

HONORING THE LIFE OF WYMAN COPASS

(Mr. COMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the remarkable life led by my friend and former pastor, Dr. Wyman Copass.

Wyman passed away on Friday, October 4, having lived an extraordinary life of 80 years. Wyman will live on in the memories of all who have had the privilege to know him.

For me, his influence lives on in the memory of his role in my salvation. As a graduate of Campbellsville University and Luther Rice Seminary, Dr. Copass oversaw a ministry spanning not only the Commonwealth of Kentucky, but also the breadth of the Nation.

While he enjoyed golfing, cooking, and gardening, his greatest passion was his family, whose love and devotion he cherished and returned in kind. His wife of 62 years, Glenda; his daughter, Susan; and his son, Chris; as well as his five grandchildren undoubtedly consider themselves lucky to have had such an emblematic figure in their lives, just as I do.

Dr. Wyman Copass was a force for good in the First Congressional District of Kentucky, and his example and vision will be missed.

MEASURING REAL INCOME GROWTH

(Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, for years, our country's prosperity was broadly shared. The difference between rich and poor wasn't too big. When the economy grew, most Americans benefitted. The saying was that "a rising tide lifts all boats."

But today, income inequality is at its highest level in nearly a century. The top 1 percent take home about 20 percent of all income.

But this story is not being told by economic indicators like GDP. GDP tells us how fast or slow our economy is growing, but not how that growth is spread across income levels.

I am working to change that. The Joint Economic Committee, where I serve as vice chair, held a hearing this week to examine proposed measures to track inequality. These new measures are included in my legislation, the Measuring Real Income Growth Act.

Under my bill, GDP growth will be analyzed by income level. It will tell us who the economy is working for and who is left behind, and it will help us craft policies to start reducing inequality so a rising tide really does lift all boats.

REMEMBERING WES BARR

(Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, this is a tough one today. I rise to remember Sheriff Wes Barr, who passed away on October 1. Wes was a beloved member of the Springfield community, who impacted many through his law enforcement career and charity work.

Wes' story is one of true American spirit. He lived in the former John Jay housing project in Springfield until he was 13. After graduating from Southeast High School, Wes enlisted in the United States Marine Corps.

Afterwards, he served as a correctional officer before he began his career in law enforcement. He served as an officer in Loami, Illiopolis, and Chatham before joining the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office in 1991, eventually serving his one term, where I got to serve with him, as sheriff from 2014 to 2018.

Wes and his wife, Sherry, are well known for their generous hearts and extensive charity work with several organizations. For years, and where I first met Wes, Wes led the local Toys for Tots drive, collecting thousands of toys for children in need.

In every aspect of his life, Wes put others before himself. He lived to serve others and, for so many, he was a role model and a mentor. Wes had a compassion for people and a determination to give back to his community. Words cannot describe how much he will be missed.

The thoughts and prayers of Shannon and me are with the entire central Illinois community and especially his wife, Sherry, during this difficult time.

HONORING ED DIAZ

(Mr. SPANO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SPANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a great American, World War II veteran Seaman First Class Ed Diaz.

Mr. Diaz, a native of New York, enlisted in the Navy in 1944 and was subsequently assigned to the USS *Columbus* heavy cruiser. During World War II, he served in the South Pacific and participated in Operation Road's End, a campaign in which 24 Japanese submarines were sunk and which led to the final destruction of Japan's submarine fleet.

Mr. Diaz was discharged after the war but continued to serve in the Naval Reserve for another decade. He later worked as a machinist in Pennsylvania until a promotion relocated him to the heart of Florida District 15. In total, he served with Hazleton Pumps for 42 years.

Like many from the Greatest Generation, Seaman First Class Ed Diaz humbly and sacrificially served this

country in one of its darkest hours. He looked evil in the eye and stood up to it in the name of democracy and freedom.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. Diaz for his service and his dedication. He showed us how to live and gave our State and Nation a better future. Today I salute him.

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RECOGNIZING 13 PLANO ISD PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS

(Mr. TAYLOR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate 13 Plano ISD schools on receiving the National PTA School of Excellence designation. This recognition program, accredited by the National Parent Teacher Association, works to support and celebrate the partnership between PTAs and schools across this great land.

Plano ISD is setting an incredible example with a current PTA membership of more than 16,000 parents. With the help of their PTAs, Plano ISD is cultivating crucial relationships between parents, teachers, and the surrounding community. Their dedication to improving the learning environment for students in and outside the classroom serves as a crucial reminder of the volunteerism and its role in shaping a community.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating these 13 Plano PTAs on their success of putting students first and championing a quality education.

IMPEACHMENT INQUIRY

(Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to shed light on House Democrats' impeachment inquiry, a scheme that has been devised in the dark.

From day one of this Congress, my colleagues have sought to use their new majority to undermine President Trump every step of the way. The majority has chosen to break precedent and deprive Republicans of the ability to do our job.

Today, I went down to the SCIF to read the classified Volker testimony for myself, and, sadly, I was turned away. It is remarkable that elected officials have been blocked from reading material, parts of which have already been leaked to the press in selective and incomplete pieces. Simply, this is wrong.

The House of Representatives has been reduced to obsessing over a perpetual Ground Hog Day cycle of relitigating the 2016 election.

For the sake of our Nation, it is time to remove what the obstacles we face