

His death was confirmed by friends, including Marta Farion, a Ukrainian-American in Chicago who worked with Miller on the Kyiv Mohyla Foundation of America, raising money to support the university with 5,000 students in Kyiv. Farion spoke to Miller's wife, Suzanne Lisle Miller, and said that the ambassador died in his home "one minute before noon" on Sept. 23, in the company of their two sons, William and Christopher, and grandchildren. "He was surrounded by his leather-bound books, in front of the beautiful garden that he and Suzanne cultivated and loved all their lives, with the blooming flowers and many butterflies that bid him farewell," Farion told the Kyiv Post.

Miller's tenure as ambassador coincided with momentous events under Ukraine's first president, Leonid Kravchuk, who served from 1991-1994, and then Leonid Kuchma, who ruled from 1994-2005. During Miller's era, Ukraine adopted a Constitution, launched the national currency, the hryvnia, and signed the Budapest Memorandum in which Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States offered security assurances to Ukraine for surrendering its Soviet-era nuclear arsenal.

The agreement now is derided by many in Ukraine as a worthless piece of paper, considering Russia's dismemberment of Ukraine—including seizing Crimea and parts of the eastern Donbas—as the Kremlin prosecutes a war in its sixth year that has killed 13,000 people. His term also witnessed Ukrainian lawlessness and the rise of the oligarchy, which still plagues the nation today.

But his friends say that Miller always found the beauty in Ukraine, despite its hardships. Farion described Miller as "a writer and poet, a Renaissance man in every respect and Suzanne was his muse, his adviser, and his protector to the very end. They loved Ukraine since the days when he was ambassador there. To the end, he wanted to know what is taking place in Ukraine." She said that "Bill and Suzanne were responsible for the establishment and renovation of the historic building in the Podil neighborhood that became the residence of the American ambassador, and they paid special attention to the garden, restoring the original plants, trees, and flowers that were cultivated there when the building was first built. They paid attention to the historical artifacts that were recovered while rebuilding the residence, and they hosted many Ukrainian artists, historians, musicians, and writers there."

Said Farion: "Bill embraced his role as chairman of the board of the Kyiv Mohyla Foundation with all his vigor and believed in the power of education and the role of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy in building Ukraine as a democratic country, where rule of law and human rights were priorities. He was honored by Kyiv-Mohyla Academy with an honorary doctorate and spoke on the stage of the university to students on many occasions. He inspired me to push forward, to never give up, to stand up for the truth. He was my mentor in many respects and taught me not to be afraid. He loved the principles upon which the United States was established and he truly believed in those principles. He was an admirer of Thomas Jefferson. He was a scholar. He left a book of poetry and many writings. I will miss him and his guidance."

Monica Eppinger served as the second secretary to Miller in the U.S. Embassy in Ukraine and recalled her work with him as "the best time." To the end, she said "he wanted to be a good friend of Ukraine." "I was part of that small early team during Ambassador Miller's tenure in Ukraine. He had headed the Washington side of a late-Soviet human rights organization, and

through it was thoroughly acquainted with the cases of the major human rights heroes of the last decade of the U.S.S.R. When he got to Ukraine, he already had made common cause with—Mustafa Dzhemilev, Vyacheslav Chornovil, Semen Gluzman. Anyone who'd done Soviet prison time for advocating human rights was a part of his 'team.' He was a fervent Jeffersonian democrat. He also worked very closely with Voldoymyr Horbulin (former secretary of the Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council), especially on denuclearization, and to the best of my knowledge respected him and appreciated him as a pragmatic strategic thinker who cared about Ukrainian independence."

During Miller's ambassadorial tenure, Eppinger said, he took a keen interest in people working on human rights and advocating freedom of speech, religion and the press.

"He was just really interested in the project of independent Ukraine and really interested in Ukrainians," said Eppinger, a professor at St. Louis University School of Law and director of its Center for International and Comparative Law. He'd meet with anybody practically who wanted to meet with him." She said Miller was also interested in archaeology and remembers him stopping frequently to visit the excavation site of what is now the rebuilt Mikhailovsky Cathedral in Kyiv. "All the archaeologists at the site knew him," she said.

Former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine William Green Miller delivers remarks at the observance of the 60th anniversary of the Voice of America's Ukrainian Service on Dec. 11, 2009, at VOA headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Farion said that she traveled with him and a team of archaeology students "to the magnificent Chersonesus in Crimea. He promoted the site to be protected by UNESCO. The occupation of Crimea by Russia stung him personally, not only because of the loss of the strategic territory but because he realized that Russian authorities would raid the archaeological site. He was deeply concerned for the fate of the Crimean Tatars after Russia's invasion and occupation."

