

RECOGNIZING SHIRLEY COMBS

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 9, 2019

Mr. COLLINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Shirley Combs for the lifechanging impact she has made on the homeless community in Toccoa, Georgia.

Nineteen years ago, Ms. Combs opened Shirley's Sole Food Café in Toccoa. It was opening day, and she had just prepared heaps of homemade creamed corn, fried chicken, sweet potato cobbler—every southern food you could ever imagine. Lunchtime rolled around, and she opened her doors with excitement, but there was just one small problem—there wasn't a customer in sight. In an effort to ensure her delicious food didn't go to waste, Ms. Shirley walked out outside, found a homeless man, and told him to round up everyone he knew to come eat.

Nearly two decades later, and Ms. Shirley is still nurturing the homeless in more ways than one. Each afternoon when her restaurant closes to the general public, a line begins to form at the back door; a line of people looking for a second chance and a full belly. As one of her customers recently said, "discarded food nourishes the soul of another."

But Ms. Shirley's mission to nourish souls in need doesn't stop there. Listed on her menu is the option to donate to Shirley's Shelter—a 501c3 that has helped over 300 people get off the streets in the last 12 years, which is funded thanks to customer donations and a monthly breakfast. Through Shirley's Shelter, Ms. Shirley maintains three homes for previously homeless men and women who help at the restaurant until they get back on their feet while remaining drug free. Ms. Shirley also works to reconnect them to their families, often distanced due to addiction.

Reflecting on her restaurant and shelter, Ms. Shirley recently remarked, "all glory and honor goes to God. We are called to care for the least among us."

Ms. Shirley is certainly caring for the least among us, and in the most beautiful way—by turning her passion of cooking into care and compassion for those less fortunate. On behalf of the Ninth District, I want to thank her for transforming lives in Toccoa and beyond.

HONORING THE WORLD WAR II,
KOREAN WAR, AND VIETNAM
WAR VETERANS OF ILLINOIS**HON. MIKE QUIGLEY**

OF ILLINOIS

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Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans who traveled to Washington, D.C. on August 7, 2019 with Honor Flight Chicago, a program that provides World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans the opportunity to visit their memorials on The National Mall in Washington, D.C. These memorials were built to honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors,

Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who traveled here on August 7th answered our nation's call to service during several of its greatest times of need. Across the world, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorials. I am proud to include in the RECORD the names of these men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude.

Lawrence F. Anaszewicz, Walter J. Anczerewicz, Glenn R. Anderson, Gerald H. Arnott, John L. Augustine, Thomas Bartholomew, Randall E. Beck, William F. Bike, Dominic Biondi, Clarence Bowling, Matthew F. Bryla Jr., Raymond G. Cartwright, Frank R. Catuara, Leroy Cobb, Giuseppe Cursio, Thomas H. Diamond, Eugene G. Dilling, James F. Doddato, Ward W. Dunlap.

George J. Dusek, Sylvester R. Dziedzic, Florian C. Dziedzic, David Charles Eaton, George A. Eckberg Jr., David D. Evans, Theodore Rawland Floyd, Felix Grzelinski Jr., Vito Gulotta, Denis Harbison, Kastytis V. Ilginis, Howard A. Ischinger, Lauren Ray Jackson, Ronald E. Jacobsen, Richard J. Jaime, Ben F. Jimms, William R. Johnson, William J. Juneau, Melvin D. Keef, Gary L. Keen, Thomas F. Keith.

Thomas W. Kellner, Thomas M. Kelly, John Kennaugh, Joseph M. Kiefer, Howard L. Kirby, Lawrence P. Klaus, Daniel A. Konczak, Sr., Barbara A. Lloyd, Edward Ludwig, Charles Luhan Jr., Samuel J. Maggio, Joseph P. Maloney, Robert S. Mamrot, William D. Margwarth, Joseph Martinek, Ramon J. Mayer, Weems McCullum Sr., Robert E. McDonald, Bruce McElhose, Raymon O. Meredith, Jr., Thomas A. Mlynek, Loren H. Monsess, Frank F. Montefalco.

