

Mayor Hermes' service to Edna includes various board member and committee member positions on the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission, the Jackson County Industrial Foundation and the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, among others.

Mayor Hermes' retirement will afford him the opportunity to spend more time with some of his most important constituents, his three children and grandchildren, all of whom live within two hours of the city. Nevertheless, he will remain involved in the community.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Mayor Joe D. Hermes for his tremendous public service and dedication to the people of Edna. He is a model of generosity and embodies the spirit of Edna, Texas.

#### RECOGNIZING THE CANANDAIGUA VA MEDICAL CENTER

#### HON. ANTHONY BRINDISI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

Mr. BRINDISI. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of my constituent to recognize the staff of the Canandaigua, New York U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center.

Health care for our nation's veterans is truly one of the most important services the federal government provides. All too often however, we read news stories about substandard and unacceptable care that those who served our country in uniform receive. I was heartened recently to receive correspondence from a constituent, Beth Jones of Rome. Beth is the sister of a Vietnam veteran who served a total of six years in the Air Force and Army. He suffered trauma connected to his service, and through the years has resided in several facilities for veterans.

Beth told my office that, for nearly ten years, her brother has resided at the VA's Canandaigua community living center. During that time, he and the other patients there have received individual attention with staff members that take care of any health issues or other concerns promptly; communicate with out of town family members; and maintain the facility so that it is a clean, comfortable environment for its residents.

On Beth's behalf, I would like to commend the staff of the Canandaigua VA Medical Center for providing such devoted and compassionate care to this veteran and his family. Our nation's veterans have earned our steadfast support and respect, and I am glad to hear that this military family has received the care they needed at Canandaigua.

Veterans in New York and across the country deserve this same level of care, and I will continue fighting to ensure that they have the support and resources they need both when wearing our country's uniform, and when they return home.

#### REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF MOZELLE W. MYERS

#### HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an extraordinary woman who possessed an adventurous spirit and a big heart. Mrs. Mozelle Myers passed away on Thursday, January 31, 2019, but her legacy remains with us through the many lives she touched during her 82 years among us.

Mozelle, the daughter of the late Reverend Willie Williams and Inez Williams Brown, was born on March 16, 1936. She was an honor graduate of Burke High School and graduated Summa Cum Laude from Claflin University in 1958. She married her college sweetheart and classmate, AME Presiding Elder Samuel L. Myers.

Mrs. Myers had a passion for learning and service that led to a lifelong pursuit of knowledge. She continued her education at the University of Notre Dame, South Carolina State University, the University of South Carolina, and the College of Charleston. Mrs. Myers shared her deep appreciation for knowledge with future generations, devoting 30 years to teaching at Bonds Wilson and North Charleston High Schools. Her desire to learn extended beyond the classroom and inspired her to study the Bible and ancient history.

As a First Lady of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Mrs. Myers supported her husband's mission in ministry while remaining a leader in the church and her community. As a leader in the Women's Missionary Society for over 50 years she supported scholarship and community building efforts.

Her favorite words of inspiration were, "Lord, when it's my time to leave, let me come home to you with a clean heart and a peaceful soul. I have fought a good fight; now let me rest in your loving arms."

In addition to her husband of 61 years, she is survived by her loving daughters, Ms. Angela Myers and Ms. Sarita Myers; a special grandson, Brandon Jackson-Williams; siblings, Rev. Dr. Alfred Williams, Mrs. Luethel McNeil, Mrs. Mildred Williams, Mrs. Leila Daniels, Mrs. Rebecca Small, Mrs. Bessie Simmons, Mrs. Gloria Edwards, Mrs. Susie Williams Manning, Mr. Leon Williams, and nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She was predeceased by her devoted brother, Isaac Williams, who also served as an aide to me for many years.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in offering our heartfelt condolences to Mozelle Myers' family and friends. Her extraordinary faith and dedication to serving others are the hallmarks of a life well lived.

#### HONORING MR. JOHN SALTER, JR.

#### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. John Salter, Jr. on his great contributions to civil rights activism.

Born in Chicago and raised in Flagstaff, Arizona, John began his journey to higher edu-

cation at Arizona State University after serving in the Army. He graduated in 1958 and received his master's degree in sociology in 1960. Mr. Salter alternated between activism and teaching. He pursued his tenure in both education and activism in Vermont, the State of Washington, Rochester, New York, Chicago, at the University of Iowa, Diné College, and the University of North Dakota. His work encompassed a variety of services including Directing the Department of American Indian Studies at the University of North Dakota, teaching, and working with street gangs in Chicago. Mr. Salter worked as a labor organizer in Arizona, the NAACP's Mississippi field secretary, and organized the Jackson Movement.

