

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
LIEUTENANT BOB MCMAHAN

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Lieutenant Bob McMahan.

Born in 1933, Lieutenant McMahan was a decorated veteran of the United States Army. He served as an Army Ranger and received many awards for his outstanding service, including the Purple Heart, the Vietnam Service Medal with a Silver Star, the Army Commendation Medal, Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab, Combat Infantry Badge, Permanent Aircraft Crewman Badge, and Bronze Star Medal, among others.

Following his military service, Lieutenant McMahan returned to Georgia where he continued his career in public service. Joining the Hall County Sheriff's Department in 1973, he worked his way through the ranks from patrolman to lieutenant. In 1980, McMahan played an instrumental role in creating the first Hall County SWAT team.

His colleagues described him as a true leader and teacher, someone you could always count on. The Department would frequently approach McMahan with difficult tasks because they knew he would "tackle them with success." He will forever be remembered as a brother, mentor, motivator and father figure to countless individuals in the Sheriff's Office.

Lieutenant McMahan was a remarkable man who was beloved by many. He leaves behind a legacy of distinguished service to our country and to our community. May he rest in peace.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. FRANK D. LUCAS

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Mr. LUCAS. Madam Speaker, on Friday, February 8th, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 072; YEA on Roll Call No. 073; YEA on Roll Call No. 074; and YEA on Roll Call No. 075.

RECOGNIZING ELIZABETH
WEIDNER OF DIETERICH, ILLINOIS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate a young student from my district who has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service in her community. Ms. Elizabeth Weidner of Dieterich has been named one of the top honorees in Illinois by the 2019 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, an annual honor conferred on the most impressive student volunteers in each state and the District of Columbia.

Ms. Weidner is being recognized for bringing attention to the tragedy of childhood cancer through a website, social media, speeches, lobbying efforts, the recognition she has received as a top contender in several pageants, as well as being an ambassador for this cause. I had the pleasure of meeting Ms. Weidner a short while ago. I came away from our discussion very impressed with her in-depth knowledge of government programs aimed at addressing childhood cancer as well as her passion and character.

It's crucial that we encourage and support the kind of selfless contribution this young woman has made. People of all ages need to think more about how we, as individual citizens, can work together at the local level to ensure the health and vitality of our towns and neighborhoods. Volunteers like Ms. Weidner are inspiring examples to all of us, and are among our brightest hopes for a better tomorrow.

The program that brought this young role model to our attention—The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards—was created by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals in 1995 to impress upon all youth volunteers that their contributions are critically important and highly valued, and to inspire other young people to follow their example. Over the past 24 years, the program has become the nation's largest youth recognition effort based solely on community service. It has honored more than 125,000 young volunteers at the local, state and national level.

Madam Speaker, Ms. Weidner should be extremely proud to have been singled out from the thousands of dedicated volunteers who participated in this year's program. I heartily applaud Ms. Weidner for her initiative in seeking to make her community a better place to live, and for the positive impact she has had on the lives of others. Her actions show that young Americans can—and do—play important roles in our communities, and that America's community spirit continues to hold tremendous promise for the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today regarding missed votes. Had I been present for roll call vote number 76, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 1065, the Social Media Use in Media Clearance Investigations Act, I would have voted "yay." Had I been present for roll call vote number 77, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 1079, the Creating Advanced Streamlined Electronic Services for Constituents Act, I would have voted "yay."

CELEBRATING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR. CHRIS MOORE

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the many accomplishments of Mr. Chris Moore. The Fort Wayne Mayor recently proclaimed February 22, 2019, as Chris Moore Day in honor of his more than thirty years of distinguished service to the community.

Since 1989, Chris Moore has worked tirelessly to help his clients reach their financial goals and lead fiscally responsible lives. Chris is regarded as someone who builds a relationship of trust with each of his clients. This is shown in Moore & Associates Mission Statement which states, "our mission is to build a long-term relationship that is the result of those things money cannot buy: trust, purpose and accomplishment; to become and remain our client's most trusted team of advisors and staff."

