

Mr. Gonzales was born and raised in the small town of Santa Paula, CA. For a few years, he and his wife lived in Santa Barbara before permanently moving to Lompoc in 1984, where he dedicated thirty-three years of his life to helping youth and preaching the word of God.

While in Lompoc, Mr. Gonzales had a reputation for his ability to mentor troubled and at-risk youth, earning the nickname of Lompoc's "Kid Whisperer." Most of his work in Lompoc was carried out at the church he founded, Cornerstone Church, and at the Boys & Girls Club. During the thirteen years that Mr. Gonzales directed and oversaw Lompoc's Boys & Girls Club teen program, he expanded it from a small group of 25 kids to around 400 strong.

As a result of his work, Mr. Gonzales had received numerous accolades during his life. One of those being the renaming of the teen center at the Boys & Girls Club to the "The Conrad Gonzales Teen Center." Other honors included being the first recipient of the Valley of Flowers Peace Prize Award as well as being the recipient of a Distinguished Service Award from the Kiwanis Club of Lompoc.

Mr. Gonzales passed away on December 27, 2018, after a bout with Lou Gehrig's disease, but his soul lives on in his loving family, his friends, and every troubled and at-risk teen he aided and inspired along the way.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to join with the nation and the Gonzales Family in celebrating the special life of Conrad Gonzales.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHAIRMAN H. CARL MCCALL ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND CELEBRATION OF HIS FIFTY YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. ADRIANO ESPAILLAT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Madam Speaker, for more than five decades, H. Carl McCall has always been a steward for public good and will go down in New York's history as a monument to public service.

Before he turned thirty, McCall worked as a school teacher, served in the U.S. Army, and opened a church. This is a testament to his character and unbridled work-ethic. Born in the Roxbury neighborhood of Boston, Massachusetts, McCall eventually made New York City his home, where his indelible impact is seen to this day.

Spanning multiple administrations, McCall has been elevated to positions of greater and greater import. It is not lost on New Yorkers or observers of his body of work that he has risen to meet many daunting challenges and emerged successful. During his career in public service, McCall has served as New York State Senator, a delegate to the United Nations, Commissioner of the New York Division of Human Rights, President of the New York City Board of Education, and Commissioner of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. With his long list of roles and accolades, we cannot speak of H. Carl McCall without recognizing his groundbreaking achievement

as the first African American to hold statewide office in New York State as Comptroller serving from 1993 to 2002.

But for all his accomplishments, we all know that public education has always been a passion and priority since McCall was a teacher himself. As president of the New York City Board of Education under Mayor David Dinkins from 1991 to 1992, his vision guided policy for one of the largest public-school systems in the U.S.

It was always his belief that public education was the incubator for personal growth and scholastic enrichment. This was exemplified in his leadership as the chairman of the Public Higher Education Conference Board and later member and chairman of the State University of New York (SUNY) Board of Trustees. He has served on the board since 2011 and has presided over a significant expansion of SUNY's academic curriculum and the diversification of its administration, faculty and student body.

Over his long and distinguished career, McCall has been awarded nine honorary degrees, in addition to his own degrees from Dartmouth College, the University of Edinburgh and Master of Divinity from Andover Newton Theological School. He has also received the Nelson Rockefeller Distinguished Public Service Award from the University of Albany.

On behalf of the New York Congressional Delegation in the U.S. House of Representatives in the 116th Congress, we want to congratulate H. Carl McCall on his retirement after ten years of service with the State University of New York Board of Trustees and thank him for his half-century of public service to New York and our nation.

RECOGNIZING THE TALENT OF LACI KAYE BOOTH

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Laci Kaye Booth of Livingston, Texas. She is a musician with an incredible God-given talent, which she has so graciously shared with her community, state, and country.

Laci Kaye Booth was born in Livingston, Texas on August 28, 1995. Surrounded by sixty acres of land, Laci grew up playing in the woods and creeks of East Texas. Music was a big part of her life from the beginning, whether it was singing at home or church. Inspired by her upbringing she began singing at the age of three and learned to play the guitar at the age of eight. She has become a talented musician and song writer who finds joy in sharing her talents with others.

