

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR JOHNNY NEAL MARLOW

**HON. TRENT KELLY**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and military service of Command Sergeant Major Johnny Neal Marlow, who passed away on August 20th at the age of 68.

Mr. Marlow was born in Eupora, Mississippi on May 28, 1951. He answered the call to serve our great nation as Command Sergeant Major for the United States Army. He previously served with the Mississippi Army National Guard and was a retired Master Sgt. with the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol. Command Sergeant Major Marlow set an example for his community by his extensive military and public service. Before he passed, he was currently serving as a Command Sergeant Major with the Mississippi State Guard, as a Carroll County Sheriffs Deputy, as the Carroll County Veterans Service Officer, and was the president of Veterans Helping Veterans in Carroll County.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife Christy Costilow Marlow of Carrollton, Mississippi; his sons, Chris Marlow of Long Beach, Mississippi and Jeff Marlow of Ocean Springs, Mississippi; his sisters, Sheila Newsom, Carolyn Hodges, Peggy Brister, and Billie Garner; his brother Gayle Marlow; as well as eight grandchildren, one great-grandchild and many nieces and nephews.

Command Sergeant Major Johnny Neal Marlow's life was one of service, grace, love for his family, and community. He will be greatly missed by all whom he encountered.

CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SAINT REST BAPTIST CHURCH

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Saint Rest Baptist Church in Fresno, California on the occasion of its 75th anniversary. The church is a valuable part of the community and strives to make West Fresno a better place for all residents.

The church began in 1944 when West Fresno was growing. Reverend A.W. White organized and raised money to build the church. The first services were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Rogers. Reverend White did not know it at the time, but he would be the first of a long line of pastors of the Saint Rest Baptist Church.

Over the years, Saint Rest continued to grow. In its early days, congregants met in a borrowed army surplus metal building. In 1948, the congregation moved into a former retail storefront, before building its first church in 1950.

Saint Rest was without a pastor for some time, but finally Reverend Hudson Spencer Moore was named the seventh pastor of the congregation. Over the next two decades, the

church only continued to grow. As the church expanded its programs and outreach, it was clear it was also outgrowing its space. In 1978, church members constructed a new worship facility.

The congregation of St. Rest have been greatly involved in their community. Church pastors and members have instituted a number of programs to benefit the community. This includes a food and clothing ministry, house-to-house revival program, and marriage workshops. The church also supports local nonprofits, such as the Poverello House and the Fresno Rescue Mission. After being approved for 501(c)(3) status, Saint Rest established the Saint Rest Economic Development Corporation to increase economic opportunities for the neighborhood and create a stronger quality of life.

This church has had many leaders in its 75-year history, including Reverend M.F. Clay who took leadership after Reverend White. Reverend C.D. Davis started in 1946, then two years later, Reverend J.L. Hall during the metal building being dismantled. The first printed Sunday bulletin started in 1951 during Reverend Carter's leadership. Reverend E.C. Johnson became pastor and under his leadership, the church's mortgage was paid off. Reverend Hudson soon became head pastor and then Reverend Riggins.

In 2006, Reverend Shane B. Scott became senior pastor and had the church address renamed to 1550 E Rev. Chester Riggins. It was one of the many successes that happened in his tenure for Saint Rest Baptist Church. In 2013, Pastor DJ Criner became Senior Pastor and has traveled throughout the United States to preach. His dedication to the community continues to make a difference.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Saint Rest Baptist Church as it celebrates their 75th anniversary. I wish all of the members of the congregation continued health, happiness and prosperity.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DENA GROSS LEAVENGOOD

**HON. KATHY CASTOR**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Dena Gross Leavengood, a tireless advocate for Florida, our Tampa Bay community and indeed our planet. Her determined advocacy has left a profound impact on our community and almost impossible shoes to fill.

A Florida native, Dena graduated with a bachelor's degree in Zoology from the University of Florida and received her master's degree right here at the University of South Florida. Dena was a driving force behind The Florida Aquarium because, even then, she realized its key role in fighting climate change and saving our planet. Dena served the Aquarium in key positions, including director of educational outreach and community liaison.

