

Councilman Coffin's commitment to Southern Nevada can be seen through his decades of public service. He was first elected in 1982 to the Nevada Assembly, where he served for two terms. He continued his public service in the Nevada State Senate, where he served until 2011. During that period, he served on many influential committees as a ranking member of the powerful Senate Finance Committee as well as chairman of the Taxation Committee. On these committees he fought to balance budgets and cut unnecessary government spending. Fiscal responsibility continued to be a priority as he served Ward 3 along with ensuring public safety, cleaning up older neighborhoods, and attracting new development.

During his childhood in Las Vegas, Councilman Coffin developed a passion for two things—his Mexican-American heritage and the sport of golf. His ancestral family emigrated to Southern California from Mexico, and he saw firsthand the discrimination his mother faced as a young woman. Accordingly, the Councilman has spent much of his career fighting this injustice. He has traveled to Central America to monitor elections and to help children and families. He has also been a longtime active member in the Latin Chamber of Commerce.

Bob remained in Southern Nevada as a young man attending Bishop Gorman High School and the University of Nevada Las Vegas, where he earned an accounting degree. He went on to serve his country in the United States Army and later ran a successful insurance business. While concentrating on his studies at UNLV, Bob continued to focus on his favorite pastime, golf, and was named the Nevada Amateur Golf Champion at the age of 27.

Councilman Coffin has been recognized for his community service, receiving dozens of awards during his career. Most recently, he was named Person of the Year by the Southern Nevada Chapter of the Professional Golfers Association and received the Charles Dick Medal of Honor Award from the United States National Guard. He has twice been honored by the Latin Chamber of Commerce with its Hispanic Citizen Award and Public Service Award.

He continues his commitment to the public by serving on a number of boards and commissions, including the Board of the Las Vegas Golf Hall of Fame, Chief Local Elected Officials Consortium, Commission for the Las Vegas Centennial, Debt Management Commission, Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition, and the Southern Nevada Water Authority.

Bob is also a dear friend who paid my very first filing fee when I ran for the Nevada Senate in 1988. I have looked to him over the years for advice, support, and encouragement. I am also close to his lovely wife, Mary Hausch and look forward to spending quality time with them in their retirement. Bob has left an incredible legacy and all Nevadans owe him a great debt of gratitude.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2019

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, on the legislative day of June 12, 2019, on roll call number 283, I voted no when I intended to vote yea.

BLACK HISTORY HONOREE: ANNA M. PINELLAS

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2019

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Mrs. Anna M. Pinellas.

Anna M. Pinellas moved to join her husband, Louis C. Pinellas, Sr., in his hometown of Kissimmee, FL in 1981, after having worked in local government in Washington, Maryland, and Virginia.

Having knowledge in securing funds for various projects, she was hired by the City of Kissimmee and was able to secure grants for the infrastructure around Osceola Square Mall, the paving of Hill Street, and John Young Parkway. The first of those grants being \$750,000.

She was also hired by Osceola County Government to secure federal funds for projects which included bringing Head Start back to Osceola County, refurbishing the Old Courthouse, and the establishment of a Salary Plan for Osceola County employees.

One of her primary goals was to pursue the establishment of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday in the city of Kissimmee, City of St. Cloud, Osceola County and the School Board. Thirty-four years ago, Pinellas founded Osceola Visionaries Inc., a non-profit corporation devoted to honoring and celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. before the holiday was observed.

Today, Pinellas continues to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by hosting their annual banquet and holding programs for the Central Florida community.

HONORING MRS. ANTONIETTA "TONI" HERNANDEZ-SERNA

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2019

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today in honor of Mrs. Antonietta "Toni" Hernandez-Serna whose commitment to our hometown of San Antonio is one to be admired. Today marks the beginning of her retirement after over 20 years of public service; throughout which her passion for improving her community remained unchanged.

Toni was born on April 20, 1954 in San Antonio, Texas to union leaders Louisa and Jesus Hernandez and is the oldest of six siblings—Yolanda, Jesse, David, Hector, and Roland. Louisa's community activism is reflected in Toni's work as a community organizer.

Upon receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Texas State University, Toni found her calling as an organizer while serving as a Field Representative with the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) where she led the implementation of their national policies.

Fulfilling a desire to return home, Toni transferred from Colorado with her husband of now 28 years, Joe Serna, and their daughter, Selina Rocha, to take on a position as the Political and Community Director with the Service Employees International Union. Throughout the years, she worked to elect numerous candidates into local office who empowered workers' rights. In 2007, she served as Outreach Coordinator for Texas State Representative Mike Villarreal, and later became District Director in 2010.

In 2013, Toni's journey lead her to Texas' 20th Congressional District where she served as my Outreach and District Director. I have seen firsthand her dedication and persistence to serve our community. Her tireless efforts combined with a true passion for public service is nothing short of extraordinary. With this in mind, Toni is a remarkable role model to Selina Rocha; her nephew, Jesse Rene Hernandez; and grandmother to Charlotte Rocha, and to all of us in the San Antonio community.

