

Luzerne Counties and a part-time hospital clinical instructor in newborn care at Penn State Scranton Campus. Following 25 years of service Patti retired from the Pennsylvania Department of Health as the school health consultant, where she served over 59 school districts.

Patti joined the Ladies Auxiliary to the UNICO National Scranton Chapter in 2006 and then the Chapter proper in 2009. Patti was very committed to the work of the Auxiliary and was instrumental in its reorganization in 2011 and 2012. After serving as President of the Auxiliary for three consecutive years, she joined the Auxiliary Board of Directors and was elected its President. Patti co-chairs the Scranton UNICO Friday Bake Sale at St. Joseph's Center Summer Festival with her husband. In recognition of her extraordinary volunteerism and service, Patti received the Al Dante Award in 2012.

Patti and Bob Montalbano will be married for 50 years this November. They are the proud parents of Lori Montalbano Nozzi, who is also a dedicated member of UNICO's Scranton Chapter and the Ladies Auxiliary. They currently reside in Dunmore, Pennsylvania and are active members of St. Anthony of Padua Church.

It is an honor to recognize Patti and Bob as they jointly accept the Unican of the Year Award from the Scranton Chapter of UNICO National. May they continue to work for UNICO and the people across Northeast Pennsylvania for many fruitful years to come.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MR. HERBERT "HERB" LEWIS WHITE, JR.

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 Herbert "Herb" Lewis White, Jr., who passed away on January 27, 2019. Herbert was 77 years old.

Herbert "Herb" Lewis White, Jr. was known for his love for his community which kept him active in various organizations. He, along with four others, founded King William Rescue Squad (now King William Volunteer Fire and Rescue) in 1963 and was instrumental in adding the fire department to the organization in 1965. Herb remained an active member in the organization for more than 20 years. White also volunteered with the Mattaponi Volunteer Rescue Squad for several years. He assisted the county with zoning as the chairman of the King William County Board of Zoning Appeals for 36 years and redistricting matters as a member of the redistricting committee for two years. Herb also helped maintain and refresh the county's historical properties as director of the King William County Historical Society board during the renovation of the historical Acquinton Church Project and old jail at the courthouse. Herb was involved with the county Ruritan Club and was active in the construction of the new Ruritan Community Building and Park. Herb held 22 years of perfect attendance with the club. Herb also served as director of the Prevent Blindness Mid-Atlantic organization and chairman of the organization's board for two years, a member of the Joppa Lodge No. 40 AF and AM and a devoted member of Colosse Baptist Church. He

additionally gave back to his community as Board Director of King William County Emergency Ministries and worked for many years with its Christmas Wishes program to provide gifts for those less fortunate during the holidays.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in remembrance of Herbert "Herb" Lewis White, Jr. Words cannot express our gratitude. May God bless Herbert White and his family, Herb's wife, Marian, and I look forward to seeing his selfless contributions to our community continue to live on in his name.

RECOGNIZING THE SELFLESS WORK OF MARTHA COLEY

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the admirable work of a fellow Northeast Georgian, Ms. Martha Coley.

Ms. Coley began caring for foster children thirty-three years ago, and has since cared for over 100 children in her home in Hall County, Georgia. In June of 2016, Ms. Coley's house tragically caught fire and burned to the ground, forcing her to start from scratch and completely rebuild. But that did not stop her from welcoming children back into her home just six months later, as soon as she moved in.

Ms. Coley's willingness to foster teenagers makes her an especially valuable foster parent. She says that the most rewarding part of being a foster parent is when she has the opportunity to witness her foster children succeeding after they have left her home, and often times giving back to their community, just as she has done for many years. The hardest part of fostering, she says, is when they eventually leave her home.

The State of Georgia has approximately 14,400 children living in foster homes, which is why we are especially fortunate to have citizens like Ms. Coley serving our communities.

All children deserve the opportunity to lead a happy and healthy life, free from any type of abuse or mistreatment, and I want to thank Ms. Martha Coley for the many lives she has touched.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF MR. JASON WITMIER

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I rise today to recognize the dedicated service of Jason Witmier, Assistant Fire Chief of the Pottsville Fire Department and President of the Good Intent Fire Company. Jason is ending his tenure after bravely serving the city of Pottsville and its residents for over twenty-five years.

An exceptional public servant, Jason has acted with pride, humility, and courage as a firefighter since 1991 and as Assistant Fire Chief for ten years. He has responded to

countless emergency situations, always with an eagerness to help and a willingness to comfort those who are faced with unfortunate circumstances.

