

Prior to becoming President of the Alabama Trucking Association in 1995, Mr. Filgo served as President of the Alabama Alliance of Business and Industry where he provided political research benefitting business groups. He is also a former chairman of the Region II Trucking Association Executive Council and currently serves as its secretary.

In recognition of his tireless work on behalf of Alabama's trucking industry, as well as his leadership in the state's business community, Mr. Filgo received the Alabama Trucking Association's 2015 H. Chester Webb Award for Distinguished Services and the 2017 Jo Bonner Spirit of Leadership Award as presented by the BCA.

Mr. Filgo is known in both Alabama and Washington for his impressive ability to build coalitions to improve the business climate for all Alabamians, especially those in the trucking industry. His ability to forge relationships, coordination of staff, and leadership style have brought him immense success and significant positive impact on Alabama's trucking community. With extraordinary and sincere gratitude, I thank Mr. Filgo for his dedicated service and outstanding contributions to Alabama and the Alabama trucking community. I wish Mr. Filgo all the best as he retires from the Alabama Trucking Association, and may God bless him, his wife Jackie, his daughter Marianne, his son Jack, and his entire family in the next chapter of his life.

IN HONOR OF ROY BATES

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2019

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a special man, Roy Bates, of Winchester, Kentucky. Mr. Bates, a true patriot, passed away on July 4, 2019.

Roy Bates was quite eager to serve his country and attempted unsuccessfully to enlist in the Navy and in the Army when he was not yet of legal age. In 1950, when he was 18 years old, he enlisted in the Marine Corps and went to Parris Island for training. He was assigned to Company C, 1st Battalion, 7th Regiment, 1st Division. He was soon sent to Korea to join his fellow Marines.

On September 1, 1951, just 3 days before his 19th birthday, Mr. Bates was on patrol when his group was ambushed. They were taking heavy fire. Crawling on his belly trying to reach cover, he heard the dreaded click of a landmine beneath him. His left leg was blown away and his right leg sustained numerous wounds. Severely wounded, he was carried off the field by two fellow Marines. One of those who carried him off was killed in action a few days later. Many years later Mr. Bates was reunited with Royce Henry, the other Marine who saved him.

Mr. Bates spent 7 years in and out of hospitals and had 32 surgeries. He received a Purple Heart as well as numerous other medals. He married his wife Betty and they had 4 children. Mr. Bates eventually returned home to Winchester where he always cherished a deep love for his country and for the Marine Corps. He was a well respected member of his community who exemplified good character and a positive attitude all of his life.

Mr. Bates and his fellow veterans are true heroes. He willingly served to protect and defend the freedoms that we enjoy today. He faced life with an unwavering faith in God and love for this country. I am humbled to honor the life of Mr. Roy Bates before the United States Congress.

DYNAMIC ARGENTINA AND CHILE

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2019

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, this past weekend of the 50th anniversary of the U.S. Landing on the Moon, I was grateful to join with Chairman ALBIO SIREs of the Foreign Affairs Subcommittee of the Western Hemisphere to participate in a bipartisan delegation to Argentina and Chile. Additional members were TED DEUTCH, TOM GRAVES, TED YOHIO, and NORMA TORRES.

The initial purpose of the CODEL was to attend the Remembrance Ceremony commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the terrorist bombing of the Argentine Israelite Mutual Association (AMIA) Jewish Community Center. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo provided a heartfelt tribute for the 85 victims viciously murdered by cowardly perpetrators traced to the terrorists of Hezbollah financed by the Iranian regime. AMIA President Ariel Eichbaum welcomed diplomats from across South America.

We also visited the memorial park at the site of the Israeli Embassy which was bombed in 1992 murdering 29 victims who were largely Argentinian citizens who were tragically simply walking in the neighborhood.

Due to the respect of Chairman SIREs, the delegation was welcomed to the office of President Mauricio Macri. It was impressive to meet with such a public servant who so clearly loves and appreciates the people he serves of Argentina.

U.S. Ambassador Eduard Prado and his wife Maria hosted our visit to the historic Ambassador's residence where we met the courageous Ambassador from Venezuela Elisa Trotta Gamus. Ambassador Gamus has been appointed by the legitimate government of Venezuela led by Interim-President Juan Guaido opposed to the dictatorship of the disgraced Nicolas Maduro who has plundered the formerly wealthy nation of Venezuela stealing from its impoverished citizens.

In Santiago, Chile, a very professional country team briefing was provided at the Embassy confirming Chile as a very dynamic democracy with extraordinary economic success as a model of free market benefits of reducing poverty. The professionalism of the military of Chile was presented as they are partnered with the Texas National Guard. Charge d'Affaires Baxter Hunt has an enthusiastic staff.

The U.S. Chile Interparliamentary Friendship Group of the Chamber of Deputies led by Chamber President Ivan Flores Garcia hosted a meeting with Chilean parliamentarians of different parties who all were clear in their appreciation and respect for America.

U.S. educated, Fulbright Scholar, President Sebastian Pinera welcomed the delegation to the Presidential Palace. More traveled than the delegation, he has visited all 50 U.S.

states. In his current term and his prior service as President, it is clear his free market success has built a modern, vibrant partner of the United States inspiring democracy in all of South America.

The talented citizens of Argentina and Chile can be proud of their achievements with Argentina having a land mass equal to the U.S., east of Mississippi River and narrow Chile at 8,000 miles—three time the length of California.

IN MEMORY OF DR. EDITH IRBY JONES

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2019

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to the distinguished life and legacy of Dr. Edith Irby Jones, who passed away on July 15, 2019.

Dr. Jones was the epitome of a trailblazer. In 1948, she became the first African American student admitted to the University of Arkansas Medical School—six years before the Supreme Court's *Brown v. Board of Education* decision. In 1959, Dr. Jones again made history as the first African American woman resident at Baylor College of Medicine. Twenty-six years later, Dr. Jones became the first female president of the National Medical Association, an organization that has represented black physicians since 1895.

For half a century, Dr. Jones committed herself to serving marginalized communities in Houston's Greater Third Ward area. She often went beyond the typical duties of a physician by making house calls and picking up patients in her van in order to expand services to the underserved in the community. Along with her work in Houston, Dr. Jones treated patients, trained physicians, and founded a clinic in Haiti. Service and dedication for the less fortunate were integral components of Dr. Jones's remarkable career, and we are truly grateful for the impact she has had on generations of aspiring African American medical professionals.

Outside of her medical practice, Dr. Jones notably worked alongside Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., as part of the "Freedom Four," a group that traveled throughout the segregated South to encourage people to join the civil rights movement.

Dr. Jones is survived by her daughter, Myra; sons, Gary and Keith; and many wonderful grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering Dr. Jones and her extraordinary contributions to medicine, social justice, and the Greater Houston community. We thank her and will miss her dearly.

HONORING CHP OFFICER WALTER FRAGO

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and sacrifice of California Highway Patrol Officer Walter Carroll Frago. On