Madam Speaker, Mrs. Antonietta "Toni" Hernandez-Serna has played a tremendous part in moving Texas 20th forward. I thank Toni for her many years of service and steadfast commitment to our hometown. I am proud to have served the people of Texas 20th with you.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF LLOYD TATUM

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2019

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the memory of my mentor and dear friend, the honorable Lloyd Tatum of Henderson, Tennessee, who succumbed to cancer at the age of 93.

Given the profound honor of eulogizing Lloyd, I include in the RECORD the following sentiments from my remarks in recognition of a life of such great scope and consequence:

Lloyd inspired all of us with his example of truthfulness, hard work, wit, adoration to family and friends, fairness, and morality. He inspired me to choose law as a career and became my mentor.

Lloyd's nickname was "Happy," as humor was a mainstay in his life. He truly enjoyed things funny and his hearty laugh was infectious. His easy-going personality, though, camouflaged a very serious and determined hard worker—from his days as a crewman on the B-24 Liberator of Superfortress at the end of World War II; to a stint as an FBI agent; to a mini-career in movies; to a great career as a highly respected and successful practicing attorney in all of West Tennessee; to 10 years as a distinguished appellate justice in Tennessee's Court of Criminal Appeals.

I first met Lloyd while a teenager in my hometown of Monticello, Kentucky. He came to southern Kentucky to clear the titles for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as they were beginning to create Lake Cumberland,

to be a 100-mile-long impoundment of the Cumberland River. He worked out of a local law firm's office on the square in Monticello where he met and fell in love with my sister, Inadene Rogers. After a beautiful church wedding, the new couple was off to New Haven, Connecticut and the FBI, and later to Henderson, Tennessee and law practice.

Through frequent family visits, we shared great times together—great dinners, picnics, reunions and water skiing on Lake Cumberland. It wasn't long until Aaron came along and then, shortly, Janice. What a pair—full of life. Soon, there came Tim, then little Lloyd and Suzanne—all wonderful, talented children of happy and loving parents. But tragedy intervened when their daughter Janice became deathly ill, and sometime later, Inadene lost her battle with cancer.

Lloyd immersed himself in his other love—the law. His law practice and later service as a great justice on the Tennessee Criminal Court of Appeals, consumed him. Slowly the old Lloyd Tatum came back, and though grief was his constant companion, he regained that impressionable personality we cherish today.

But, tragedy would come again as his second wife, Yvonne, succumbed to cancer. There will never be another quite like Lloyd Tatum. The joyful memories of our wonderful time together will inspire us all until we meet him again on the other side. An inscription on the monument over the grave of James Louis Petigru in Charleston, South Carolina describes Lloyd much better than my feeble efforts:

“Future times will hardly know how great a life

This simple stone commemorates—
The tradition of his Eloquence, his
Wisdom and his Wit may fade;

But he lived for ends more durable than
fame,

His Eloquence was the protection of the poor
and wronged;

His Learning illuminated the principles of
Law—

In the admiration of his Peers,
In the respect of his People,

In the affection of his Family,
His was the highest place;

The just need
Of his kindness and forbearance

His dignity and simplicity

His brilliant genius and his unwearied industry

Unawed by Opinion,
Unseduced by Flattery,
Undismayed by Disaster,

He confronted Life with antique Courage
And Death with Christian Hope.”

ST. LOUIS BLUES STANLEY CUP VICTORY

HON. ANN WAGNER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2019

Mrs. WAGNER. Madam Speaker, I am proud to join with my colleague Representative LACY CLAY, in congratulating the St. Louis Blues on their 2019 Stanley Cup Victory.

In 1967, the National Hockey League expanded its roster from the “Original Six” franchises to include an additional six organizations, bringing the first professional hockey team to my hometown: the St. Louis Blues.

In each of the team's first three seasons, the Blues made it to the Stanley Cup Final. And in each of those first three championship

series, the Blues were swept, twice by the Montreal Canadiens and then by the Boston Bruins.

Since that time, St. Louis has been called home by some of the greatest players in the history of the National Hockey League. First came Bernie Federko, who led the team to eight straight playoffs. Brett Hull then joined the team during the 1987–1988 season and scored more goals than any other player in franchise history. At the turn of the century, Al Macinnis and Chris Pronger ushered in a new era of defensive prowess for the Blues, bringing the team's consecutive playoff streak to twenty-five seasons, the third longest in the history of the National Hockey League at the time. Still, hockey's greatest trophy—the Stanley Cup—remained elusive.

Despite over half a century of disappointing finishes, love and passion for the Blues continued to take root and flourish in St. Louis. Typically described as a “baseball town,” St. Louis embraced their Blues wholeheartedly and patiently waited for the one year, the one team, and the one playoff run that would finally bring the Cup to the Gateway City.

