

HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF A FIERCE ADVOCATE AND VITAL MEMBER OF THE TAMPA BAY COMMUNITY, ROGER A. VAUGHAN, JR.

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the life and contributions of a fierce advocate and vital member of the Tampa Bay community, Roger A. Vaughan, Jr. who passed away on July 3, 2019, at the age of 84. Roger positively impacted Tampa Bay in innumerable ways. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Jean, their 4 children, 12 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and 4 siblings.

Roger was born in Washington, D.C. and attended St. Anselm's high school. He graduated from the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York, and earned his law degree from George Washington University. Roger was admitted to the Florida Bar in 1964, and just three years later co-founded his own law firm, located in beautiful downtown Tampa. Roger became a nationally respected maritime lawyer and represented the claimants in the Sunshine Skyway Bridge case. Roger fought for the victims of one of the worst bridge disasters in history after a freighter ship struck a pier supporting the Sunshine Skyway Bridge. His efforts ensured that the victims and their families were properly compensated and that those at fault were held responsible.

Roger was beloved in the community for his generosity, his selfless disposition to serving those in need and loyal devotion to his family. He also dedicated a large part of his life to helping seamen, other maritime workers and the maritime legal community. He co-authored: "Maritime Law & Practice," The Florida Bar, 1980 Edition, 1987 Edition.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the citizens of Florida and my neighbors across Tampa Bay, I am proud to honor Roger A. Vaughan, Jr. Roger represents the best Tampa has to offer, his advocacy on behalf of victims and families in the Tampa Bay community is worthy of our respect. Roger A. Vaughan, Jr. leaves behind a legacy of fierce advocacy, service and family. His legacy is cemented into the history of our community and will never be forgotten.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, on October 15, 2019, I missed one roll call vote. Had I been present I would have voted: "yes" on Roll Call Vote 557, H.R. 95, the Homeless Veteran Families Act.

RECOGNIZING PAMELA WILHOITE STROMAN

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the life and work of Pamela Wilhoite Stroman on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

Stroman was born in Rapidan, Virginia on October 22, 1919. She was the second of three children. In her early teens, she moved to Washington, DC, where she attended Garnett Patterson Jr. High School and Armstrong High School.

After passing the government worker's entrance exam, Stroman worked for 35 years at the Federal Bureau of Engraving and Printing as a final assembler of paper money. She retired in 1974.

As an avid sports lover, she calls herself Tiger Wood's grandmother and coaches him, and the Washington football team, from her living room. She wears T-shirts for good luck and knows all the scores, statistics, players and officials by name.

Stroman is a resident of Ward 5 in the Stronghold community, where she is one of the oldest neighbors. She was one of 15 original residents in the "White Hat Patrol", a group of residents who monitored security in the neighborhood. She is the mother of two daughters, Tayloria and India, and the wife of David Stroman.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the life and work of Pamela Wilhoite Stroman on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF GARRETSON FORGE AND FARM

HON. JOSH GOTTHEIMER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Garretson Forge and Farm, a national historical landmark in Fair Lawn, New Jersey. This year marks the 300th anniversary of the settlement of Garretson in 1719. Thanks to the extraordinary efforts of the volunteers of Garretson Forge and Farm Restoration, Inc., this special property has been preserved and kept open to the community. In recognition of Garretson's anniversary, I would like to include in the RECORD the poem "A Heritage to Keep," by William F. Haywood which captures the long history of Garretson Forge and Farm, a Bergen County treasure.

The traffic moves in swifter pace
Around the bend that holds this place
In gentle curves where time has flown
And countless passers it has known,

The silent step of moccasin,
The echoing of forge's din;
A gangling pine saw all of these,
New homes replacing other trees.

The continental soldier came,
Lone hunter seeking wary game,
A farmer tilling fertile soil
Where the river turns its coil.

So generations came and went

Through seasons ill and fairly spent.

The Garretsons had built to last,

While time has added to the past

A heritage for here and now—

To keep it whole should be our vow.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Garretson Forge and Farm's 300th anniversary, I know that we will continue to enjoy Garretson for many generations to come.

RECOGNIZING CHARLIE DUNIGAN

HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Charlie Dunigan from Jackson, Michigan as he prepares to retire at the end of the year, completing a 42-year career in the construction industry.

Started by Charlie's father, Joseph, Dunigan Brothers, Inc. is a well-respected underground construction company that has serviced the Jackson area and beyond for more than 70 years. Growing up, Charlie spent many nights and weekends working for the family-owned business prior to joining full-time after completing high school.

Throughout his tenure, Charlie and Dunigan Brothers have largely specialized in various types of sewer and water construction projects, including building critical infrastructure around more than 20 lakes throughout Michigan. They played an important role in safeguarding the beauty and ecosystems of these lakes, something we take with great pride in the Great Lakes State.

Despite the many notable projects he has overseen, Charlie would tell you the most fulfilling part of his career is the wonderful people he has worked with over the years.

Charlie's days at Dunigan Brothers may be coming to an end, but his commitment to giving back and making the community a better place will be remembered for years to come.

I congratulate Charlie on his long and distinguished career, and wish him a happy retirement with his wife, Laurie, and his children and grandchildren.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 95, the Homeless Veteran Families Act, which I am proud to co-sponsor. I regret that I was unable to cast my vote in support of this legislation, but I am pleased that it passed with strong bipartisan support.

The issue of homeless veterans in the greater Los Angeles area is a pressing one, and this legislation is an important step to help address the crisis. Specifically, the bill authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to pay a partial per diem to the VA's Homeless Grant Per Diem service providers supporting our nation's homeless veterans with children, making sure that veterans and their