

HONORING LENORA LAPIDUS

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Madam Speaker, as Vice Chair of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, I would like to honor the legacy of the beloved Lenora Lapidus for her steadfast dedication to making this nation a better place than she found it. Lenora was a public servant and civil rights leader passionate about creating equal opportunity for marginalized groups. She was a leader in our community who used her voice to create fair opportunities for women and girls. Lenora began her career in service as an ACLU intern, and later became the legal director of the ACLU of New Jersey, leading the Women's Rights Project for almost two decades. From ensuring that our nation's military is open and accepting to all Americans to creating a means to combat gender-based violence, Lenora won cases on behalf of the ACLU that have elevated our society.

Lenora had a vital role in the Be HEARD Act, aimed at ending and creating consequences for workplace harassment. Her policies and initiatives were always inclusive and addressed the needs of communities that often times did not have a voice. Lenora's legacy will never be forgotten, and she will always be remembered as a trailblazer who fought for equality and justice. I thank her for her commitment to this nation and offer my prayers and condolences to the many experiencing the pain of this devastating loss.

IN RECOGNITION OF POLICE CHIEF
MATTHEW CLANCY**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the retirement and many laudable accomplishments of Police Chief Matthew Clancy of the Duxbury Police Department.

A native of Massachusetts' South Shore, Matthew Clancy obtained his master's degree in Criminal Justice from Boston University. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, as well as the Command Training Program of the New England Institute of Law Enforcement Management. After several seasonal special appointments, he began his full-time career in law enforcement with the Mashpee Police Department, serving there until his appointment as Chief of Police in Plympton, Massachusetts in 2002. He served faithfully in that position until 2010, when he was named Police Chief of the Duxbury Police Department.

Chief Clancy has gone on to protect and serve his community in a variety of ways beyond his work as Chief of Police. He serves as the President of the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission and has been a Past President of both the Plymouth County Police Chief's Association and Old Colony

Special Operations Group. He was integral in the formation of the Metropolitan Law Enforcement Council Marine Unit, where he now serves as Control Chief.

Chief Clancy has dedicated his life to serving his community and championing the cause of better policing, and I wish him many years of happiness and relaxation with his family, including his wife Holly, and their four children, Eden, Matthew, Marissa and Alyssa.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Matthew Clancy and his commitment to ensuring the safety of his community. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing his hard work and dedication as he celebrates his well-earned retirement.

HONORING REBECCA A. SMITH OF
THE CAPITAL GAZETTE**HON. JOHN P. SARBANES**

OF MARYLAND

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Mr. SARBANES. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD an obituary of Rebecca A. Smith, an advertising assistant for the Capital Gazette in Annapolis, Maryland.

[From the Baltimore Sun]

REBECCA A. SMITH, CAPITAL GAZETTE ADVERTISING ASSISTANT WHO HELD FAMILY AND FRIENDS AT CENTER OF HER LIFE

(By Frederick N. Rasmussen)

Rebecca Ann Smith made sure family, friends and workplace colleagues were the center of her life. They brought her joy, and those who knew her say she returned it abundantly.

"Everyone loved her," said a cousin, Tammy Kaskel of Dundalk. "Becca was always patient, supportive and never jealous or envious. She'd do anything for anybody and didn't have a mean bone in her body."

"She had such promise in life," said an uncle, Thomas A. Malinowski. "She was a good kid and never got into trouble."

Ms. Smith, who worked as an advertising sales assistant for the Capital Gazette, lost her life in the June 28 attack on the newspaper's Annapolis office. She was 34 and lived in Dundalk.

Ms. Smith was born in Baltimore and raised in North Point Village and later Fort Howard.

The daughter of Richard Smith and Beth Ann Malinowski, she was raised by her maternal grandparents, William Malinowski, a driver for County Ride, and Catherine Malinowski, a homemaker.

"I was very young then. I don't know what I would have done without them," said her mother, now Beth Rittenour, of Warren, Ohio. "Rebecca was such a beautiful person, and she'll always be in my heart forever."

Ms. Smith attended Battle Grove Elementary School and graduated in 2001 from Sparrows Point High School, where she excelled in field hockey, ran cross country and was an avid duckpin bowler.

"She also loved community theater and played the character A Star to Be in 'Annie.' She was in middle school then," said Ms. Kaskel, who conducts a performing arts camp and works with special-needs children. "She had such a great voice, was very supportive, and wanted to see others succeed."

Mr. Malinowski, who also lives in Dundalk, recalled his niece being a Pink Floyd fan

when she was little. "I'd put on a Pink Floyd tape and she'd scoot her chair up to the TV."

He said she also enjoyed camping.

"She always wanted to go with me," he said. "I'd take the neighborhood kids and other nieces and nephews, and we had a lot of fun."

"Our grandparents were very proud of Becca because she was the first person in our family to go to college," Ms. Kaskel said. "She was a graduate of Villa Julie College, where she earned a degree in marketing."

Ms. Smith held marketing positions with Press Box and the old Maryland General Hospital—now the University of Maryland Medical Center Midtown Campus—before joining the Capital Gazette last November as an advertising assistant.

"I found her to be a person of tremendous potential, and it is sad that we will never see her live up to that," said Marty Padden, the newspaper's advertising director. "We're just heart-broken."

Ms. Smith suffered from endometriosis, a tissue disorder, and referred to herself on Facebook as an "Endo Warrior."

"It was very debilitating, but she still came to the office and soldiered on through it," Mr. Padden said. "She had a great sense of humor and was so charming."

Ms. Smith met and fell in love with Dwayne Poling, and they were engaged to be married. On Facebook, she called him her "softball fiance" and attended Mr. Poling's games and traveled to team tournaments. She also wrote of Mr. Poling's daughter from an earlier relationship as being "the best kid ever."

"Becca wanted to get married and have her own family," Ms. Kaskel said. "When she met Dwayne, he was what she had been waiting for."

Kelli Peleska of Hanover, who played softball with Mr. Poling, told The Baltimore Sun in a June 28 interview that Ms. Smith had "the biggest heart."

"Not only was Rebecca our advertising assistant, she grew to become a close friend of mine," said Eleni Stylianou, a colleague who lives in Annapolis. "She was always so sweet and willing to help. She was a loving future stepmother to her fiance's daughter."

"She was always talking about her fiance's daughter, about moving and her medical issues. We talked every day," said close friend Selene San Felice of Baltimore, a Capital Gazette reporter who survived the shooting. "Rebecca was strong—that's the first word that comes to mind, and she was so kind."

Her grandmother died in 2004 and her grandfather in 2011. She was "devastated," Mr. Malinowski said. "It hit her real hard."

Ms. Kaskel said she continually returned to the center point of her life: her family.

"She was always there at family events, and always had been involved with my children, who are now grown," she said. "She was godmother to my two daughters."

"She'd go to their dance recitals; you would never expect her not to be there," Ms. Kaskel said. "She'd be there Christmas Eve and Christmas morning to watch my kids open their gifts."

A visitation for Ms. Smith will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Duda-Ruck Funeral Home, 7922 Wise Ave., Dundalk, and again from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., with a memorial service following.

In addition to her parents, uncle, cousin and fiance, Ms. Smith is survived by another uncle, William Malinowski of Essex; a brother, Steven Rittenour of Fredericksburg, Va.; two sisters, Jamie Rittenour of Warren Ohio, and Cindy Rittenour, also of Fredericksburg; and numerous other cousins.