

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF MR. WILFRED GEORGE PERKINS

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2019

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Wilfred George Perkins, a cherished family man, business owner, and faith leader. Mr. Perkins, a lifelong Colorado resident and pillar of the Pikes Peak region passed away on October 19, 2019, at the age of ninety-one.

Will was born in Montrose, Colorado. After graduating from Colorado College in 1949, he married the love of his life, Bessie Lea Hastings, in 1950. Their remarkable sixty-nine years of marriage produced children, Pamela (Ted) Walker, Tom (Cheryl) Perkins, Karen (Jeff) Sheets, and Sandra (Bentley) Tate, along with fourteen grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

Mr. Perkins was a second-generation automobile enthusiast and salesman. Will owned and operated Perkins Motors from 1958 to 1985. He also served two terms as the president of the Chrysler National Dealer Council. Will was highly regarded in the business world. He was a role model for his peers and community leaders around the state and the nation. Even competitors admired Will's humble attitude and spiritual consistency. Upon retiring, Mr. Perkins passed the family business on to his son, Tom, and later his grandson, David.

Will's public testimony to the power of the Gospel was bold, clear, and compelling. If there was one thing that Will hung his hat on, it was that he was a faithful follower of Jesus Christ. He wanted people to know about the life they could have if they would open up their hearts to the Lord. He generously supported numerous ministries, including: The Navigators, Young Life, Springs Rescue Mission, International Students, Inc., and Focus on the Family. Will and Bessie attended Village Seven Presbyterian Church for forty-seven years. Will faithfully sang in the church choir and encouraged fellow believers to become engaged in their communities, whether it be politically or spiritually.

Mr. Perkins truly made the culture of the 5th Congressional District as beautiful as our natural surroundings. The Colorado Front Range has lost a Christian statesman, but we will benefit from Will's legacy for generations to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2019

Mrs. BEATTY. Madam Speaker, I was absent from the House Chamber on October 31, 2019, due to a serious illness in my immediate family. Had I been present, I would have voted: No on Roll Call No. 605; No on Roll Call No. 606; Yes on Roll Call No. 607; No on Roll Call No. 608 and Yes on Roll Call No. 609.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF
THOMAS HANIE PARIS, JR.

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2019

Mr. COLLINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Thomas Hanie Paris, Jr.

Tom Paris, Jr. was born and raised in Gainesville, Georgia. While attending Gainesville High School, Tom was elected class president and captain of the football team where he earned All-State and All-American honors. After graduating from high school, Tom went on to play college football at the University of Georgia where he earned his bachelor's degree in business administration and was inducted into both Phi Kappa Phi and Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Societies, all while being a three-year letterman.

After graduating from college, Tom joined the family business of Paris-Dunlap Wholesale Hardware Company, serving as the company's president. Building on his success at Paris-Dunlap, Tom founded Paris Management and Investment Company and Paris Storage Company.

Tom was often recognized for his success in business, but above all else, he will be remembered for his devotion to his community. Tom worked to advance numerous organizations throughout Hall County, serving as director of the Gainesville-Hall Chamber of Commerce, president of the Gainesville Rotary Club, a founding trustee of Lakeview Academy, a trustee of both Brenau University and the Northeast Georgia Health System board, and a faithful member of Gainesville First United Methodist Church, among many other roles.

Even after his passing, Tom Paris, Jr. continued to move our community forward by raising funds in his memory to renovate the Humane Society of Northeast Georgia, which he served as a board member for over nine years. We were reminded of his legacy earlier this week as the Humane Society held its ribbon cutting ceremony for the Paris Family Surgery Suite. The remodeled surgery suite honors Tom's wish that the Humane Society of Northeast Georgia renovate the surgery suite to provide the most up-to-date care and technology for the animals of Northeast Georgia. Because of Tom and the funds for this renovation, the Humane Society's lifesaving spay and neuter work will continue for decades to come.

Tom will always be remembered as a steady leader in our community, but first and foremost, he was a devoted son, brother, husband, father and grandfather. On behalf of the people of Northeast Georgia, I hope you will join Tom's beloved family in celebrating his remarkable life.

MICHIGAN REHABILITATION
ASSOCIATION

HON. ANDY LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2019

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the Michigan Rehabilitation Association, which celebrates 70 years of exemplary service on November 1, 2019.

What began as a professional association for rehabilitation practitioners is now among our state's leading voices working on behalf of people with disabilities. But they have not just been passionate advocates: they have given rehabilitation professionals new opportunities to grow and develop their skills, in turn allowing them to better serve the people of Michigan.

I want to thank the Michigan Rehabilitation Association for its hard work over the past 70 years. I wish them many more years of success.

IN RECOGNITION OF TRAVOIS, INC.

HON. SHARICE DAVIDS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2019

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today, along with my esteemed colleague, Rep. EMANUEL CLEAVER, of Kansas City, Missouri to recognize Travois, Inc., a Certified B Corporation headquartered in Kansas City, that has been named a "Best For The World" honoree by B Lab. Travois focuses exclusively on promoting housing and economic development for American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities. We are proud to have this socially and environmentally conscious company in the Kansas City metro region.

Since its establishment in 1995, Travois has generated \$1.4 billion in housing and economic development in American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities, helping clients build or rehabilitate more than 5,400 affordable homes. The company has brought more than \$800 million in private investor equity to more than 200 developments in Indian Country. Travois raises capital for this purpose through the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program, the New Markets Tax Credit program, and through impact investors.

Travois' work promotes public benefits, is designed to solve social and environmental issues, creates economic opportunity for individuals and communities, and focuses on underserved populations. The company also finances critical economic development projects, including infrastructure, healthcare, community centers, education facilities, and senior living centers in 22 states. Additionally, it provides employee benefits like on-site daycare and uses an extensive renewable energy system of rooftop solar panels to power its headquarters building.

Travois has been honored in two categories of Best For the World: Overall and Customers. It earned recognition as Best for the World: Overall due to its rank in the top 10 percent of all 3,000 B Corporations worldwide across all six impact areas—environment, workforce, local communities, supplies, customers, and corporate governance. It is one of only 119 U.S. companies that were recognized with this honorary designation and is the only Missouri-based company in this category.

The Best For the World recognition is administered by the global nonprofit B Lab, which certifies and supports Certified B Corporations that are dedicated to using business as a force for good. The 3,000 B Corporations