

course, on Fridays during Lent. After graduating from Iona College, Tricia taught first grade at Good Shepherd School for a few years before shifting to politics. In the summer of 1979, Tricia launched her career on Capitol Hill as a staff assistant for conservative stalwart and fellow New Yorker Jack Kemp. Prior to joining my office, Tricia served a number of House Members, including dedicated tenures serving my former California colleague Elton Gallegly and Arizonan J.D. Hayworth.

In 2007, I was incredibly fortunate to have a seasoned staff member like Tricia join my office. When she first came on board, Tricia wasn't exactly a big fan of flying, especially cross country to our district in California. But after we introduced her to In-N-Out Burger she became more open to flying out West—it's amazing how a Double-Double can ease anxieties. We never quite converted her from a New Yorker to a Californian, but I'd like to think she will always carry within her a little piece of the Golden State.

As Tricia winds up her time in my office to take on a new opportunity, it's impossible to sum up her immense contributions. Of all my constituents whom she has helped, I think that the folks from the Monday Morning Group will miss her the most. I know Tricia rightfully takes great pride in her efforts to secure passage of the 9/11 Memorial Act into law. She was deeply and personally touched by the 9/11 attack as a native New Yorker and by the loss of her friend, Navy Captain Bob Dolan, who was killed at the Pentagon on that tragic day. Tricia took the "Never Forget" refrain and put it into action to honor her friend Bob and all who perished. Tricia has also been involved in helping the Capitol Concerts that take place on the Hill every year on Memorial Day and the Fourth of July. All Americans who enjoy these patriotic events can thank Tricia for working overtime to ensure their success.

Tricia loves her country and everything Disney. There is also no bigger fan of Bruce Springsteen, Tom Selleck or Joe Namath. But nothing in her life comes close to her love for her two children: Shannon and Patrick. They are an incredibly close and loving family, which can be attested to by me and my Chief of Staff who can't help but overhear regular calls from each of the kids that always end with, "I love you." I won't say that these calls happen too frequently, but I have developed a nervous tick whenever I hear her cell phone ring tone. Seriously though, Tricia's love for and dedication to her children are a testament to her fine character. I will deeply miss her and her selflessness, loyalty and impassioned devotion to supporting me and my office. I look forward to my continued friendship with Tricia and wish her, Shannon, and Patrick, the very best in all their future endeavors. Godspeed.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I was unfortunately delayed by weather and unable to vote on June 24, 2019. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 399; YEA on Roll Call No. 400; YEA on Roll Call No. 401; and YEA on Roll Call No. 402.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THROOP'S INCORPORATION AS A BOROUGH

#### HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Borough of Throop, Pennsylvania for its quasiquicentennial year. Throop celebrated 125 years of being incorporated on April 16, 2019.

The borough was named after one of its most influential residents, Dr. Benjamin H. Throop, who settled in the county in the fall of 1840. He became an active figure in the community, buying real estate and advocating for the separation of Throop and Dickson City Borough. Dr. Throop also served in the military during the Civil War, and at the time he was one of the wealthiest figures in the area.

Throop originally applied to become independent of Dickson City Borough in 1888, but the subdivision failed. Refusing to back down, the community banded together to continue to circulate petitions. Among the many reasons driving the residents' motivation to become their own, independent borough was a dispute over schools and the desire to have their own schooling system. In 1893, the petition was granted, and the borough was officially incorporated on April 16, 1894.

The Throop family continued to be a driving force behind the borough's success. The Throop Hose Company 1 was organized in 1894 and named after Dr. Throop's son, Dr. George S. Throop. The borough building was completed in 1895 on land donated by Dr. Throop, Dr. Pancoast, and Eli K. Price. Once incorporated, Throop had a population of 1,639 with 266 dwellings, 9 hotels, a small number of businesses, two churches, a colliery, and a school.

Like many communities in Northeastern Pennsylvania, Throop's coal mining industry was the principal industry in the region for decades. Throop has the distinction of being the site of the first anthracite coal mined in Lackawanna County, which was taken from the Anderson farm by William Wurts in 1814.

Throughout its notable 125-year history, Throop has established an impressive public school system and has continued to celebrate its religious heritage. The borough has also shown its incredible resilience in the face of devastating floods from Hurricanes Diane, Agnes, and Gloria.

Today, Throop is a vibrant community with around 3,900 residents and many industries and businesses that have taken the place of coal mining. Annual traditions and celebrations for children like the Santa Parade and Tree Lighting make Throop an inviting and welcoming place to live and visit. Throop's rich history and a tight knit community make it the flourishing borough it is today.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

Mr. WENSTRUP. Madam Speaker, on roll call no. 381, I mistakenly voted NAY when I intended to vote AYE.

HONORING WENDI WINTERS OF THE CAPITAL GAZETTE

#### HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

Mr. SARBANES. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD an obituary of Wendi Winters, a writer for the Capital Gazette in Annapolis Maryland.