John Salter, Jr. died on Monday, January 7, 2019, at 84 years of age. He and his wife Eldri Johanson, who died in 2015, had been married for 54 years. He is survived by four children, Maria Salter and Josephine Evans, both of Pocatello, and John Salter III and Peter Salter, both of Lincoln, Neb.; a brother; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, today I honor the life of Mr. John Salter, Jr. for his many contributions to education and civil rights. Salter made a career of serving others, and his work had a direct and positive influence on the lives of literally thousands.

#### CELEBRATION AND RECOGNITION OF JUDGE MARY V. ROSADO

#### HON. ADRIANO ESPAILLAT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the elevation of Judge Mary V. Rosado to the New York State Supreme Court, the highest-ranking court in the State of New York.

Judge Rosado is a lifelong resident of Manhattan and was raised in the Jefferson Houses in East Harlem in New York's 13th Congressional District.

From an early age, Judge Rosado was an omnipresent contributor to the local community organizing daytime summer camps in East Harlem. Before starting her legal career, she was a committed educator in the New York City Public Schools for seven years teaching Social Studies and English.

As the oldest of ten children born to Puerto Rican migrants to the U.S., Judge Rosado has committed herself to scholastic achievement as a graduate of Hunter College of the City University of New York (CUNY) where she received her B.A. and M.A. and Fullbright Scholar in Cairo, Egypt before receiving her J.D. from Columbia University Law School.

Judge Rosado through her professional and pro-bono work has become an acclaimed community activist and is the Founder and President of Friends of the West 59th Street Recreation Center Inc., Puerto Rican Bar Association, Dominican Bar Association, Women's Bar Association, Harlem School of the Arts, Inc., Amsterdam Action Community Association, Dominican Women's Caucus, and proud participant in the Mentor-Guardian ad litem program with the Civil Court of the City of New York.

Judge Rosado has forged a thirty-year legal career which epitomized with the creation of

her very own practice in 1998, the Law Office of Mary V. Rosado. Since then, she has served as Manhattan Civil Court judge and now ascends to serve in the First District of the New York State Supreme Court.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF  
SANDRA ELLA LEE

**HON. TIM RYAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 6, 2019*

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Sandra Ella Lee, age 71, who passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 21, 2018 at Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Sandra Ella Lee, one of four daughters born to Ralph W. Lee and Flossie A. Lee, arrived unexpectedly early on the morning of April 1, 1947, on the way to Gallinger Hospital in Washington, D.C. She was a tiny baby with a pair of lungs so powerful that only her father's deep bass voice could coax her to quiet down.

She attended Washington, D.C. Public Schools where she was a good student known for crisp wise cracks and phenomenal dancing. She was raised as a faithful member of Shiloh Baptist Church, where she was baptized at age 9. Sandra graduated in Eastern Senior High School's Class of 1965 and later attended Federal City College, now known as the University of the District of Columbia.

During a 40-year career, Sandra held positions with both federal and city governments, including assignments at the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve, the D.C. Mayor's Office on Aging, and the D.C. City Council. She worked with the staff of City Council member Vincent Gray until her death. And, she was a volunteer who helped serve meals to homeless city residents on Thanksgiving Day every year.

Among her many accomplishments, Sandra was nominated by Ward 7 Council member Vincent Gray to receive the 2018 Ward 7 Women of Excellence Award. This award was presented to her on March 27, 2018.

Sandra was also an active, longtime, and devoted member of New Bethel Baptist Church, where she attended Bible Study and Prayer Services. She was also active in the Women's Ministry and participated in many community outreach projects.

Sandra is preceded in death by her parents; brother, Ralph W. Lee, Jr.; grandchild, Troy Jackson, Jr.; and great grandchild, Kayla Rose Taylor. She is survived by her children, Troy Jackson (Moana) and Terri Christene Phillips (Mark); grandchildren: Janay Jackson, Andre Taylor, Taylor Jackson, Darrell West, II, DeOndre Wright, Deyares Jackson, Diamond Jackson, and Ayanna Jackson; two great grandchildren: Kennedy Rose Taylor and Antonio Kingwood, three sisters: Jessica Lee Lalanne (Joseph), Donna Lee Frederick (Keith), and Dianne Lee; three nieces: Dawn Bragg, Dana Queen, and Nakeya Proctor; one aunt, Greta L. Dunn; and a host of other family and friends.

