

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