

time also instilled his deep love and appreciation of his family and friends—people he never took for granted.

From 1952 to 1956, Stan served our country in the U.S. Air Force which took him to Japan during the Korean War. After an honorable discharge, Stan moved to Mexico City where he earned a degree in business and foreign trade from Mexico City College. His time in Mexico would forever change the course of his life.

It was there that he met Gloria, his soulmate and wife of 58 years. They married in Mexico City in 1960 and moved back to California where Stan worked for a fabric wholesaler. Their three children were born in California.

In 1969, the Furman family moved to Phoenix where Stan opened and managed a new branch for the fabric company. After some years in Arizona, Gloria entered local politics as a volunteer, which inspired Stan to get involved and ultimately led to him running for public office himself.

Stan was elected to the Arizona State Senate and served two terms from 1991 to 1995. During his tenure, Stan focused on the issues that were instilled in him early on: civil rights, criminal justice, education. He served with compassion and dignity, always motivated by doing the right thing. He advocated for the 1992 referendum to make Martin Luther King, Jr. Day a paid state holiday in Arizona—an accomplishment that made him incredibly proud. And between his lawmaking, he found time to volunteer, and encouraged his colleagues in the legislature to volunteer at a local elementary school, too.

After leaving elected office, Stan's passion for service never wavered. He served on many Arizona boards and commissions and worked for the Arizona Corporation Commission. Following many years of extensive work with the Arizona Civil Liberties Union, Stan served as the President of ACLU Arizona from 2002 to 2006 and was honored to be named Arizona Civil Libertarian of the Year in 1995. He also served for several years on the National ACLU Board of Directors. It was no surprise, when in 1998; Stan was named "Mediator of the Year" by the Phoenix Community Mediation Program.

In his personal life, Stan was a man of many passions. He was an avid tennis player and golfer, quick-witted and a natural joke teller. He loved crossword puzzles and all word games. He enjoyed playing board games and online games with his children and grandchildren. He loved going to the beach while enjoying time at the family's vacation home in Rocky Point, Mexico. But those close to Stan knew that his work brought him as much joy as any of his hobbies. Stan Furman is survived by his wife and love of his life, Gloria, his daughters Diane (Randy) and Susan, his son Phil (Deb), his grandsons Spencer, Dylan, Nate, Harrison, Alex (Jessi), Hugo and Oscar, and his great-granddaughter Cheyanne.

Stan had a life well lived and will be deeply missed.

HONORING THE POLISH HIGHLANDERS ALLIANCE OF NORTH AMERICA ON ITS 90TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Polish Highlanders Alliance of North America as the organization prepares to celebrate its 90th anniversary. It is a privilege to represent so many Polish Highlanders and to have the organization's headquarters just a few blocks from my district.

The Polish Highlanders Alliance traces its roots back to 1929 when its first chapter, known as a circle, was founded in Chicago. Since its inception, the Alliance has sought to organize Polish Highlanders throughout North America into a unified Highlander family. For the last 90 years, members of the Alliance have worked hard to preserve the unique cultural heritage of the Polish Highland region, including music, dance, folk costumes, and other traditions. Through the years, the organization has grown to over 80 circles throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Today, the Polish Highlanders Alliance is headquartered on the Southwest Side of Chicago in the Highlander Home on Archer Avenue. The Alliance organizes many cultural events for the Highlander and the Polish-American community including the Highlander Picnic which attracts nearly 3,000 people every year. For its numerous cultural activities, the Alliance has received awards including the Gloria Artis Cultural Achievement Medal. The medal was awarded by the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage of the Republic of Poland for the Alliance's distinguished contributions to Polish culture. In addition to cultural activities, the Polish Highlanders Alliance raises money to provide assistance to churches, schools, and other establishments within Poland and the Highland region.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing all that the Polish Highlanders Alliance of North America does to promote unique Polish cultural traditions and to support strong ties between Poland and the U.S. The members' devotion to their community and their mission is commendable and I wish them the best as they continue to impart their traditions for generations to come. One hundred years (Sto lat).

PRAISING THE PERSEVERANCE OF BRIAN SCHNELLE

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Brian Schnelle who will graduate from college on Saturday at the age of 30.