On January 3, 2019, the St. Louis Blues were dead last in the National Hockey League rankings. But with the help of a rookie goaltender, Jordan Binnington, and new interim head coach, Craig Berube, the team embarked on a franchise-record eleven game win streak. Over the next four months, the Blues jumped from last place to second place in the Western Conference. The Stanley Cup was once again in the city's crosshairs.

To begin the 2019 Stanley Cup Playoffs, the team ventured north and defeated the Winnipeg Jets in the first round, then marched south and beat the Dallas Stars, next turned west to win the Western Conference Championship over the San Jose Sharks, and finally set their sights east to take on the Boston Bruins in the Stanley Cup Final.

While the Blues mounted their unprecedented run toward the playoffs, a new sense of excitement took over the city. What was once an unknown team ritual—playing the 1982 song “Gloria” by Laura Branigan after each win—evolved into tens of thousands of St. Louisans blasting the record in their homes, cars, and workplaces to celebrate a Blues victory, marking each step closer to the Stanley Cup.

The Blues relished in this admiration and were quick to give back to the city that supported them through thick and thin. When a video went viral of an eleven-year-old superfan, Laila Anderson, who was suffering from a rare blood disease, the team rallied around her. They invited her to every Blues home playoff game, dubbing her the team's “good luck charm.” She then accompanied the Blues to Game 7 of the 2019 Stanley Cup Final in Boston.

Yesterday, on June 12, 2019, the Blues accomplished what many St. Louisans feared they would never see in their lifetime: the Stanley Cup being hoisted above the heads of hockey players emblazoned with the Blue Note across their chest. The victory marked the end of the longest Stanley Cup drought in National Hockey League history, and was ushered in by thousands of Blues fans packed into the home of the Blues, the Enterprise Center, the home of the Cardinals, Busch Stadium, and countless homes and sports bars across the nation.

If one were to ask any St. Louisan, this accomplishment meant far more than winning just a hockey game. It brought together the entire city under one mission, one team, one song, and one Note. It is our honor to congratulate the St. Louis Blues on this historic victory.

RECOGNIZING THE 2019 FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT VALOR AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding group of men and women in Northern Virginia. These individuals have demonstrated superior dedication to public safety and have been awarded the prestigious Valor Award by the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce.

This is the 41st Annual Valor Awards sponsored by the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce. This event honors the remarkable heroism and bravery in the line of duty exemplified by our public safety officers. Our public safety and law enforcement personnel put their lives on the line every day to keep our families and neighborhoods safe. This year's ceremony will present 123 awards to recognize extraordinary actions above and beyond the call of duty in a variety of categories including the Lifesaving Certificate, the Certificate of Valor, and the Bronze, Silver and Gold Medal of Valor.

Seventy-three awards will be bestowed upon first responders who serve with the Fairfax County Police Department in recognition of their exceptional service. It is with great pride that I include in the RECORD the names of the following Valor Award Recipients:

Gold Medal of Valor: 2nd Lt. Peter J. Massaro, Sgt. Bradley P. Woehrlen, PFC Jason S. Edminster, PFC Jonathan E. Epperson, PFC Louis J. Marino, PFC Benjamin J. McIntosh, PFC Andrew D. Napieralski, Ofc. Nicholas J. Kirsch

Silver Medal of Valor: MPO Joseph N. Wallace, PFC Kelvin D. Catron

Bronze Medal of Valor: 2nd Lt. Edward S. Rediske, Sgt. David J. Giaccio, MPO Douglas D. Meyer, MPO Robert T. Murray Jr., PFC Brian P. Donoghue, PFC John H. Lamper, PFC Amanda N. O'Connor, PFC Kevin L. Reynolds, PFC Ali Sepehri, PFC Shane S. Oh, PFC Hudson A. Bull, PFC John J. Donohue, PFC Dale A. Drewry, PFC Tarik Sefaine, PFC Stacey L. Wells, Det. Eric W. Crago, Det. John D. Sykes, Ofc. Erik J. Laursen, Ofc. Michael J. DiLuccio, Ofc. Matthew R. Kramer, Pilot Matthew P. Hobbs

Certificate of Valor: MPO Peter B. Katinsky, PFC Matthew H. Wolff, PFC Jeremy C. Harvey, PFC Leslie G. Schmitt, PFC Jason L. Deal, Ofc. Ryan K. Miller, Ofc. Jacob D. Bettilyon, Ofc. Evan D. Brandolino, Ofc. Nickolas P. Slaker

Lifesaving Award: 2nd Lt. Christopher D. Sharp, MPO Jeffrey M. Gregory, MPO Stephen P. Kaganowich, MPO Kenyatta L. Momon, PFC Zachary R. Barger, PFC Kenner D. Fortner, PFC Matthew C. Bedekovich, PFC Katelynn M. Bullock, PFC Matthew C. McMann, PFC Colton J. Weaver,