate. His dedication and integrity will ensure his legacy is never forgotten.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NEW RALEIGH, N.C. HEADQUARTERS OF  
ADVANCED AUTO PARTS, INC.

**HON. GEORGE HOLDING**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 10, 2018*

Mr. HOLDING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Advanced Auto Parts, Inc. on the recent relocation of its headquarters to Raleigh, N.C.

I am proud that for the second straight year in a row North Carolina has topped Forbes' "Best States for Business" list. Our well-educated workforce and low taxes continue to attract valuable businesses to the region from all over the world. North Carolina has cultivated one of the strongest business climates in the country and we are proud to open our doors to a wide variety of industries from retail to biotechnology.

I applaud Advanced Auto Parts for its decision to expand operations in our thriving Raleigh community and am excited for the future growth opportunities companies like these bring to North Carolina every day.

IN HONOR OF CAMERON TRAVIS  
GOOCH

**HON. KEVIN BRADY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 10, 2018*

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and recognize the life of a brave young constituent, Cameron Travis Gooch, who recently lost his two-year battle with a rare pediatric cancer.

Born in July of 2008, Cameron was a thoughtful and determined individual who positively affected everyone he met. He is remembered by his friends and family for his "old soul" and unrelenting kindness and courage.

One of Cameron's great loves was the game of baseball, our true American pastime. Cameron fell in love with the game at a young age, participating in Little League from the age

of 4 until he turned 9—even playing games when he was undertaking cancer treatment.

His love for baseball didn't stop when Cameron left the field. He treasured learning about baseball's rich history, complex rules, and following different stats on the game's players and teams. On August 17, 2017, Cameron accomplished a remarkable feat when he officially became the youngest player to ever join the Houston Astros. When the Astros won the 2017 World Series, Cameron celebrated the organization's first ever World Series win with the team.

Cameron also cherished having personal conversations with those he knew best, often teaching those much older than him a thing or two about how to live. He was wise beyond his years. One of Cameron's most pressing wishes is for people to honor him by always choosing kindness—a fitting sentiment from an individual who always exemplified this oftentimes under practiced quality.

His parents, Aaron and Emmie Gooch; sister, Audrey Gooch; grandparents, Ron and Sharron Gooch, Ron Schmotzer, and Carol Gooch; paternal great grandmother, Mary Gooch; maternal great grandmother, Doris Taylor; and maternal grandmother, Sandy Williamson and many others all deeply loved and supported Cameron.

While we mourn with Cameron's family, we also celebrate his incredible life and indelible legacy. He was a joy to all who had the privilege of meeting him. I join his family, friends, peers and the entire Eighth District of Texas in honoring his extraordinary life and his steadfast devotion to his friends and family. Cameron will be greatly missed.

CONGRATULATING JUDGE/  
EXECUTIVE JOHNNY HOBDY

**HON. JAMES COMER**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 10, 2018*

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Judge/Executive Johnny Hobdy of Allen County in the 1st District of Kentucky on his retirement after 14 years of public service. I am grateful for Judge Hobdy's contributions to Allen County and admire his leadership and vast influence in communities throughout the 1st Congressional District.

A true public servant, he served in state government under Kentucky Governor Wallace Wilkinson. During this time, he developed a network of connections and an understanding of politics that would aid him throughout his career.

Judge Hobdy has also devoted his time to improving the lives of disabled youth through his involvement with the Center for Courageous Kids in Scottsville, Kentucky. This nonprofit organization provides children with serious illnesses like cancer, sickle cell anemia, and muscular dystrophy the opportunity to experience summer camp at no cost.

Throughout his tenure, Judge Hobdy has also served as a Director on several local and regional boards, including the Chamber of Commerce, the Allen County Health Department, and the Barren River Area Development District.

I am honored to call Judge Hobdy a friend and constituent. I join with all those he has