Eppinger called him a big fan of ballet, especially Swan Lake. "He also loved the Philharmonic and actively supported the rehabilitation of the Philharmonic building near the Friendship Arch" on the right bank of the Dnipro River in central Kyiv. She said he even vacationed in Ukraine, taking driving tours to explore ancient wooden churches of the Carpathian Mountains in western Ukraine. "He just loved Ukraine and his interest in Ukraine and support for Ukraine knew no bounds," she said. Eppinger recalled his experiment in taking up the Ukrainian tradition of beekeeping. He installed beehives in the backyard of the ambassador's residence. At a traditional Fourth of July reception, she recalled that a colleague with the Ukrainian Ministry of Foreign Affairs "got stung right on the nose" by a bee.

Miller joined the Foreign Service in 1959 and served a five-year assignment in Iran, where he immersed himself in Persian culture. Farion said he never lost interest in Iran. "He was instrumental in many informal talks between the US and Iran, trying to find peace," she said.

After his Iran assignment, Eppinger said he returned to Washington, D.C., and quit the Foreign Service over the Vietnam War and got a job as a staff director of the U.S. Senate Intelligence Committee.

"He was part of the team that put together the hearings on the U.S. intelligence services attempted assassinations in the post-World War II/Cold War era," Eppinger said. "It was thanks to those hearings and the report that resulted that we got a revision to the execu-

tive order that sets the parameters to the intelligence community . . . that resulted in the ban on assassinations by the U.S. intelligence committee. He was sometimes criticized as a romantic or idealist, but—as I think the intelligence committee work shows—he also had a caniness to thinking about where a threat to democracy could come from, and how to thwart it. I think there was a hard practical streak in there that often got overlooked."

According to a Eurasia Foundation biography, Miller was educated at Williams College, Oxford, and Harvard. After leaving his Iran assignment in 1964, he returned to Washington, D.C., as a line officer for U.S. Secretary of State Dean Rusk. Miller then went to work in the U.S. Senate in 1967, where he served as foreign policy and defense adviser to U.S. Senator John Sherman Cooper, a Republican who served Kentucky. In 1981 the U.S. Senate passed a special resolution commending Miller "for exceptional contributions and for his dedication, loyalty, integrity, and service." Miller was associate dean and professor of international politics at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University in Massachusetts from 1981 to 1983.

In 1986, Miller returned to Washington as president of the American Committee on U.S.-Soviet Relations, traveling frequently to the U.S.S.R. and living in Moscow from 1988 to 1993.

In retirement years, Miller was a senior policy scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C., a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the International Institute of Strategic Studies and the Middle East Institute. He was also co-chairman of the Kyiv Mohyla Foundation of America and a director of the Andrei Sakharov Foundation as well as a consultant for the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

Farion said a memorial service is being planned at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., on Oct. 12 or 13, but that arrangements are still being finalized.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ARAB AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Arab American Civil Rights League. Their meaningful work throughout Michigan is worthy of commendation.

Founded in 2011, the Arab American Civil Rights League (ACRL) is a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting the civil rights and liberties of the Arab-American community. Through education and advocacy, the Dearborn-based organization is committed to building inter-community coalitions that promote cooperation, broaden the understanding of the Arab-American community, and dispel negative stereotypes associated with Arab-Americans. With a mission to protect the civil rights of all ethnic minorities, the ACRL aspires to be a driving force that will propel America forward, effecting meaningful and lasting change throughout the entire nation.

The ACRL's 8th Annual Fight for Justice Gala exemplifies the organization's continued commitment to supporting the Michigan Arab-American community. Every year, the gala brings countless elected officials, civil rights

activists, and community leaders together to discuss major civil rights issues within the state, generating a wider dialogue that is necessary to tackle these important matters. In addition, the gala serves as a great way to celebrate the outstanding progress and achievements that have already been made. The ACRL's work truly make a difference, and I am proud to be part of a community that is so dedicated to promoting equality and justice for all.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Arab American Civil Rights League. Their efforts to defend the constitutional rights of Arab-Americans and unite the country are much appreciated. We are grateful for the impact the ACRL has made—and continues to make—on our vibrant and diverse community.

COMMEMORATING THE
GROUNDBREAKING OF FORT
STREET BRIDGE PARK

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2019

Ms. TLAI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the groundbreaking of Fort Street Bridge Park in Detroit, Michigan.

Thanks to the hard work and advocacy of community members, today we break ground to build the Fort Street Bridge Park. This park is the culmination of the efforts of environmental activists, historians, and dedicated neighbors who all fought for a vision of a beautiful community green space for all to enjoy.

Fort Street Bridge Park will be a jewel of our community, a green oasis amongst the heavy industry that lines this section of the Rouge River. It will connect us to the water that has been the lifeblood of our region, a constant reminder of our past and our future. The Park will commemorate the 1932 Ford Hunger March, where brave workers stood up to Ford, demanded economic justice and fair working conditions, and the police responded with gunfire, killing four people and played a key role in ushering in the unionization of the auto industry.

