

IN HONOR OF MS. FRANCES
TANKERSLEY

HON. LANCE GOODEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Mr. GOODEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Frances Tankersley as the oldest active member of First United Methodist Church of Terrell, Texas celebrating her seventy-second year at the age of 97.

Born to Charles and Leah Deen of Emory, Texas on November 22, 1921, Frances was raised in Sweetwater and received a bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University. She met her future husband Dennis Tankersley at the United Service Organization in Lubbock. Dennis was stationed at the South Plains Army Airfield and had been a pilot in the Second World War. Upon their marriage, they moved to Terrell and began a life together raising two sons, Jim and Greg.

Her tenure at the Terrell Independent School District left all members of the community with a strong appreciation of her selflessness. Ms. Tankersley was a home economics teacher and a special education department supervisor. Additionally, she taught Sunday school at the kindergarten level at First United Methodist for many years and fostered the development of generations in our community. To this day Ms. Tankersley is involved in Relay for Life and volunteers for Meals on Wheels delivering hot lunches to those in need. She is known throughout Terrell for her kindred spirit and affectionate curiosity, as well as her love of golf and her weekly bridge matches.

Ms. Tankersley still resides in Terrell where she has been an active member of her community for decades and drives herself to her beloved church each Sunday. May her commitment to service, faith and community be an example for all of us.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON ESTES

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Mr. ESTES. Madam Speaker, I was not present for Roll Call vote No. 44 on H.R. 676. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE JOHNSON

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 43, MTR for H.J. Res. 28.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID LOEBSACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Mr. LOEBSACK. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on January 22, 2019 due to weather, but I strongly support the NATO Support Act. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 44, and YEA on Roll Call No. 45.

HONORING MR. ALBERT BURSTEIN

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the many outstanding achievements of Mr. Albert Burstein. I recognize the many contributions he has made to the people of the Ninth Congressional District and the State of New Jersey.

Expressing the influence of Mr. Albert Burstein to our community and country is an honor. A Columbia graduate, lawyer, political reformer, state legislator and World War II veteran, Mr. Burstein stands as an example to us all. As a member of our Greatest Generation, Albert was present for many of our country's greatest challenges. It gives me great pleasure to add my personal appreciation and commendation for all that he has done.

Born on November 22, 1922, to Julius and Hannah Burstein, Albert's story begins with his family in Jersey City, New Jersey. Julius and Hannah were immigrants from Poland and Albert spoke highly of their willingness and bravery to start a new life here in the United States. I know Albert was a source of great pride flourishing in the new country they called home. Let his experience be another success story to others in pursuit of the American Dream.

On December 7, 1941, the attack on Pearl Harbor would change the lives of many Americans, Albert Burstein included. A student in his junior year at Columbia University, Albert was cognizant of the looming threat in Europe. However, the attack on Pearl Harbor would postpone his studies at Columbia University and on May 8, 1943 Albert would be dispatched to Wheeler, Georgia for basic training.

While a recruit, Albert was enrolled in the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP). Assigned to study German history and language, Mr. Burstein was temporarily transferred to the University of Nebraska to complete his training. This endeavor would be short lived since the growing demand in Europe would abruptly end many of the U.S. Army's training programs. Moved between Louisiana and Mississippi for advanced infantry training, in the period of a month Albert was in Cherbourg, France.

Enduring the rigors of war, Albert served our country for thirty-three months in active duty. For Albert's valiant efforts in WWII, he was honored with the Bronze Star and named to the French Legion of Honor for his service in France. Albert Burstein answered the call and came home safely. WWII is one of the greatest challenges our nation has ever faced, and

Albert Burstein stands as a great American who answered the call to duty.

Returning to civilian life, Albert reenrolled in Columbia University where he would meet his wife Ruth and complete his education with a law degree. Albert and Ruth would marry in December of 1950 and have three beautiful children together, Jeffrey, Diane and Laura. Living in Jersey City, Mr. Burstein established Wolf Baumann and Burstein, a place where he would work for thirty years. While living in Jersey City, Albert would get his first taste for politics starting an independent committee aimed at addressing the needs of the city and its people. Nevertheless, Albert and Ruth would move to Tenafly, New Jersey after determining they wanted to move to a quiet town.

Living in Bergen County, Albert would establish himself as a political authority. Holding office in the New Jersey State Legislature for ten years, Mr. Burstein would represent the 37th legislative district. As an Assemblyman, Mr. Burstein would serve as the Assembly Majority leader and advance many important causes during his time as a public servant. Presiding on the New Jersey Election Law Revision Committee and the Law Revision Commission, Assemblyman Burstein championed efforts to reform New Jersey's election and public financing laws.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to working with and recognizing the efforts of dedicated individuals like Mr. Albert Burstein.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, family, friends and the residents of the Ninth Congressional District in recognizing, Mr. Albert Burstein and his outstanding character and service to his country and community.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
ELIZABETH "BETSY" S. LUCIDO

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Mrs. Elizabeth "Betsy" S. Lucido, who passed away on January 12, 2019 at the age of 75. Betsy will be remembered as a loving wife, mother and for her devotion to God. Betsy cared for many families in need and was a pillar in our community. Her dedication to our Valley will be remembered for years to come.

Betsy was born on August 8, 1943 in Cleveland, Ohio to Howard & Irene Tripp. Her family later relocated to Fresno, California, where she attended St. Therese Elementary School and the Convent of the Sacred Heart of Menlo Park High School as a resident student. After high school, she attended the University of San Diego, where she met the love of her life William "Bill" Lucido. Betsy and Bill married in Fresno on June 6, 1964. They were blessed with four daughters, Maribeth, Anne, Kate and Monica.

Betsy radiated a "motherly charm" and was known for her generosity, family values and caring personality. Betsy served her community in a number of ways. She was a board member of the Central California Adoption