Booth attended Sam Houston State University in pursuit of a degree in healthcare. While in college, she used her musical talent to help with expenses. Earlier this year, Laci was selected as a candidate on the competitive television show, American Idol, where she secured a spot in the top five. She sang herself into the hearts of many Americans. It has been said by hit vocal artists that she has a beautiful, "unique timbre voice," and is a "diamond in the rough." Livingston and the entire

36th Congressional District are proud of Laci's accomplishments and are looking forward to supporting her musical pursuits in the future.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to recognize Laci Kaye Booth. May God continue to bless Laci and the voice He has given her, so that she may continue to share it with America and the world.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ATTORNEY JENNIFER ASHLEY MITCHELL-CARTER

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Mr. RICHMOND. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Attorney Jennifer Ashley Mitchell-Carter, a Louisiana-licensed attorney and a founding partner at Pearson & Mitchell, LLC. Mrs. Mitchell-Carter passed away on Monday, May 27, 2019 at the age of 34.

Mrs. Mitchell-Carter was born and reared in Shreveport, Louisiana where she graduated from Caddo Parish Magnet High School in 2003. In 2007, she graduated with honors from Louisiana State University College of Arts and Sciences where she earned a bachelor's degree in political science. Two years later she became a certified mediator by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Services. In 2011, she went on to earn a master's degree in political science from Southern University Nelson Mandela School of Public Policy and a Jurist Doctorate from Southern University Law Center.

During her career in state government, Mrs. Mitchell-Carter served as the attorney for the Louisiana State Senate's Senate and Government Affairs Committee, the Select Committee on Women and Children, and as support staff for the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus. Moreover, she was the youngest Executive Director of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus and Executive Director of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus Foundation.

Mrs. Mitchell-Carter was a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the American Bar Association, Louisiana State Bar Association, Baton Rouge Bar Association, and Louis A. Martinet Legal Society.

Mrs. Mitchell-Carter was an integral part of her community and will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with the family and all the members of the community who felt a special connection with her. Her legacy will live on through the many people and organizations she supported in our great state.

Madam Speaker, I celebrate the life and legacy of Attorney Jennifer Ashley Mitchell-Carter.

HONORING STAFF SERGEANT ARNOLD RAYMOND LAMBERT AND HIS SERVICE IN WORLD WAR II

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 75th anniversary of D-

Day and honor Staff Sergeant Arnold Raymond “Ray” Lambert, a World War II veteran and Moore County constituent.

There are American heroes, and then there are American giants. Ray—along with other men and women of the Greatest Generation—is a giant. At 98-years-old, he is one of the few surviving warriors who stormed the beaches of Normandy on June 6, 1944.

Seventy-five years ago, 160,000 Allied troops landed along a heavily fortified French coastline and established a foot-hold in Nazi-occupied France—though that one sentence hardly does the invasion any justice. D-Day was a major turning point in WWII and the beginning of the end for Nazi Germany.

Ray served as a medic in the 16th Infantry Regiment of the army’s storied First Division, the “Big Red One.” Facing intense fire from German forces, his medical unit landed with the first assault wave at Omaha Beach. Soldiers were killed and wounded all around him, and Ray pressed on—rescuing troops from drowning, attending to countless wounds, hauling soldiers to safety, and always serving his fellow men in uniform. He was wounded and in immense pain himself, but he persevered after giving himself a shot of morphine. That’s incredible and selfless service at its finest.

Ray sacrificed on that beach. He saved countless men on that beach. And he never once gave up. After breaking his back and losing consciousness, he was picked up and evacuated by a landing craft. On that same landing craft was another heroic medic who was wounded—his brother, Bill. They were taken to safety in England and began the long journey back home and to recovery.

Before Normandy, Ray served in North Africa with the Big Red One and earned his first Silver Star for rescuing wounded soldiers under fire in 1943. He continued to risk his life to save his fellow men in uniform, next in Sicily. A Purple Heart, Bronze Star and Silver Star recipient, Ray continues to serve our country and our community and he recently published a memoir titled “Every Man a Hero.”

I admire Ray not only for his service, but also for his desire to memorialize his fallen comrades and his efforts to pass on the great values of his generation. As he said recently, “Perhaps they should teach a little more in schools about World War II and how the generation at that time, my generation, loved the country and respected the flag and was willing to fight for our families and our country.” I agree and believe every generation owes an enormous debt to Ray and the Greatest Generation.

I applaud Ray for his tremendous service, and I thank him for his courageous and selfless actions. I am so proud to represent him in Congress, and I wish him and his wife Barbara and their family all the best.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Staff Sergeant Ray Lambert and his service to our country.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF TOM JOYNER ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and recognize Tom

Joyner, of the Tom Joyner Morning Show, who is an iconic DJ and radio legend, and plans on retiring at the end of this year.

