

McGuigan. Patricia McGuigan was the first woman elected to the Santa Ana City Council, and faithfully served her constituents for over two decades.

On Monday, September 2, 2019, Mrs. McGuigan passed away at the age of 85 years old, but her legacy lives on in Santa Ana and Orange County.

Mrs. McGuigan, known to many as “Pat,” served as a Santa Ana Councilwoman at a time when the City was growing increasingly diverse. She was known for her ability to build strong relationships with the City’s immigrant populations and would go on to create the Asian-Pacific Advisory Council of Santa Ana to better help the refugees that now called the City home.

After retiring from public office in 2002, Mrs. McGuigan remained active in her community. From the opening of the Salgado Community Center to serving on the Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council, Mrs. McGuigan exemplified what it meant to be a dedicated public servant.

I ask that all Members join me in recognizing the extraordinary life of Patricia McGuigan.

RECOGNIZING BARBARA GRIMM-MARSHALL AS THE RECIPIENT OF THE JOHN BROCK AWARD

**HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished accomplishments and philanthropic work of Barbara Grimm-Marshall. Barbara has been an exemplary member of our community, and was deservedly recognized yesterday with the 2019 John Brock Award for her distinguished service to the communities of the 23rd District of California, which I represent.

Barbara’s co-owned family farm, Grimmway Farms, is the largest producer and exporter of carrots on the globe. Grimmway Farms has provided exceptional agricultural service to Kern County since 1981 and has since been a staple of the Bakersfield community. This past June, Barbara was appointed to the Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Trade in Fruits and Vegetables, a recognition of her expertise in agriculture. Through her knowledge and experience in the trade realm, her advice and counsel is unmatched and will be most valuable to the U.S. Department of Agriculture and our country.

Beyond professional development and achievement, Barbara is a community problem-solver, and it is no surprise that she recently received the 2019 John Brock Community Service Award for her charitable efforts, particularly in the education realm. In 2017, I spoke in this Chamber honoring Barbara for her work and the establishment of The Rod & Bob Memorial Scholarship Fund, which provides higher education access to hundreds of prospective university students and bolsters the success of many underprivileged children in the congressional district I represent. Barbara’s passion to see more children gain access to education resources did not end with a scholarship fund. She established the Grimm Family Education Foundation and

Grimmway Academy for the purpose of educating underprivileged children in our community from grades K–8. Barbara’s vision and goals for these programs has only expanded over time, as the Foundation now operates a vast network of educational institutions and partnerships throughout Kern County.

Barbara’s leadership in public service is an inspiration to our community and a model for effective problem-solving at the community level. Her philanthropy and work shows that solutions often depend on exceptional leaders up to the task of bettering their community, rather than sweeping governmental action that often proves ineffective. Barbara does not sit on the sidelines when she notices a problem, but instead works to find a way to find a solution. Our community is proud of the work she has done and I look forward to all that she will continue to accomplish in the future. On behalf of California’s 23rd Congressional District, Judy and I want to thank Barbara, Darcy, and the entire Grimm family for their continued service to our community, and congratulate Barbara for being this year’s recipient of the John Brock Award.

IN HONOR OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH HUNTSVILLE 175TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. KEVIN BRADY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, today I rise in celebration of the 175th Anniversary of the First Baptist Church of Huntsville, Texas.

On September 16, 1844, Rev. Z.N. Morrell, Thomas Horsely, and Rev. Benjamin Fry established the First Baptist Church of Huntsville, Texas. The early congregation met in the Dean School House until their first building was constructed on the corner of 13th Street and Avenue J, where the church still stands today. The President of Baylor University, Dr. Rufus C. Burleson, preached the opening ceremony sermon.

Legendary Texas figure General Sam Houston and his wife were among the first members of the First Baptist Church. In fact, a swimming pool at Houston’s residence was used by the early congregation for baptisms and church ceremonies.

In 1891, the congregation built a second building for worship services, which stood until 1924 when the congregation decided to construct an elegant four-story, red-brick church with tall white pillars and stained glass windows on the second floor.

In a terrible tragedy, the new church building caught on fire in 1954, and congregation member and college student James E.V. Davis lost his life. Thankfully, members of the congregation were able to save church records, nursery furniture, an organ, and even some pews. The church then held services in a local high school auditorium until the fourth and final church building opened on December 11, 1955. In 1985, the First Baptist Church added a new Family Life Center, which offered sporting facilities, locker rooms, a kitchen, and a parlor to it’s members.

For the past 175 years, The First Baptist Church of Huntsville, Texas has stood as a reminder of the meaning of community and resil-

ience. Please join me in celebrating this momentous anniversary, and remembering the people whose desire to worship created a rich history of knowing, following, and sharing in Christ.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SENATOR EVERETT DIRKSEN’S PASSING

**HON. DARIN LAHOOD**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Senator Everett Dirksen’s death.

Senator Dirksen passed away on September 7, 1969, in Washington, DC, after serving sixteen years in the United States House of Representatives and seventeen years in the United States Senate.

Before starting his career in public office, Senator Dirksen served abroad as a second lieutenant during the First World War. After returning from war, Dirksen studied law at the University of Minnesota College of Law at Minneapolis.

Senator Dirksen practiced law in his home town of Pekin, Illinois, but public service was always Senator Dirksen’s true passion. Dirksen served as a Member of Congress from 1933 to 1949, representing the 13th District of Illinois, then went on to represent Illinois in the U.S. Senate from 1951 until his death in 1969.

As the Minority Leader of the Senate, Dirksen played a vital role in shaping many major pieces of legislation. Senator Dirksen earned the reputation of being a true champion of civil rights. It was his hard work and determination that allowed Dirksen to ensure the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

I include in the RECORD the essay, “Everett Dirksen’s Last Days,” by Frank Mackaman. Frank is not only a close friend, but also the Director of The Dirksen Congressional Center in Senator Dirksen’s hometown of Pekin, IL.

I am grateful for all the work that Senator Dirksen did for our country, and I am proud to represent his former congressional district.

EVERETT DIRKSEN’S LAST DAYS

(By Frank H. Mackaman, The Dirksen Congressional Center, Pekin, IL)

On August 12, 1969, just before the U.S. Senate recessed for a few weeks, Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen held a press conference in his office. It would be his last. Dirksen seemed relaxed and in a genial mood, chatting amiably with reporters and joking with his staff. To the casual observer everything seemed normal—but it was not. Doctors had just told the Senate Minority Leader he was seriously ill. They had discovered a spot on Dirksen’s right lung and suspected cancer. A second x-ray on the 14th showed the tumor had grown, making an operation necessary.

To prepare, the senator from Pekin rested for three weeks at “Heart’s Desire,” his home outside Washington DC, rummaging in his beloved garden and working on a memoir he would never complete. A realist, Dirksen transferred title to most of his property to his wife, Louella. He also gave her a pre-signed resignation from the Senate if the operation left him incapacitated. He loved the Senate, and it was ever on his mind.