Brian had a rough start in life and has overcome many obstacles. Born in Modesto, California, in a hospital serving a mostly indigent population, baby Brian and his biological mother somehow made it to a Truckstops of America near downtown Nashville. There his mother got into an altercation and was jailed

and Brian ended up in foster care. After months of custody battles, his mother left town and the Schnelle family of Nashville was free to adopt the three-year-old on July 3, 1991.

As a toddler, Brian loved books, cars, and trains and every Kidsongs video on the market. His new family took him to the library, read him books and took him where he could see trains, planes and 18-wheelers. But it was clear Brian had health issues, including needing breathing treatments for asthma, and he was labelled as having ADD, ADHD and finally Asperger's Syndrome. Brian was verbal but lacked many of the social skills of kids his age. School was not easy, but Brian's eventual academic success came about when he began attending Genesis Academy which could meet his special needs. Brian graduated with a regular high school diploma after taking the Tennessee Gateway Test three times. It was then he announced he wanted to go to college and major in sports management. Brian had always been an avid fan of University of Tennessee sports—especially women's basketball, women's volleyball and women's softball.

Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville was the best choice for Brian to pursue his dream of getting a college degree. The University has recognized his efforts by creating a special award, the Brian Schnelle Perseverance Award, which will be presented annually to future persistent students. It took 12 years, but Brian graduates with a Bachelor of Science degree in Sports Management—with honors—on Saturday.

I want to congratulate Brian and the entire Schnelle family, including his sister, my legislative assistant Alex Schnelle, for this major accomplishment, and wish them all a bright future.

CONGRATULATIONS GARY WALTERS

HON. TROY BALDERSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. BALDERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my dear friend Gary Walters. On May 18, 2019, Coach Walters will be inducted into the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame in recognition of his tremendous career as the head basketball coach at Newark High School in Licking County, Ohio.

Over the course of his twenty-seven years coaching the Newark Wildcats, Gary and his athletes racked up a 477–199 record, winning twelve league championships, 17 sectional championships, seven district championships and 1 regional championship. As a result of his efforts, Gary was elected Ohio Coach of the year in both 1992 and 1999.

Gary's results on the court were only possible through his dedication to his players off the court. He set high standards and helped generations of young men achieve them. Having grown up as a multi-sport athlete himself, Gary knew all too well the special impact a good coach can have on those under his charge. By investing in their character, studies, and personal wellbeing, Gary set himself apart as a model coach and mentor.

Over the years I've known Coach, he has reflected the highest virtues we admire in public service. In addition to his years as an educator and coach, Gary continues to serve his

community—now in his fifth elected term as the Clerk of Courts for his home county. His dedication and perseverance can serve as an inspiration to us all.

I'm proud to join in recognizing Coach Walters as he receives this fitting tribute to his legacy of achievement and service. Congratulations to my friend on being inducted into the 2019 class of the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame.

TRIBUTE TO STEPHEN G.
MOUSHEGIAN

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I offer these remarks in tribute to Stephen G. Moushegian of Salem, Virginia, a hero of the Vietnam War who died on March 22 at the age of 74.

Born on January 22, 1945, Steve was not a stranger to military life in his younger years, as his father had graduated from West Point and served in World War II. Steve began his service in the U.S. Army as a member of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at the University of Georgia. Upon commissioning, he entered flight school and excelled as a pilot.

When Steve was deployed to Vietnam, he opted for a risky assignment: flying helicopters for reconnaissance missions. He quickly proved his courage and skill at the task. Although the North Vietnamese would target his helicopter as it scouted for U.S. forces, he would persist in reconnoitering their positions, even at times after his helicopter was hit by enemy fire. His daring missions gathered valuable intelligence for the U.S. military and earned him several decorations, including a Silver Star, Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Silver Star, and Distinguished Flying Cross.

In September 1969, Steve's helicopter took enemy fire, and he was wounded in the arms, shoulder, and left eye. The eye injury blinded him in that eye, so he was sent home with a Purple Heart. Notwithstanding the serious injuries he sustained, he treasured his service to the country he loved.

Steve worked as a medical salesman after his service in the Army, and occasionally I would have the pleasure of joining him and his lunch buddies. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Ricki, his children Jeff, Christie Shaps, and Suzi, and six grandchildren. His son Jeff served in the Army after graduating from Virginia Military Institute, and his grandson also plans on a military career after completing his course of study at the same institution. We all can take inspiration from the life of Steve Moushegian, a loving father, husband, and patriot who served his country in the skies over Vietnam with valor.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE AND
SERVICE OF LEONARD MCNEIL

HON. MARK DESAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of

Leonard McNeil, a long-time resident of West Contra Costa County.

