

and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 247, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Garrett has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Garrett has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Garrett is a member of the Order of the Arrow and has received the Boy Scout World Conservation Award. Garrett has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Garrett built mobile shelving units to be used as storage space and visual barriers at the Kansas City Pet Project.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Garrett Winheim for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING A GIANT OF PUTNAM COUNTY

HON. ALEXANDER X. MOONEY

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD, the following obituary for Mr. Bill O'Dell of Putnam County:

WILLIAM DOUGLAS O'DELL

William "Bill" Douglas O'Dell, 68, of Pocahontas, West Virginia, died on Monday, May 6, 2019.

Bill was a graduate of South Charleston High School and Marshall University. He worked at Regional Family Resource Network and was the Director of Putnam Wellness Coalition. He dedicated his life to drug and alcohol prevention. He was a mentor to many. His impact on the youth and the community cannot be measured. He touched many lives at Teen Institute, a leadership program that helps young people become leaders around prevention of alcohol, tobacco, drugs and other critical daily decisions.

He was a man of Christian faith, integrity, great humor, positive thinking, a role model to many, a devoted husband, father, grandfather and brother. He will be greatly missed. The family would like to thank his Church, friends, co-workers, the community, our extended family and the Putnam Wellness Coalition for their support, love and prayers.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents Dr. Richard Nolan O'Dell and Vera Waldorf O'Dell and father-in-law, Louis "Gene" Barnett. He is survived by his wife Judith O'Dell of Pocahontas, daughter Tina (Mike) Shoemaker and his pride and joy, his grandson, Caden of Ona, WV, son Joshua (Kristina) of Charleston, SC; mother-in-law Lorene Barnett, brother Larry (Beverly) O'Dell of Chesapeake, OH; sister Verajane (William) Fish of Savannah, GA, brother-in-law and sister-in-law Adrain and Cindy Jones of Winfield, WV; nieces Wendy (Stephen) Mann, Laura (David) Moir; nephews Keith (Jennifer) O'Dell, Joseph (Marie) Fish, David (Heather) Fish and Logan Jones.

A tribute to the life of William "Bill" O'Dell will be 2:00 PM Saturday, May 11, 2019 at Gatens-Harding chapel with Pastor Fred Elliott and Pastor Wayne Hooper officiating. Entombment will follow at Haven of Rest Memory Gardens, Red House, WV. Friends

may visit at the funeral home 3 hours prior to the service 11:00 AM-2:00 PM on Saturday.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Wilkinson United Methodist Church, PO Box 236, Hometown, WV 25109 or donate to the Bill O'Dell Teen Institute Fund, PO Box 3041, Charleston, WV 25331.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today regarding missed votes. Had I been present for roll call vote number 201, on Motion to Recommit with Instructions of H.R. 2157, Making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes, I would have voted "yea." Had I been present for roll call vote number 202, on Passage of H.R. 2157, Making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes, I would have voted "nay."

IN HONOR OF ANDRIS "ANDY" JON SILINS OF WEST BARNSTABLE, MA

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Andris "Andy" Jon Silins, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to working carpenters, their families and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and to commend him for over fifty years of dedicated service to his community.

The son of Olga Silins and Rudolfs Silins, immigrants from Riga, Latvia, Andy was born on January 12, 1947, and immigrated with his parents and older sister to the United States and lived in Jamaica Plain.

Andy attended Roslindale High School and graduated in 1965. Subsequent to his graduation, Andy enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served his country honorably in the Vietnam War. Ultimately, Andy graduated from the University of Massachusetts, Boston.

Upon completion of his distinguished service to our country, Andy joined Carpenters Local 67 in 1968. In 1979, he was elected General Agent and Executive Secretary of the Boston District Council of Carpenters, and President in 1989. In 1995, Andy was elected to the position of General Secretary—Treasurer of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters (UBC) and served in that position until his retirement on April 1, 2019. He continues to serve the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a board member of the Massachusetts Housing Authority. He is also one of the founders of First Trade Union Savings Bank, in Boston, where he later served as Chairman of the Board.

Andy has had the good fortune to be married to his wife, Diane for 37 years. He is the proud father of his son, Jake, and the master of his beloved German Shepherd, Sami.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to thank Andris "Andy" Jon Silins for his remarkable service and dedication to the working carpenters and their families and all workers in

the Commonwealth and across the United States of America.

IN HONOR OF HARLEY LIPPMAN

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Harley Lippman, who is being recognized today as part of Jewish American Heritage Month. Harley has been a generous philanthropist and humanitarian who has been dedicated to uncovering mass graves of Jews murdered by the Nazis in Poland. His persistence and dedication have meant that the Nazis' victims will never be forgotten.

Deeply concerned about the possibility that Jews murdered during the Holocaust would simply disappear from memory, Harley has made a unique contribution to the remembrance of the Jewish community that was destroyed by the Nazis. With singular purpose and dedication, Harley has searched for unknown gravesites and has paid for the restoration of historic Jewish graveyards.

At my urging, Harley was appointed by President Bill Clinton to the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad which is involved in restoring desecrated cemeteries in Eastern Europe. Created in 1993, the Commission is tasked with identifying and reporting on cemeteries, monuments, and historic buildings in Eastern and Central Europe that are associated with the heritage of U.S. citizens, particularly endangered properties. Congress recognized that, as a nation of immigrants, the United States has an interest in preserving sites related to the heritage of Americans, particularly Jewish gravesites since the Holocaust wiped out the communities that would ordinarily have cared for them. It is a credit to him, his enthusiasm and dedication, that he was reappointed by both Republican and Democratic Administrations.

Harley has been the sole funder of an effort to find mass graves in Poland—sites where Jews were slaughtered by the Nazis and then buried. So far, his team has found 52 sites. When he finds a site, he ensures that a memorial plaque is erected to honor the victims. He also arranges for a service with the Chief Rabbi of Poland, a Catholic priest and a Protestant minister and invites school children to help memorialize the dead. These ceremonies provide a meaningful opportunity to remind people of the Jews who perished, the tremendous loss in culture and humanity for Poland, the brutality of the Nazis and the success of the Jewish community that survived.

Harley has been a leader of a host of organizations from the Institute for the Study of Global Anti-Semitism and Policy, an organization founded by Eli Wiesel, which he currently serves as President, to the American-Israel Friendship League and American Jewish Congress.

With great generosity and compassion, Harley has also helped orphans in Cambodia. He is the sole funder of an orphanage, enabling children to find stability, get an education and go on to college. It truly has been life-changing for many of these kids.