

We thank Ms. Davis for her service to the Committee and our country and wish her the very best as she continues her outstanding professional journey.

IN RECOGNITION OF CODY  
SPLITT'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. MIKE GALLAGHER**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 25, 2019*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor World War II veteran and retired attorney Cody Splitt as she celebrates her 100th birthday.

Esther "Cody" Splitt was born in Wausau, Wisconsin in 1919. From a young age, Cody knew she wanted to serve her country and make an impact in her community. At the height of WWII, she joined the U.S. Navy and served in the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service. While serving, she worked on naval intelligence and was the head of personnel for WAVES.

After leaving the Navy in 1945, Cody pursued her dream of becoming a lawyer. Through the G.I. Bill, she attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison where she was one of five women in her class. She graduated in just three years with a bachelor's and law degree.

Cody met and married her husband, Harley, while attending UW-Madison. After her graduation, the couple moved to Appleton where Cody opened the second woman-owned law firm in Outagamie County. At age 66, she was elected president of the Outagamie County Bar Association, the first woman to hold that position. Cody retired from the legal profession at age 75 and joined the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors. She won subsequent bids for reelection and served on the Legislative/Audit Committee until she resigned at the age of 82. In addition, Cody served on the Outagamie County Health and Human Services Board.

Her contributions to the community are vast and continue to be honored. In 2013, Cody was honored as a Woman of Distinction by the Mid-Day Women's Alliance. She was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Wisconsin Law Journal in 2015. In 2016, the Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce inducted Cody into the Business Hall of Fame for her success and influence as a business leader.

Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to rise in recognition of Cody Splitt's 100th birthday. I would like to thank Cody for her service in the U.S. Navy and continued commitment to improving the Fox Valley community. May she have a happy and healthy birthday.

CONGRATULATING WILLIAM J.  
NOONAN ON HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. DINA TITUS**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 25, 2019*

Ms. TITUS. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate my dear friend, William J. Noonan, on his well-deserved retirement. After a long

and successful career in government and the gaming industry, the last 18 years of which he spent at Boyd Gaming, Bill leaves Las Vegas better than he found it. I am sad to see him depart his official position but know he will stay involved in our community.

After graduating from Missouri State and subsequently receiving his Master's in Public Administration from the University of Kansas, Bill spent years managing cities across this country and guiding them through both tough and exciting economic periods. Although gaming was not widely legalized throughout the country when Bill first landed in Las Vegas in the 1990s, he sensed the tides turning and worked with city leaders to prepare for its expansion.

It was important to Bill to foster strong relationships between the gaming industry and the communities in which companies operated, and he went above and beyond his professional duties to accomplish this. With his strategic thinking and amiable personality, Bill made Boyd Gaming a better community partner and Las Vegas a stronger and more prosperous community through his service as Vice Chairman and Executive Board member of the Nevada Resort Association.

I had the pleasure of hosting Bill as my guest to the State of the Union one year. It is difficult to find someone who enjoys politics as much as Bill. But Bill has been so much more than just an observer: Bill has run a casino; dined with U.S. presidents; guided economic development and philanthropy in Las Vegas as Chair of the Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce and through the Las Vegas Global Economic Alliance; served on the Board of the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority; and helped unify our community after the horrific events of 1 October.

He is well respected in the gaming industry intentionally and has been recognized numerous times for his leadership, including as Gaming Professional of the Year. He has truly left his mark on Las Vegas, and we are all indebted to him for it. I wish Bill and his wife, Sylvia, all the best in their future endeavors.

COMMEMORATING MR. HENRY  
RODRIGUEZ MARTINEZ, SR.

**HON. MARC A. VEASEY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 25, 2019*

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Mr. Henry Rodriguez Martinez, Sr. of Dallas. Mr. Martinez was a father, veteran and a local civil rights leader that was committed to bettering our DFW communities throughout his life of public service.

Mr. Martinez was son of West Dallas, and spent his life making sure that communities of color had a seat at the table. He was an early pioneer in building Latino political power in our community and was one of the loudest advocates in the fight to guarantee better representation for all people of color on the Dallas City council. I know he would be proud to see the diversity we have on our city council today.

Mr. Martinez also worked to ensure the safety of West Dallas and the greater DFW-area. Martinez was an active member of the Eagle Ford/Ledbetter Community of West Dallas throughout his life and as the president of

the Ledbetter Neighborhood Association helped improve local transit across the community and improve the quality of life for those that lived there.

My thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Martinez's family and friends. West Dallas is losing a fighter and advocate for their community. His spirit and accomplishments are irreplaceable, but we will always strive to emulate them.

RECOGNIZING THE 113TH ANNIVERSARY AND 95TH GENERAL CONVENTION OF ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC.

**HON. STEVEN HORSFORD**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 25, 2019*

Mr. HORSFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 113th Anniversary and 95th General Convention of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. (ΑΦΑ) is the first African-American, intercollegiate Greek-lettered fraternity. It was initially a literary and social studies club organized in the 1905–1906 school year at Cornell University but later evolved into a fraternity with a founding date of December 4, 1906. Its aims are "Manly Deeds, Scholarship, and Love For All Mankind," and its motto is "First of All, Servants of All, We Shall Transcend All."

Chapters were chartered at Howard University and Virginia Union University in 1907. The fraternity now has over 290,000 members and has been open to men of all races since 1945. Currently, there are more than 730 active chapters in the Americas, Africa, Europe, the Caribbean, and Asia. It is the largest predominantly African-American fraternity and one of the ten largest collegiate fraternities in the nation.

Alpha Phi Alpha is a social organization with a service organization mission and has provided leadership and service during the Great Depression, both World Wars, and the Civil Rights Movement. The fraternity has addressed social issues such as apartheid, AIDS, urban housing, and other economic, cultural, and political issues of interest to people of color.

National programs and initiatives of the fraternity include A Voteless People Is a Hopeless People, My Brother's Keeper, Go To High School, Go To College, Project Alpha, and the World Policy Council. It also conducts philanthropic programming initiatives with the March of Dimes, Head Start, the Boy Scouts of America, and Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. Currently the fraternity is involved in a vigorous civic engagement initiative aimed at voter protection and a full census count for people of color.

Members of this fraternity include many historical civil rights leaders such as Martin Luther King Jr., NAACP founder W. E. B. Du Bois. Other world-renowned members include political activist Cornel West, musicians Duke Ellington and Lionel Richie, NBA legend Walt Frazier, Jamaican Prime Minister Norman Manley, Olympic gold medalist Jesse Owens, Justice Thurgood Marshall, Investor and founder of Vista Equity Partners Robert F. Smith, United Nations Ambassador Andrew Young, Academy Award winning director Barry