There are so many areas where Dena was indispensable. I remember her perhaps most fondly when in my time as a County Commissioner, she worked with me to fight for health care for working families in her role as the founder of the Hillsborough Health Care Coali-

tion. Dena was legendary in leadership roles for women with the League of Women Voters and Athena, to name a few. Tomorrow Matters and the Sierra Club were among so many other places where Dena left her inimitable and indelible stamp. As a Hillsborough County Commissioner, Member of Congress and as her friend, I witnessed Dena's tenacity and steadfast commitment on behalf of her neighbors, friends, Tampa Bay families and people she would never know, except in her heart.

Dena's decades of activism and professional accomplishments earned her the love of our community and numerous accolades, including the 2010 Education Award from the Health Council of Pinellas County, the 2003 Human Rights Award from the Tampa Human Rights Council. She also received national recognition as community liaison with The Florida Aquarium.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of a grateful and saddened Tampa Bay community, we promise to reflect on Dena's life of service to improve the lives of our neighbors, our community and our country, and have it serve as a beacon and inspiration as we undertake the hard work of going forward without her—as Dena would certainly insist on us doing. Dena earned a special place in my heart and of the entire Tampa Bay community. Dena would be sorely missed in all times but especially in these challenging times—we will strive to remember our indefatigable, Happy Warrior, Dena, if ever we get discouraged.

IN RECOGNITION OF GERRY MEYER WINNING FOUR GOLD MEDALS AT THE 2019 NATIONAL SENIOR GAMES

**HON. LIZ CHENEY**

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate E.G. "Gerry" Meyer on competing and winning four gold medals at the 2019 National Senior Games in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

I am incredibly proud to call Gerry a constituent, and his gold medals in track and field are a point of pride for the entire state. His achievements, at the young age of 100, are nothing short of incredible. Gerry is a true Wyomingite and embodies the grit and determination that makes our state great.

Again, Madam Speaker, I want to congratulate Gerry Meyer on winning four gold medals, and representing the best that Wyoming has to offer.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF DEPUTY CHIEF RICHARD H. BRADBURY, SR.

**HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a dedicated public servant from Bucks County, Pennsylvania, who served our community with distinction for over four decades. At the time of his retirement, he was

the longest continually tenured employee in Warrington Township.

Richard H. Bradbury, Sr., of Pipersville recently retired as Deputy Chief of Police of the Warrington Township Police Department. Deputy Chief Bradbury distinguished himself as a man of character and honor who cared deeply about our home.

I wish Deputy Chief Bradbury a peaceful retirement and thank him for his career of service in which he had a positive impact on so many lives.

IN HONOR OF ROGER GALATAS

**HON. KEVIN BRADY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize and remember the life of a remarkable member of The Woodlands, Texas community, Roger L. Galatas, who passed away on August 29, 2019.

Although he called Montgomery County home for the last 50 years, Roger was born in Shreveport, Louisiana on September 21, 1935. After graduating from Louisiana Tech in 1957 with a degree in geology, Roger served in the United States Air Force as a meteorologist. After three years of service, he began working for Humble Oil & Refining, which later became Exxon Mobile. A year later, he met his wife Ann on a blind date, and they married three months later. The two eventually made the move to the great state of Texas, where they settled down in the city of Conroe to raise their two children.

In 1979, George P. Mitchell offered Roger a job, and for the next 20 years, Roger served as President of The Woodlands Operating Company, L.P., a position he only retired from after the company was sold. During his time with the company, he played a key role in creating iconic landmarks in our community, including the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, Lake Woodlands, The Woodlands Hospital, and the John Cooper School.

Roger was a firm believer in the vision of The Woodlands as a master planned community, and helped form "George's Coffee Club"—a group focused on planning the future of the township. His love for The Woodlands even inspired him to venture into the literary world, and his book, "The Woodlands: The Inside Story of Creating a Better Hometown" was an insider's look into the history of his beloved hometown.

Passionate about education and family values, Roger served two terms as president of the Conroe ISO School Board. His favorite past-time was reading to the third grade class at the local elementary school, which was later renamed Galatas Elementary in his honor.

Though his legacy in The Woodlands is secured for decades to come, none will miss Roger more than his incredible family. He is survived by his children, Susan McLean and Bob Galatas; son- and daughter-in-law, Richard McLean and Carrie Galatas; and four grandchildren, Mason McLean, Molly McLean, Max Galatas, and Grace Galatas.