Tom has entertained and inspired millions of people throughout his career. He is a brilliant individual and a hard worker, earning the nickname “The Fly Jock” by flying between a morning show in Dallas, Texas and an afternoon show in Chicago, Illinois earlier in his career. In 1994, The Tom Joyner Morning Show was syndicated, and it has aired on the WTLC airwaves in the Indianapolis community for more than 25 years. Tom is also the founder of The Tom Joyner Foundation, Reach Media Inc., and BlackAmericaWeb.com. His tireless work and influence was honored in 1998 when he was inducted into the Radio Hall of Fame.

Tom grew up in Alabama, and his father served as a Tuskegee Airman. True to these roots, he has a deep commitment to civil rights, and has used his platform to serve others. He has raised millions of dollars through the Tom Joyner Foundation to provide scholarships, endowments, and capacity building enhancements for Historically Black Colleges and Universities and their students. Tom has also been a champion for voting rights. He has tirelessly promoted voter engagement—inspiring listeners not only to register to vote but to be better informed about the issues and the candidates. His efforts are credited for helping to turn out a record number of voters in the African American community during the historic 2008 election.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Tom Joyner a happy retirement. His work has informed and inspired countless individuals in our community, and he leaves a legacy of service to be followed for all Americans.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE, DEDICATION, AND SACRIFICE OF SERGEANT CHEEXENG LEE

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to welcome home Sergeant Cheexeng Lee from his service in the United States Marine Corps.

Sgt Lee enlisted into the Marine Corps in May 2009. Upon graduating from Appleton West High School in June 2010, he went to boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. Pvt Lee was stationed at Camp Pendleton north of San Diego, and after additional training, checked into his first unit, 3rd Battalion 1st Marines. He was reassigned from his original role as Rifleman to Machine Gunner under Weapons Platoon, India Company 3/1. He later deployed with the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit from November 2011 to June 2012.

While on the MEU, Lance Corporal Lee served in Malaysia, Singapore, Djibouti, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Jordan, and Hong Kong. After this deployment, he attended Advanced Machine Gunners Course and was selected to join 3/1’s elite Scout Sniper Platoon. From October 2013 to April 2014, he deployed to Okinawa, Japan. He was then stationed in Thailand to participate in Operation Cobra Gold, a major multinational military exercise.

After completing his second deployment, Corporal Lee attended Scout Sniper Course

(SSC), completing the grueling course in April 2015. Afterwards, he deployed with the 15th MEU from May 2015 to December 2015, where he served in Hong Kong, Bahrain, Dubai, and Kuwait.

After his third deployment, he was transferred to Division School Pre-Scout Sniper Course at Camp Pendleton from March 2016 to June 2018. During that time, he trained hundreds of Marines from various units to better prepare them for SSC. Sgt Lee also trained Japanese Snipers from the Japanese Ground Self Defense Force (JGSDF). He travelled to Washington, D.C. to provide subject matter expertise as the Marine Corps tested a new sniper rifle, a model that is now currently in use by Marine Snipers deployed around the world.

Words cannot adequately thank Sgt Lee for his years of service to our country. May his service, dedication, and sacrifice be remembered by a grateful nation. It is truly an honor to welcome him home.

IN RECOGNITION OF DAVID “GINO” GASPARINI

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Gino Gasparini of Redwood City upon his retirement after 47 years in the recycling and solid waste industry. His career is an example of how private enterprise and public service can merge to create great benefits for the entire community.

Gino is the son of a man rooted in the solid waste industry. His father, Gino Sr., worked on a truck. Gino Jr.’s fondest memory was of hanging off the back of a garbage truck and of making tags with his father. Fifty years ago, garbage bills were collected door-to-door and the tags were used in those collections.

He graduated from high school having started a proud tradition at San Carlos High—the “Nude Relays”—an event that remained for years after he graduated. His reputation, however, was districtwide. At another high school in the district his sister, Dani, had to endure the ever-present question from teachers, “Are you related to Gino Gasparini?” His sister, wisely, conceded the relationship and noted that she was, indeed, Gino Sr.’s daughter.

Gino attended community college for two years and then entered the solid waste business. From 1972 to 1988, he collected garbage along residential and business routes from Burlingame to East Palo Alto. He began his career in management in 1995 as the manager in charge of day-to-day operations of drivers and supervisory staff. He was a great manager, often getting into the cab of a truck to stay in touch with the challenges faced by front-line employees.

Solid waste management on the San Francisco Peninsula has long been an advanced form of industrial processing. When I served on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors in the 1980’s, I organized the first household hazardous waste pickup day. We invited residents to drop off pesticides and chemicals at the waste transfer station. A chemist working for the county glanced into the back of a station wagon and immediately