

legacy will forever be marked by countless admirations and accolades. I am proud to call "La Calandria" a pillar in our San Antonio community.

IN MEMORY OF MR. WILLIAM
"W.T." THOMAS HENRY, SR.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 31, 2019

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a loving husband, dedicated father, doting grandfather, distinguished educator, and committed servant to humankind, Mr. William "W.T." Thomas Henry. Sadly, W.T. passed away on Monday, January 28, 2019. His funeral will be held on Thursday, January 31, 2019, at 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Albany, Georgia. He leaves behind a host of family and a legacy of service that will never be forgotten.

William "W.T." Thomas Henry, Sr. was born on October 7, 1938, to the union of the late Jeff and Ludie Gray Henry in Colquitt, Georgia. He graduated from Miller County High school in 1956, where his athletic prowess allowed him to letter in several sports. W.T. went on to attend Young Harris College and Troy State University where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Education. Never one to rest on his laurels, he went on to earn Mas-

ter's degrees in Physical Education and Administration Supervision from Florida State University.

W.T. found his true calling and purpose in life by working with our most precious resource, young people. His prodigious career in education spanned 46 remarkable years in both public and private schools. W.T. positively impacted the lives of students at Arlington High School, Damascus High School, Miller County High School, and Albany Junior High School. He taught math and coached basketball, track, football, and basketball. W.T. taught his athletes how to be successful on the courts and athletic fields, but more importantly he taught them skills that would help them to succeed in the game of life. W.T. left the classroom and the athletic fields to conquer his next challenge, School Administration. He became the principal of Miller County High School and blazed the trail for others by becoming the founding headmaster of Southwest Georgia Academy in 1970.

He left his true love for a short time and worked in the peanut industry. But, he quickly realized this endeavor was not for him and returned to education. He moved to Albany, Georgia and became the Lower School Director for Deerfield-Windsor School. Because he excelled in this position, he became the Headmaster of Deerfield-Windsor School, retiring after 20 years of extraordinary service in 2009.

His tentacles of service stretched far beyond the schools at which he served with distinction. He was a former President of the Georgia Independent Schools and he also served

on the Georgia State Board of Education, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and the Georgia Accrediting Commission.

Most importantly, W.T. was a man of God and was guided by his faith. He was a faithful member of the First United Methodist Church and served on its Board of Directors.

W.T. loved his family and instilled in them the values of faith in God, hard work, and a commitment to serving their fellow man. He had an infectious personality and never met a stranger. He had a special gift of saying the right thing to someone who was in distress at just the right time.

W.T. Henry was a great man and accomplished many things in his life, but none of these things would have been possible without the love and support of his family. His legacy lives on through his wife, Ruth; his children, Lea, Bo, and Kristin; his grandchildren, and all of those whose lives he touched.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the more than 730,000 constituents of the Second Congressional District of Georgia in saluting and honoring the life of Mr. William "W.T." Thomas Henry for his commitment to young people and humankind and in extending our deepest condolences to Mr. Henry's family during this difficult time of bereavement. We pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks, and months ahead.