Chris Moore has been a strong advocate and supporter of local charities. He donates his time and resources to ensuring that some of the most vulnerable members in our communities are taken care of. He supports local charities such as Hope House, Shepherd's House, Riley Children's Hospital, and Mad Anthony. He has been a proud sponsor of the Mad Anthony's Children's Foundation since 1995, often a participant in their Pro-Am charity golf outing. He is also a long-term fan, ticket holder, and supporter of local sports including the Fort Wayne Komets, Tincaps, and Mad Ants.

I would like to thank Chris Moore for making our community a better place and congratulate him on this distinguished honor.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. ALAN
CANTER

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Madam Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the life of Mr. Alan Canter, who passed away on January 25, 2019 at the age of 82. Alan's stewardship of his family's restaurant in California's 33rd Congressional District, Canter's Deli, was crucial in making it a fixture in Los Angeles culture and a gathering place for people of all ages and degrees of fame.

Born in Los Angeles on May 2, 1936, Alan started out as a mechanic, with a love for racing cars and tinkering with new ways to drive faster. However, on the advice of his newly pregnant wife, Alan turned to the restaurant business in the 1950s, just as the deli expanded from its original Boyle Heights location, opened in 1931, to the Fairfax district.

Though he started as a pickle packer and delivery boy, Alan eventually took over his family's deli and dedicated nearly every waking minute over the next six decades to his customers, sometimes working 18-hour shifts in a day. Alan took on all of it, even the seemingly menial tasks, like cutting fruit, pickling, selecting ingredients, and tending to the kitchen equipment.

Alan's mechanical expertise, learned from his years racing and fixing cars, kept the place running even when a machine acted up. As the family patriarch for so many years, Alan taught his children how to run the business just as his father taught him.

Canter's Deli, "the soul of Fairfax Avenue," served not only its neighbors, but also post-concert crowds, musicians, actors, and even presidents. Additionally, his selflessness and humor touched all who encountered him.

Alan is survived by his wife; son, Marc; daughter, Jacqueline; and five grandchildren. I hope that Alan's family takes comfort in knowing that his family's legacy will live on in the memories of all the customers he served and the high standards he worked so hard to establish.

HONORING FILMORE WILLIAM
HART

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Mr. CUMMINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor my constituent, Filmore William Hart. Mr. Hart was born on December 20, 1928 in Wheeling, VA to Gretchen Hart Morton. Filmore graduated from Dunbar High School in Washington, D.C. and attended Morgan State University in the great city of Baltimore, MD. He remains an active member of Morgan State's Alumni Association.

Mr. Hart served his country with honor. He retired from the U.S. Army as a Master Sergeant and later from the Social Security Administration as well.

He married the late Marion Kahn White on May 17, 1953. During their forty-six-year union, they were blessed with four children—Sandra Lynn Hart-Harris, Jocelyn Kahn Hart-Lovelace, Philmore James Hart, and Gerard Roderick Hart—as well as nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The Lord smiled on Filmore again and he married Elaine Harris on June 3, 2017. The family circle has expanded with the inclusion of Elaine's four adult children—Larry Harris, Cathy Harris-Blackwell, Michael Harris, Allison Harris-Owens—and eight grandchildren.

Filmore has been an active member of Mount Ararat Baptist Church in Baltimore, MD for over sixty years and continues to serve in numerous capacities including Chairman of the Deacon Ministry, member of the Samuel B. Redd Scholarship Committee and Triple L Senior Ministry, Sunday School teacher, and van driver. His favorite scripture is Psalms 27:1, which says "The Lord is my light and my salvation whom shall I fear." His favorite song is "On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand."

He actively participates in several community sponsored programs such as scout troop master. He has been a leader of the Forest Park Baseball Little League, serving as team coach, league President, Vice President, and Treasurer. His commitment was evident as he continued to volunteer his services for years after his sons' participation in the league.