[From the Baltimore Sun]

WENDI WINTERS, A PROLIFIC WRITER FOR THE CAPITAL ENJOYED SHARING STORIES ABOUT LOCAL RESIDENTS

(By Jacques Kelly)

Wendi Winters, a feature writer for The Capital and The Maryland Gazette who earlier had been a public relations executive in Manhattan, died Thursday in the attack at the Annapolis newspapers' office.

She was 65 and lived in Edgewater.

Wendy Anne Winters—known throughout the community as "Wendi"—was born in Coronado, Calif., the daughter of Leigh Cosart Winters, a Navy commander and real estate agent, and his wife, Dorothy Breuninger Grigsby, who had worked as a Capitol Hill secretary and was in the visitors' gallery in December 1941 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt asked Congress for a declaration of war on Japan.

She attended Saint Rita's School in Alexandria, Va. and was a 1971 graduate of the old St. Mary's Academy, a high school also in Alexandria.

"She vividly recollected her semi-nomadic childhood as a Navy brat," said her daughter, Winters Leigh Geimer. "Her fondest childhood memories were of her family's time in Turkey when her father was a naval attache with the American Embassy in Istanbul. She spent most of her time getting in trouble with the local residents and exploring off-limits places."

"Our mother showed an aptitude for art and writing. At age 10, she wrote a poem for then-President John F. Kennedy and she received a personal response with photographs from his secretary, Evelyn Lincoln," said her son, Phoenix Winters Geimer. "She kept the photograph near her desk and it has been in the house as long I can remember. She had a couple of recollections of President Kennedy coming into her church."

She obtained a bachelor of fine arts degree with a specialty in fashion design from Virginia Commonwealth University and later went to New York City on a fellowship to the Tobé-Coburn School for Fashion Careers. She was class president at the school and graduated with honors.

She remained active in alumni circles at Virginia Commonwealth, and was invited there to sit on critic panels of student work at university fashion shows.

In a resume, Ms. Winters said most of her career was in public relations—backed by experience in fashion retailing, wholesaling, textiles, marketing, advertising, design and promotion. She created and directed campaigns for two "international public relations firms and had her own successful fashion public relations, advertising, special events [and] runway show production firm for seven years," her resume said.

She lived in the Gramercy Park section of New York City and later moved to Montclair, N.J.

"In her New York days her pay often included some of the clothing she was promoting," said her daughter, a Purdue University student who is a naval officer candidate. "She had a fairly large wardrobe because she didn't believe in throwing things

out. Her fashion aesthetic looked like the 1980s had never ended."

Her son said Ms. Winters routinely corresponded with figures of the era—including Patty Hearst, Robin Leach, Michael Douglas, the Trumps, Christian Lacroix, Oscar de la Renta, Donna Karan, Iman, Keith Haring, Neil Sedaka, Leroy Neiman, Regis Philbin, Cybill Shepherd, Lionel Hampton and Sally Jessy Raphael.

"She regularly ran into Andy Warhol and Salvador Dali on the street," said her son.

In 1990, she won the Golden Apple Award, presented by the New York City Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America, for a campaign she orchestrated for the Polyester Council of America.

In 1986 she married Tod Geimer, who built computer networks for banks.

He suggested a change of pace and less hectic life in the Annapolis area. They left New Jersey and moved to Arnold in 1999. They later lived in Cape St. Claire.

"My mother always needed to be doing something," her son said. "She started writing for small local publications.

"Her day's schedule was filled with so many events," he said. "You could plan for her showing up late, late—but with a great story to tell. Her daily routine was to wake up at 5:30 a.m. and work and work and work. At midnight she went to bed."

She wrote on a freelance basis for The Capital and later joined the publication full-time. She often took her own photographs.

Ms. Winters wrote three weekly columns: Around Broadneck, Teen of the Week and Home of the Week.

"My mother learned to type on a manual typewriter and she had a heavy touch. She could wear away the letters on a keyboard. She also typed very fast," said her daughter. "She also wrote fast."

She had written for many other publications, including Waterfront Living and Inside Annapolis Magazine, and wrote theater criticism for Theatre Spotlight and The Review and the DC Metro Theatre Arts website. She was a Helen Hayes Awards nominator for two terms.

She was named honorary vice president of her father's Naval Academy Class of 1940. Family members said she organized the class's 70th reunion.

Ms. Winters had also been a Girl Scout leader, a church youth adviser and ran an annual Red Cross Blood Drive. She was also a cat fancier and enjoyed roller skating sessions at Wheels Skating Center in Odenton.

"Wendi was always the same as the first day I met her in high school—we were both cast in 'Witness for the Prosecution,'" said Paul Donnelly, a friend who lives in Honolulu, Hawaii.

"She was tall, elegant, self-possessed and dynamic," Mr. Donnelly said. "She lived life to the fullest and was not one to sit around and watch television. Her writing was meticulous and reflected her personality. She was compassionate about the people she wrote about. It was never a chore for her to write The Teen of the Week column."