This Park will not only be dedicated to conservation and education, but will also serve as a reminder of the fragility of our natural resources and public health if we do not do what's necessary to protect them. The Park will occupy a significant space in history and community, especially as it honors the late Congressman John Dingell and his legacy of environmental advocacy, which is so intertwined with the Rouge River.

Please join me in rising in tribute to Fort Street Bridge Park.

RECOGNIZING GAIL FISHER FOR
WINNING THE U.S. ARMY MATE-
RIEL COMMAND PARALEGAL OF
THE YEAR AWARD

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2019

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gail Fisher for winning the U.S.

Army Materiel Command (AMC) Paralegal of the Year Award. Ms. Fisher received the award at the AMC Legal Conference held in Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama in August.

Gail Fisher was born and raised in Rock Island, Illinois, and started working at the Rock Island Arsenal in August 1981. She began as a receptionist before working her way up to a secretary and then a paralegal, after attending Marycrest College in Davenport, Iowa. From 1999 to 2006, Ms. Fisher worked for the U.S. Army Tank-Automotive & Armaments Command (TACOM) in Rock Island, while pursuing a bachelor's degree in business administration from St. Ambrose University. After leaving TACOM, she moved to her office in the AMC Legal Center, where she has worked for the past 31 years. Her award is well warranted. Ms. Fisher is responsible for ensuring the assembly of agency reports and administrative records for federal court—confirming they are accurately marked, indexed and uploaded and transmitted in a timely manner. Her vast knowledge of law and wide range of experience allow her to process and track numerous cases at the same time. I commend Ms. Fisher for winning this prestigious award and thank her for her service to the Rock Island Arsenal.

It is because of community leaders such as Gail Fisher that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Gail Fisher for winning the prestigious AMC Paralegal of the Year Award.

HONORING DELL-CAM FARMS AS
THE 2019 SOUTHEAST DISTRICT
OF ARKANSAS FARM FAMILY OF
THE YEAR

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2019

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Goldmon family of Jefferson County, Arkansas who have been selected as Arkansas Farm Bureau's 2019 Farm Family of the Year for the Southeast District.

The Goldmon family owns and operates Dell-Cam Farms, which features 1,400 acres of corn, rice, and soybeans in the heart of Arkansas' Fourth District. Dewayne and Debra Goldmon, and their two children Camille and Dewayne Jr. have been actively engaged in production agriculture for over 22 years. After touring their farmland, I was impressed by the Goldmon family's dedication to agriculture, family values, and quality products.

In addition to being recognized as the Farm Family of the Year for the Southeast District, Dell-Cam Farms has served as a model for agricultural innovation for producers throughout the United States. The title of Farm Family of the Year serves to illustrate the Goldmon family's pursuit of effective and efficient farming technologies and practices.

I take this time to congratulate the Goldmons on this tremendous honor and thank them for their commitment to wise land stewardship.

CONGRATULATING LOVE THY
BABY ON TWENTY YEARS OF
SERVICE

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2019

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Love Thy Baby on twenty years of exemplary service to newborns and their families in North Texas.

Love Thy Baby is a Dallas-area, non-profit organization that provides support to families of newborns experiencing an economic or health crisis. By supplying blankets, quilts and clothing to families in need, Love Thy Baby helps to ensure a standard of comfort and warmth for infants in our communities. The organization also coordinates monthly deliveries to healthcare facilities such as Parkland Hospital in Dallas, John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth, and PediPlace Pediatric Clinics, among others.

On October 11, 1999, Patricia Clay-Jolly created the Dallas Chapter of Newborns in Need upon identifying a demand for warm blankets, clothing, and other essentials for newborn babies at Parkland Hospital. The organization would go on to provide tens of thousands of items to newborns and their families. In January 2015, Newborns in Need integrated into the organization, Love Thy Neighbor, ultimately changing its name to 'Love Thy Baby'.

Today, Love Thy Baby has 120 active volunteers and provides over 40,000 new items every year. Furthermore, Love Thy Baby donates over 10,000 gently used items to other area nonprofits including Hope 4 Refugees, Sharing Life, Nexus, Family Place, and White Rock Center of Hope.

Madam Speaker, Love Thy Baby's incredible contributions to the newborn children of North Texas has had an immeasurable impact on the lives of so many North Texas families. Such an accomplishment should not go without recognition and I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in thanking Love Thy Baby for their twenty years of service.

COMMEMORATION OF THE PRO-
MOTION OF FELIX GARCIA III TO
NATIONAL COMMANDER OF THE
MILITARY ORDER OF THE PUR-
PLE HEART

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2019

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the election of Felix Garcia III as National Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH).

Serving in the Marine Corps, Felix was deployed to Iraq in August and November 2004 as part of the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Division. While in Fallujah and Al Karmah, he was injured during search and destroy missions in Operations Iraq Freedom II and Phantom Fury.

For his valiant service and sacrifice defending our great nation, Felix was awarded three