Mr. Hart served four years as President of the Troy B. Lewis Layman's League, an Auxiliary to the United Baptist Convention of Maryland, Inc., and continues to participate in this organization. He has also been Regional Co-

ordinator for the National Baptist Association's Deacon's Ministry, provides training to various church Deacon Boards in the Maryland, Virginia, Delaware and Pennsylvania area and served in several leadership roles with the Caucus of Black Aging through the Maryland State Department of Aging.

Mr. Speaker, Deacon Hart has a deep love for family. He is a devoted father and husband. Throughout his life, he has had a "heart" for helping others. He is the recipient of several awards and recognitions as a result of his military and civilian employment, church work, and community volunteerism. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring him on the occasion of his 90th Birthday.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. PATRICK
THOMPSON

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Patrick (Pat) Thompson and his service to Virginia's First District.

Pat earned his Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy Studies and Master of Arts in Christian Studies from Duke University in North Carolina. Pat served as the Director of Basketball Operations for Duke Men's Basketball team and continues to remind my staff that Duke is a powerhouse for basketball. Upon graduation from Duke, Pat commissioned into the United States Army Reserves as a military intelligence officer, deploying to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Currently, Pat serves as a Captain in the United States Army Reserves.

Pat began as my Military Legislative Assistant in February 2016 and will be concluding his tenure in February 2019. During his three years serving Virginia's First District, Pat has helped me as a staff liaison to the House Armed Services Committee but specifically aiding in my role as Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee Chairman and Readiness Subcommittee Chairman. Pat provided me with guidance as Congress seeks to advance the United States Navy mission of increasing fleet size to 355 ships, promoting an increase in submarines to combat foreign enemies, improving sailor training, and increasing military readiness.

Pat exercises the Army values every day with his service before self-mentality shown through his dedication and work ethic. I would like to thank Pat for the fantastic job he's done over the past 3 years. I wish Pat the best as he continues his journey on the other side of the Capitol as National Security Advisor for Senator ROGER WICKER.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing Patrick Thompson for his dedicated service to Virginia's First District. May God bless Pat as he continues his career in public service.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE KNIGHTS
OF LITHUANIA COUNCIL 143 AND
THE 101ST ANNIVERSARY OF
LITHUANIA INDEPENDENCE

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Knights of Lithuania Council 143 as they celebrate the 101st Anniversary of Lithuania's independence. The Knights of Lithuania is an organization of Roman Catholic men and women of Lithuanian ancestry located in Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Organized on April 27, 1913, the Knights of Lithuania was originally established as a youth organization. Its mission was to unite young Lithuanians living in the United States, preserve Lithuanian culture, and restore freedom to Lithuania, which, at the time, was divided between Russia and Germany.

In more recent times, it has become a family organization. St. Casimir, patron saint of Lithuania's youth, is honored as the organization's patron. "For God and Country," is the motto of Knights of Lithuania, and its members keep an appreciation of the Lithuanian language and culture alive, while also stressing the importance of Roman Catholic beliefs.

It is an honor to recognize the Knights of Lithuania as they celebrate 101 years of Lithuanian independence. I am grateful for their work preserving Lithuanian traditions for the citizens of the Greater Pittston. I wish their membership all the best as they continue their important mission.

CONGRATULATING THIS YEAR'S
CENTER FOR NATIVE AMERICAN
YOUTH CHAMPIONS FOR CHANGE

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the impressive accomplishments of five Native American youth who were chosen as this year's Center for Native American Youth Champions for Change.

The Aspen Institute's Center for Native American Youth, or CNAY, will celebrate its seventh cohort of CNAY Champions for Change through a series of recognition events and leadership development trainings in Washington, D.C. this week.

Today we recognize Autumn Adams, Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, Shandiin Herrera, Navajo Nation, Madison White, Mohawk Nation at Akwesasne, Charitie Ropati, Native Village of Kongiganak, and Adam Soulor, The Mohegan Tribe, who will serve as representatives of the next generation of leaders in Indian Country for the next year. From Alaska to Connecticut, and now Washington, D.C., these impressive young leaders advocate on issues like decolonizing education standards, supporting victims of sexual assault, and improving child welfare systems.

For their dedication to their communities and as leaders to their peers, I would like to