Leonard first discovered his passion for advocacy while attending California State University, Fresno and was a founding member of the campus's Black Student Union. A strong opponent of the Vietnam War, Leonard protested the draft by moving to Canada, where he helped create the Vancouver Black Action Group and demonstrated against the Vietnam War and British and Canadian imperialism.

After returning to the United States in the 1970s, Leonard completed a vocational program at the University of California, Berkeley and was an ironworker for over 15 years. In that capacity, he worked within his union to fight the exploitation of immigrant workers and end discriminatory practices.

Leonard then pursued a career in local politics and served on the San Pablo City Council. During his tenure, McNeil helped create affordable housing programs, pushed for free public internet access, created the San Pablo Economic Development Corporation, and supported programs that aimed to improve relations between the police department and the community.

Leonard was also a professor of Political Science at Contra Costa College, a position he held for nearly 10 years. As a professor, he pushed students to think critically and engage in political discussions.

Leonard will be sorely missed and his lasting impact will long be remembered in the East Bay community.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA RANGER CHALLENGE TEAM

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the University of North Georgia's (UNG) Ranger Challenge team for placing third overall in the 2019 Sandhurst Military Skills Competition.

The Sandhurst competition is the world's premier international military skills competition with over 50 teams traveling to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point each year to compete against the best military academies in the world. The competition is designed to test each team's mental, physical and leadership readiness that is necessary to foster group cohesiveness and achieve excellence.

Established in 1873, the University of North Georgia is one of the six senior military colleges in the United States. The University established the ROTC program in 1916, and their Corps of Cadets currently encompasses over 700 members. These cadets compete and succeed on a national scale, winning the ROTC cup for the second year in a row and placing third overall out of 49 teams. UNG was the only team not from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point to finish in the top five, and they finished ahead of 14 of West Point's 16 teams, in addition to teams from the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy, and U.S. Coast Guard.

As an alumnus of the University of North Georgia, I know the level of commitment and

courage it takes for the Corps of Cadets to compete on a world stage. With the team improving from their Fourth Place position in 2018, it is no surprise that they are already diligently working to achieve first place in the coming years.

On behalf of the people of Northeast Georgia, I want to congratulate the University of North Georgia Ranger Challenge team for their success. They continue to produce hard-working and dedicated cadets that serve our country honorably in the United States and abroad.

JIM GORMAN RETIREMENT

HON. TROY BALDERSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. BALDERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and achievements of James "Jim" Gorman, in honor of his retirement from the Gorman-Rupp Company in Mansfield, Ohio.

Since its founding in 1933, the Gorman-Rupp Company has been known worldwide for its quality pumps and pump systems. When Jim first joined the board of directors in 1946, he began a journey spanning more than seven decades. For 73 years, Jim has worked tirelessly to uphold the renowned Gorman-Rupp Company reputation and build its global success.

Jim's service didn't begin in the private sector, however. In 1942, amidst the height of World War II, Jim answered his nation's call and joined the United States Army as a C-47 cargo plane pilot, where he risked life and limb to defend the principle of freedom. His lifelong dedication to service for his country and community didn't end there. After World War II, Jim served in the Air Force Reserves until the Guard unit was opened in June 1948, where he served until 1956.

After his time in the military, Jim returned home to Mansfield, Ohio to devote himself to the eponymous company his father co-founded. As a salesman, Jim traveled the country selling the pumps and pump systems the Gorman-Rupp Company designs and manufactures. It didn't take long for Jim's staunch work ethic to earn him the respect and admiration of his colleagues.

As far back as 1948, Jim has repeatedly been quoted as saying he believes in treating his employees as he would like to be treated. This unwavering commitment to his employees remains through this very day and sets an example for job creators everywhere.

Jim's life and career are marked by decades of profound, yet humbly-and dutifully-carried-out service to others. I'm confident that's Jim's impact will be an enduring one, and that his work will be cherished by generations to come.

I thank James "Jim" Gorman for bringing honor to Mansfield, Ohio, and in turn I honor him for his incredible record of achievements.