Jason has spent his career safeguarding the wellbeing of his fellow citizens and improving the safety of his community, which has made him a cornerstone of Pottsville. He is a truly valued member of his community and serves as an example for his peers and younger generations to follow.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's 9th Congressional District and the U.S. House of Representatives, I want to extend my sincerest thanks to Jason for his dedicated and brave service to Pottsville. We wish him the best as he embarks on this next chapter in life.

IN HONOR OF JUSTICE BILL CUNNINGHAM

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a special man, Justice Bill Cunningham. Cunningham retired on February 1 from the Kentucky Supreme Court. He is among the two longest serving justices in Kentucky history.

Justice Cunningham is from Lyon County, Kentucky. He is a graduate of Murray State University and the University Of Kentucky College Of Law. Cunningham began his career in public service in 1974 as the city attorney for Eddyville, KY, where he served until 1991. He also served as the Public Defender for the Kentucky State Penitentiary from 1974 to 1976. He went on to serve as the Commonwealth's Attorney for the 56th Judicial District from 1976 to 1988, where his peers voted him as Outstanding Commonwealth Attorney of Kentucky. In 1991, he was elected to the Circuit Court. While he was Circuit Judge, he requested and set up a makeshift courtroom in the Eddyville Penitentiary, avoiding the risk of escape when transporting prisoners and saving money for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. On one occasion while doing his courtroom duties, an inmate charged him and physically assaulted him. In 2006, Cunningham was elected to the Kentucky Supreme Court.

In addition to being a lawyer, judge, and justice, Cunningham was a prolific author and published several books, mostly on Kentucky history. One of his books details the history of the state penitentiary at Eddyville, including the major prison riot at Eddyville in the 1920's in which several people were killed, including one of Cunningham's ancestors. He also wrote a book on the tobacco wars of West Kentucky in the 1920's.

Justice Cunningham is married to Paula and they have five sons. Cunningham is a veteran of the United States Army, serving on deployments to Germany, Vietnam, and Korea. I thank him for his service in uniform. I also thank him for his long career in the courtroom, fighting for justice and serving with integrity. After years of service, Justice Cunningham has earned a well-deserved retirement I join other Kentuckians in wishing him all the best.

RECOGNIZING THE YOWELL
FAMILY

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Yowell family, who have been an integral part of our Central Texas community since 1951. Across the years, the Yowells have tirelessly served the public through their participation in numerous civic organizations. Killeen and all Central Texas owe much to these devoted individuals.

The Yowell family's commitment to investing their gifts, talents, and abilities to improve Central Texas is a deeply held creed that speaks to the generosity and activism of true and devoted public servants. Civic-minded leaders like them work tirelessly to improve their communities, leading them to new heights and positioning them to continue into a bright future.

Starting with the late Bill Yowell, this proud family has committed their time and considerable energies to a wide range of civic causes, ranging from education to veterans to economic development. Their impacts on the region are vast, ever-lasting, and cannot be overstated.

Some go through life wondering if they have made a difference. The Yowell family does not have that problem. Their passion and selfless commitment to make Central Texas a better place is an example to us all. We cannot thank them enough for the immeasurable impact they have made. God bless them always.

RECOGNIZING MARY PETTINATO,
CEO OF HONOR FLIGHT CHICAGO

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mary Pettinato and her contributions to our community, our city, and our country throughout her distinguished service as the CEO of Honor Flight Chicago. Founded in 2008, Honor Flight Chicago provides a once in a lifetime opportunity for Chicago-area veterans of World War II and the Korean War by flying them to Washington, DC to visit memorials dedicated to their service.

Following Ms. Pettinato's graduation from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management in 2008, she cofounded the Chicago chapter of Honor Flight. This idea came after Mary asked of her father: "If you were on your deathbed, what's one thing you would wish you'd done during your lifetime?" He answered that his wish was to visit the World War II Memorial in Washington. On the subsequent trip they took to the Memorial, Mary was inspired to not only provide this opportunity to her father, but also to thousands of other veterans living in Chicago who might never have the chance to visit this and other historic monuments.

During the decade that Ms. Pettinato served as CEO of Honor Flight Chicago, the organization organized 88 flights from Chicago to Washington. They started with sixty veterans

on their first flight; now, they fly upwards of ninety service members on each trip and have had over eight thousand veterans participate in the program over the past ten years.

