

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

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

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

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

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

Services—Infant of Prague, Right to Life of Central California and the Ministers of Presence Guild of Catholic Charities. One accomplishment she was particularly proud of was her role in the founding of Catholic Charities, an organization which serves the needs of those in crisis by providing food for the hungry and hope for the weary. Betsy saw her work as an extension of one's home and love for God. She was always willing to give a helping hand and recognized everyone as a unique child of God.

Betsy's active work in the Fresno community has not gone unnoticed. She was honored by the Fresno County Women's Chamber of Commerce as the "Fresno County Mother of the Year" in 1998. In 2012, Betsy and Bill were the 2012 honorees at the Right to Life of Central California annual celebration dinner.

Betsy is survived by her husband Bill and daughters, Maribeth, Anne, Katie and Monica. She leaves behind her grandchildren Maxwell, Hemy, Logan, Paige, Lindsey, Grace and Corbin, and many close friends.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Elizabeth "Betsy" S. Lucido. Betsy leaves behind a remarkable legacy of love and selflessness, which helped change the lives of countless men and women in our community. It is my honor to stand with Betsy's family in celebration of her great life.

HONORING GIRLS SCOUTS OF CONNECTICUT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Girl Scouts of Connecticut, and everyone who supports the Girl Scouts of the United States of America. Participating in Girl Scouts helps prepare young women to lead.

I include in the RECORD this letter, written by Girl Scouts Connecticut CEO Ms. Mary Barneby and originally published in the New Haven Register:

GIRL SCOUTS LEADER EXPRESSES THANKS

(By Ms. Mary Barneby, Girl Scouts of Connecticut CEO)

The recently ended holiday season is a time for giving, reflection, and expressing gratitude for all we have been given. I know that I am thankful for everyone who has supported our Mission at Girl Scouts of Connecticut. Because of you, over 26,000 Girl Scouts in our state are thriving and building the skills they need to change the world.

At Girl Scouts, we put every ounce of passion and energy into ensuring a bright and equitable future for girls. It's important now more than ever that we support and pave the way for girls and women. We've definitely seen some progress: this past election season, more women ran for public office and more women went to the polls to share their voice and vote.

Girl Scouts prepares girls for life, and recent stats from the election prove that fact. In the 116th Congress, 17 out of the 23 women in the U.S. Senate are Girl Scouts alum, and 57 percent of women representatives in the House of Representatives are Girl Scouts alums, including our own Jahana Hayes, the first African American woman from Connecticut elected to Congress!

At Girl Scouts, you become part of a global sisterhood for girls to take action, lead the way, explore the unknown, and change the world. We offer each girl unique and unparalleled opportunities to pursue what she care about, whether its technology, sports, the arts, environmentalism, and more. No matter her passion, Girl Scouts helps her live it out.

Again, thank you to everyone who helped support girls and women this year. I wish you and yours happy holidays, and look forward to having more join us in the New Year.

SHUTDOWN IMPACTS ON AN IL-09 CONSTITUENT

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to include in the RECORD a letter from Antonio, a constituent of mine affected by this shutdown:

"I am an air traffic controller at O'Hare. This is already a stressful job, but a job that I love. This shutdown is adding an extra layer of stress to all of the controllers across the country. Our day off are the time that we have to decompress from work and focus on mitigating stress. With the shutdown going past a month, we are stressing about bills, how to put food on the table, how to pay for childcare, etc. We don't have the luxury of escaping from the stress of the job, because we come to the stress of worrying.

Finding out that our vision and dental benefits would be billed to us, with the expectation that we pay out of pocket, despite not having a paycheck for over a month, has only added to that stress. This shutdown is going to be a massive safety risk for the flying public if it doesn't end soon.

Controllers will retire or quit to find another source of income. It would be heart-breaking to have to leave this job, that I love so much, because I had to find a way to feed my family. It would mean a lot to me if there was any way this could be distributed to the other members of Congress. I feel it is a very important message for them all to see."

Everyday this week, I will be coming to the House floor to tell stories of everyday people who are affected by this Trump I Shutdown. It is time for President Trump to re-open the government and pay the hard-working Americans serving their country through public service.

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. 45 on H.R. 328. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

TRIBUTE TO CRAIG W. FLOYD

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate my good friend Craig W. Floyd on

his retirement after thirty-four years of service as the founding Chief Executive Officer of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. Craig retired at the end of 2018 and leaves behind a powerful legacy of service to the men and women of law enforcement across our nation. I have been proud to work closely with Craig over the years on a cause about which we both care very deeply: honoring those who have fallen while protecting our communities.

Craig helped launch the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund in 1984, partnering with his former boss—and my friend—former Rep. Mario Biaggi of New York and others to establish a permanent memorial in Washington. In 1991, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial was unveiled, and it now preserves the names of 21,541 law enforcement officers who gave their lives in the line of duty. It stands as a powerful reminder to the millions of visitors to the nation's capital of the service and sacrifices of those keeping them safe back home and in every community. In 2018, the National Law Enforcement Museum was opened near the memorial to tell the stories of the men and women whose names are borne upon its walls.

Craig was instrumental in bringing this vision to completion and establishing the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and the National Law Enforcement Museum. Under his guidance, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund launched the world's most comprehensive database of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty; published To Serve and Protect—a Tribute to American Law Enforcement; built partnerships with the Department of Justice and Department of Transportation to promote officers' safety and wellbeing; and inaugurated the tradition of holding annual candlelight vigils during National Police Week in May. In many ways, these all stand not only to pay homage to the men and women of law enforcement but also as a lasting tribute to citizens like Craig W. Floyd who dedicated their careers to honoring and aiding these heroes.

I hope my colleagues will join me in thanking Craig for his service and wishing him well in his retirement. I encourage everyone to visit the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and the National Law Enforcement Museum in our nation's capital to learn about the service of those who put their lives on the line to protect our communities every day.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. RONALD WAYNE MERTHIE

HON. STEPHANIE N. MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Mrs. MURPHY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of a spiritual leader in my central Florida community, Dr. Ronald Merthie, who recently passed away.

A proud son of Seminole County, Dr. Merthie attended Crooms High School, where he was elected class president. He went to Texas Southern University on an athletic scholarship and, upon graduation, returned home to become a teacher, assistant principal, and coach.