I am very proud to be a friend of her son, Troy Jackson. I extend my deepest sympathies to all the family and friends whose lives were blessed by Sandra Ella Lee.

IN RECOGNITION OF CYRUS TARAPOREVALA'S REMARKS ON THE OCCASION OF THE INSTALLATION OF THE "FEARLESS GIRL STATUE" AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 6, 2019*

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and include in the RECORD remarks made by State Street Global Advisors CEO, Cyrus Taraporevala, at the unveiling of the "Fearless Girl" statue at the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) on December 10, 2018. The "Fearless Girl" was commissioned by State Street to draw attention to the small number of women in leadership positions on Wall Street. She was moved from her original location opposite the "Charging Bull" statue near Bowling Green to a permanent place in front of NYSE:

"Thank you Lori. It is so exciting to be here to unveil Fearless Girl at her new home where she will have an even bigger stage to make an even bigger impact.

"I want to thank everyone who helped make this day happen: Mayor de Blasio and his team; the Department of Transportation; the Landmarks Preservation Commission; the New York Stock Exchange, in particular Betty Liu and the Exchange president Stacey Cunningham—who are here today; Congresswoman Maloney; the thousands of women in leadership; and, the millions of Fearless Girl fans worldwide.

"Throughout this campaign, even today, many people have asked: Why is State Street Global Advisors—one of the largest investment managers in the world—so focused on an issue like gender diversity? I'd like to explain.

"Our clients are businesses and organizations serving millions of people across the globe. They're pension plans helping to fund a teacher or policeman's retirement. They're foundations investing in scientific and environmental breakthroughs. And advisors helping moms and dads figure out how to make the numbers add up so they can pay for their children's college education. Our goal is to ensure the investments we manage on their behalf perform for the long-term.

"Now, on our active management side of the business—where portfolio managers pick the stocks they want to invest in—if they don't like a company or the way it is behaving, it's quite simple: they sell the stock. On the index side, our portfolio managers don't have that luxury. They just can't sell the stock. As long as that company is in the index we have to hold the stock. We can't give our clients the returns of the S&P 499, when they expect the S&P 500. That's not how it works.

"That means we actually have to engage those companies with our voice and vote as a large shareholder—to push them to take seriously the issues we believe are important to their long-

term sustainability, issues like climate change or cybersecurity. And, yes, gender diversity.

"There is a growing body of data that suggests cognitive diversity contributes to better decision-making at the board level. These studies show that gender-diverse boards pay more attention to risk management, and are less inclined toward cronyism and groupthink. In other words, all other things being equal, these companies tend to be better managed. So, for us, advocating for gender diversity is not part of some kind of political agenda. It's part of our long-term performance agenda. This is about value, not values.

"Yet in early 2017, one in four companies in the Russell 3000—the 3,000 largest public companies in the U.S.—still didn't have a single woman on their board. Not one, despite evidence that shows it is in their best long-term interest.

"Then, Fearless Girl came along—a symbol of our efforts to get more women on corporate boards. Since her installation, 301 of the companies identified as having no women at all on their boards have added a female director. And another 28 have committed to doing so. In addition, many other investment managers and institutions have stepped forward to advocate for greater gender diversity on boards as well.

"All told, \$15 trillion in total shareholder assets now publicly back greater gender diversity on boards. And while there's still a lot more work to do, the number of companies in the Russell 3000 without a female board director has now actually dropped by a third. It's gone from 24% to 16%.

"But for me, there's also something deeply personal about Fearless Girl's new location here at the New York Stock Exchange. Nearly 30 years ago I was fortunate to have a summer internship right here at the Exchange. I worked as a specialist on the floor of the Exchange in 1989. It was the first job in America for this immigrant. Every day I would grab my lunch and sit on those steps at the Federal Building, next to George Washington's statue, and I'd look at that powerful symbol of capitalism that the New York Stock Exchange facade represents.

"Now Fearless Girl will be part of that powerful image to inspire the next summer intern, the next public leader, and the next business leader of one of the companies traded on this Exchange.

"That's why I believe Fearless Girl is not only reinventing the way we invest, she is also changing the way we see the world.

"Once again a big thank you to everyone who made this possible."

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Cyrus Taraporevala's remarks and the inspiring message of the "Fearless Girl" statue.