While the community mourns this tremendous loss, we also celebrate Roger's remarkable life and remember his lasting legacy of groundbreaking innovation. He was an inspira-

tion to all who met him, and I join his family, friends, and the entire Eighth District of Texas in honoring his wonderful life and endless devotion to our community. Roger, you will be greatly missed.

RECOGNIZING REVEREND KENNETH NELSON'S OPENING PRAYER BEFORE THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**HON. DAVID J. TRONE**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. TRONE. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Reverend Kenneth Nelson, a Senior Pastor of the Seneca Community Church. For over a decade, Reverend Nelson has helped his church foster a vibrant and robust community. His passion and leadership have had a resounding impact on the people of Maryland.

Throughout his time with the church, Reverend Nelson has gone to great lengths to meet the hunger, health, and job development needs of his community. As Montgomery College's Director of Business and Community Outreach for the Department of Workforce Development and Continuing Education, Reverend Nelson offers academic and career advice to community members. Among his many other roles, Reverend Nelson has also lent his expertise to the International Council of Community Churches Ministers Group and the Montgomery County Black Minister's Conference as a Ministerium President and an Officer respectively.

Over the years, Reverend Nelson's work has received broad recognition. Notably, in 2007 and 2010, he was program presenter for annual Montgomery County's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. He is one of the 2018 Montgomery County Human Rights Hall of Fame Inductees.

On behalf of the great state of Maryland, I thank Reverend Nelson for his dedicated service and wish him the best in all of his future endeavors.

RAY OSBORNE

**HON. JAMES A. HIMES**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. HIMES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief Ray Osborne for his admirable service and exemplary leadership as the police chief in Darien, CT.

Throughout his 35-year career in Darien, Chief Osborne has served the police department in many roles. During his career, Chief Osborne approved the creation of Juvenile Review Board, a local diversion program which allows first-time youth offenders to complete community service and avoiding having to go to juvenile court. Additionally, his efforts to expand the department's Domestic Violence Liaison Unit, and his recruitment of high skilled officers in the department will have a lasting impact on public safety.

We have strong values in Connecticut. Protecting those values and allowing them to

flourish requires constant vigilance. The law-enforcement officers and other first responders who rush into harm's way to not only ensure that our values flourish but exemplify them through their actions.

The Darien community and I are grateful for Chief Osborne's years of service and we wish him the best of luck in his retirement, especially as he tackles new projects like the restoration of his '67 Mustang. Congratulations.

CONGRATULATING AMERICAN LEGION HUNTINGTON BEACH POST 133 ON ITS 100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

**HON. HARLEY ROUDA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor American Legion Huntington Beach Post 133, which will celebrate its 100-year anniversary on September 21, 2019.

Originally chartered on December 18, 1919 and named for Joseph Rodman, a Huntington Beach resident who died from wounds inflicted in battle, the Post was incorporated in 1940 and was renamed to its current title, Post 133, a year later.

Early in its history, Post 133 formed, funded, and manned the Huntington Beach Volunteer Fire Department, and Legionnaires have a long legacy of working to make Huntington Beach a stronger, safer place to call home.

This year, I am especially proud to join Post 133 in recognizing William Kettler and Fran Ritchey, two World War II veterans who have been with the Post for 74 and 70 years, respectively.

I ask all Members to join me in commending American Legion Huntington Beach Post 133 for 100 years as a fixture in the community, and I look forward to joining Legionnaires later this month to commemorate this milestone.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RAYMOND CORLEY JR.

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Mr. Raymond "Ray" Corley Jr., who passed away on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 in Sacramento, California. Raymond will be remembered for his many dedicated contributions.

Raymond worked hard to make sure that laws and regulations were correctly followed. In Los Angeles, Raymond worked at their Department of Water and Power where he developed a passion for water policy.

In 1983 he joined the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) of Southern California as a legislative representative. Raymond checked regulations, track the laws and the executive actions that would affect the Los Angeles District's water. With his continuous dedication, Raymond was then promoted to the Executive Legislative Representative in 1994.

Raymond shined in Sacramento, where he lobbied. Through years of experience, he