In 2015, Ms. Pettinato was honored by The Chicago Tribune as one of their "Remarkable Women" in a series of profiles written about inspiring women in the area. Mary's feature focused on her love of family, and how that passion led to the creation of the Chicago chapter of Honor Flight with three other women.

In the Tribune article, Ms. Pettinato offered an anecdote that demonstrates the achievement of Honor Flight Chicago. She recalls, "I was with one man, he was 92, and he was struggling with some things and having a tough day. As we got off the plane on the return for the welcome home celebration—he (had been) in a wheelchair the entire day—he said, 'I want to walk.' And he got out of his wheelchair and he had someone on his left and someone on his right and we were holding him very firmly and he walked through this procession. Someone leaned over and said, 'Bob, how was your day?' And he stopped and said, 'I've never been to heaven, but I'm guessing today was mighty close.'"

Madam Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing the ten years of dedication Ms. Pettinato has shown to the veterans of Chicago. Through the Honor Flight experience, she has brought joy to many of our country's heroes.

HONORING THE EASTSIDE CHURCH
OF GOD IN CHRIST OF THE CITY
OF SAN JOSE

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Eastside Church of God in Christ (Eastside Church), whose ministry serves the City of San Jose through service and prayer. On February 17, 2019, the Eastside Church will celebrate a true milestone, its 50th anniversary. I would like to commend the Eastside Church for its half a century of fellowship and leadership in the San Jose community.

Founded by Pastor and Superintendent Sherman Harris, the Eastside Church has been at the heart of its members most important priorities—family and faith. It serves to inspire, uplift and gather all those who seek a deeper connection with God, and their community. It offers an opportunity to worship in community with others and serve others.

In 1979, Eastside Church moved to the East San Jose after outgrowing their previous location. The Church quickly became a beacon of hope and help to the Eastside through their Outreach Ministry, providing clothing and household goods for families in need and their Food Ministry Program, which distributes boxes of food to over 100 families on a weekly basis. They take special care to provide resources and activities for children in the community with the Back to School backpack program and the Sherman Harris Youth Center. The Center offers pre-school for low-income families, sports facilities and a venue for community functions.

Through its decades of service, Eastside Church has earned its place as a trusted source of hope and comfort in the San Jose community. As the Eastside Church of God in Christ enjoys its 50th Golden Anniversary Celebration, I join in congratulating them and wishing them the best for the next 50 years and beyond.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BISHOP
VAIFANUA SUIAVA
MULITAUAOPELE

**HON. AUMUA AMATA COLEMAN
RADEWAGEN**

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Mrs. RADEWAGEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Bishop Vaifanua Suiava Mulitauaopele. He was a friend of many years, a trusted adviser, and a respected leader to our Samoan people in the islands and in the U.S.

A native of Laulili, American Samoa, Bishop Mulitauaopele lived a full and joyful life in the service of the Lord, and he was a blessing to far more people than any of us will ever know. Even as we feel a sense of loss at his passing, we know he would be the first to comfort us. Our hearts are with his dear wife Eva, the rest of his family and his many friends.

He served our country as well as his church, and retired from the U.S. Army as a decorated Veteran of the Vietnam War. He gave 20 years of service to medical missions in Samoa, and was engaged in an ongoing clinic project at the time of his passing that will be of great help to our people.

He was a spiritual and community leader, and always a man of great faith, compassion and integrity. He brought honor to our Samoan people. Bishop Mulitauaopele will be missed, and his life is worthy of our best memories.

At the service, Pastors Salt and their congregation sang beautiful Samoan hymns, and it was livestreamed to be available anywhere he was known.

In addition to his wife, Eva Gonzalez Mulitauaopele, Bishop Pele was also survived by his son Anthony V. Mulitauaopele (Lauren) of Inman, SC, and two daughters, Jennifer Cotton (Nikko) of West Columbia, SC, Laura Frick (Ted) of Little Mountain, SC.

He also had six grandchildren: Victor, Grant, Marla, Chloe, Callie, and Cash; and his sister, Sua Peko; and two godchildren, Lautofa and Sam. Finally, his two beloved dogs were Buddy and Sammi.

Thank you and goodbye (Soifua).

TRIBUTE TO PATRICK DEVLIN

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated public servant and long-time Congressional aide, Patrick J. Devlin, Sr. Patrick is retiring after 31 years of Congressional service this month, and I offer him a heartfelt thanks for his contributions and wish him well in his future endeavors.