A celebration of life will held at noon to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, 801 Chase Street in Annapolis. A reception will follow from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis, where she was a member.

In addition to her son and daughter, survivors include two other daughters, Montana Winters Geimer, a Naval Academy graduate who is stationed in Pensacola, Fla., and Summerleigh Winters Geimer of Edgewater, a home remodeling manager; three sisters, Sandra Winters of Key Biscayne, Fla., Dana Rengers of Alexandria, Va., and Debra Winters of Yuma, Ariz. Her marriage ended in divorce.

## HONORING THE MOUNT UNION HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM

### HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2019*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Mount Union High School baseball team who recently won the PIAA Class 3A state championship with a 9–1 victory over Notre Dame-Green Pond.

The Trojans took an 8–0 lead through the first two innings and held that lead for the rest of the game. Ethan Carbaugh went 3–for–4 with three RBIs. Seth Smith, Kobe Hand, and Quinton Posey added six combined RBIs. This is Mount Union's fourth title and their first since 1995.

The Trojans had a strong regular season, winning the District 6 championship with a record of 25–3.

The team was led by Coaches Tim Hicks, Ryan McGanigle, Nick Imperoli, George Goodling, Ron Blair, Jeff Brown, and Kyle Atherton.

The team was comprised of seniors Steve Brumbaugh, Quinten Fultz, Dylan Gearhart, Matt Harshbarger, Quinton Posey, Seth Smith, and Bryce Stinson. Juniors Ethan Carbaugh, Kobe Hand, and Grayson McClain. Sophomores Clayton Arnold, Colten Benson, Ian Brodbeck, Vince Lear, Tyler Renniger, Casel Walter, Klayton Willaughby, Blake Woodward, and Brock Woodward. As well as freshman Dauvon Wilson and Equipment Managers Braylan Knable and Blaine Hunsinger.

High school athletics is a great way for students to build character and form a lasting bond with teammates.

Please join me in congratulating the Trojans baseball team.

## HONORING THE SERVICE OF MASTER SERGEANT DONCARLOS PAGAN

### HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2019*

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Master Sergeant DonCarlos Pagan who served his country in the United States Army for 28 years. Master Sergeant Pagan's service in Afghanistan and his work for the State of Arizona and the United States Army exemplify his strong devotion to duty and country.

While in Afghanistan, Master Sergeant Pagan's experience as a construction engineer enabled the 158th Infantry Battalion to plan, and build, construction projects that included bridges and roads that enabled villagers in Najil, Afghanistan to bypass destroyed roads. In addition, he developed an artillery battery munitions storage bunker for the Afghan Army and he helped train Afghan Combat Engineer Soldiers in Force Protection Operations. His expertise in construction and developing force protection efforts was recognized by the 82nd Airborne, All American 6, General Rodriguez and earned him a Combat Action Badge. At times coming under direct enemy fire, Master Sergeant Pagan held firm and completed the mission.

Master Sergeant Pagan was also crucial in the development of planning for multiple construction projects valued at over \$2.5 million to support multiple counties, government agencies and the State of Arizona.

Madam Speaker, this is only a fraction of the numerous accomplishments that span the 28 years of Master Sergeant Pagan's service to our country. His leadership has left a profound legacy that will continue to positively impact the United States Army for years to come. His proudest accomplishment however is his wonderful family. He and his wife Shawna have 4 children and 8 beautiful grandchildren.

I thank Master Sergeant Pagan for his service and leadership to our country. May his leadership continue to inspire generations of men and women who serve in the United States Army.

## IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE OF PAUL PIMENTEL

### HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2019*

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the life of Paul Pimentel, a resident of Edgartown, Massachusetts who leaves a legacy of service to his community. Paul was born and raised in Quincy and later Braintree, setting himself apart early as a star athlete and student body president at Braintree High School before enrolling at Harvard University.

After graduation, Paul fulfilled his childhood dream of enlisting as a Naval officer, serving two combat tours in Vietnam as Chief Engineer of the USS *Berkeley*. Upon leaving the service and taking time to reflect on his time in the service and his dreams for the country, he became an advocate for Vietnam Veterans Against the War. He went on to achieve notable success in public service, becoming the youngest Massachusetts Deputy Secretary of State in the history of the office.

Looking for ways to assist as a private citizen, Paul would end up at the forefront of climate science in the 1970s. He developed Energistics in 1978 and Pequod Associates in 1980, breaking new ground to make conservation technology accessible before it was a worldwide priority. Many of the energy saving models he developed are now seen as industry standard. The independent cooperative Vineyard Power, his proudest professional achievement, was supported by a thorough community outreach campaign and would go on to provide over 800 megawatts of offshore wind power to the people of New England.

Sadly, Paul passed away on February 5, 2019. His commitment to the common good will live on through a loving family and the myriad projects he shaped. Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the life of Paul Pimentel. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing his many years of dedication to his community and his country.