Larry Moton, Wallace Myers, Gary A. Nelson, George R. Nuter, Thomas G. Obmascik, Frank W. Passananti, Donald James Phelps, Phillip F. Pintor, George W. Podowski, Louis G. Puhl, Thomas Reddish, Andrej A. Remec, Ronald Riopel, Irwin Rosenson, Fred Roberto Rymar, Robert C. Sanders, Reynold Sanfilip, Allan F. Schaefer, Roger P. Schaff, Charles E. Schindler, Curt O. Schumacher, Edward Schwartz, Richard E. Scott.

Dennis F. Shea, Thomas A. Shumpert, Norman Simone, Robert Dennis Smith, David J. Smith, James S. Sowinski, Bernard R. Stack, Charles J. Stanek, Jerry T. Stewart, Gregory R. Stoltman, Vernon Strege, Joseph A. Stubits, William D. Swaggerty, Joseph J. Tortorich, Teddy Turner, Vernon Tweddle, Michael L. Urbano, Henry A. VanProyen, Allan L. Walraven, Keith A. Whitman, Edward A. Zimmerman, David Zorn, James R. Zwit.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE VOLUNTEERS OF FRIENDS IN DEED OF YPSILANTI

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the volunteers of Friends in Deed of Ypsilanti. They have received the Outstanding Volunteer Program Governor's Service Award for their commitment to the service of those in the Washtenaw County community.

Since 1983, Friends in Deed of Ypsilanti has provided assistance to their neighbors in need in Washtenaw County. These services include direct monetary assistance, adaptive services, the providing of needed furniture, such as beds, and their own Circles program which helps families get out of poverty. These programs "fill the cracks of assistance" between other nonprofits and agencies. The Friends in Deed mission is "Helping People in Need; Building Community to End Poverty."

Over 200 volunteers serve nearly 7,000 hours per year at Friends in Deed of Ypsilanti. They assist their neighbors and their families in navigating crisis, help families with payment related to emergency medical needs, repair needed means of transportation, and other one-time payments. Those who are assisted by Friends in Deed are given the confidence, independence, skills, support and resources, to help them escape poverty. Friends in Deed of Ypsilanti's designation of Outstanding Volunteer Program of the Year is well deserved. Their services have vastly impacted and improved the lives of countless families in Washtenaw County.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the volunteers of Friends in Deed of Ypsilanti. Their commitment to helping and serving their community is unmatched.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND SCHOLARSHIP OF HISHAM AHMED

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 9, 2019

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and scholarship of long time Saint Mary's College professor, Dr. Hisham H. Ahmed.

Hisham was born in 1963 at the Dheisheh refugee camp near Bethlehem, Palestine. Despite being born without eyesight, Hisham committed himself to his studies as a child and scored third in the Palestinian National Exams, enabling him to study in the United States.

Hisham began his academic career at Illinois State University earning a bachelor's degree in political science in 1985. He went on to earn a masters and doctorate in political science from the University of California, Santa Barbara in 1986 and 1988, respectively. Over the next 30 years, he would teach at Florida International University, the University of North Dakota, Bir Zeit University in Palestine, and ultimately here in Contra Costa County at Saint Mary's College of California.

Hisham was a renowned scholar of Middle East politics and international relations, as well as an expert on terrorism and the Hamas movement. In 1993, he served as a Fulbright Scholar in Palestine. Hisham worked constantly to improve international understanding through teaching and research, and co-founded several international bodies to enhance peace, democracy, and human rights in the Middle East.

Beyond his professional achievements, Hisham wrote poetry and was well-versed in Arabic literature. He was a loving husband and father, and had a wonderful sense of humor. As a teacher, scholar, and advocate, he spoke truth to power to remove walls, build trust, and empower others.