

Because of his ease with language, George more than any of the other soldiers, endeared himself to the people of the small farming town. Together they shared meals, church services, hopes and dreams. Then on December 16th, 1944, the Germans launched a surprise attack in the Ardennes Forest. The Battle of the Bulge was underway. By mid-afternoon on December 18th, the German attack had pushed deep into Luxembourg, and Eschweiler was nearly surrounded. The Recon Troop held the town as long as possible before pulling out. Just a mile outside of town, their convoy drove into a German ambush. Pinned down on the narrow, treelined road, death or capture were their only options. Realizing their desperate situation, George sprang to action. Showing no regard for his personal safety, George jumped into the back of a jeep, manned a 50-caliber machine gun and provided enough covering fire for the rest of the Recon Troop soldiers to make their escape. Seconds later the machine gun jammed. As George tried to clear the breach, German bullets cut him down. George's selfless and heroic actions that day allowed the rest of the Recon Troop to survive not only that ambush but the war. Madam Speaker, George Mergenthaler made the ultimate sacrifice that day so that others could live in peace. I would like to thank this body for posthumously recognizing George Mergenthaler, a true American hero.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF
MARY MARGARET "MOO" ANDERSON

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an extraordinary woman and legendary supporter of art and artists, Mary Margaret Anderson, affectionately known to all as "Moo".

Moo was born in Boston in 1926 and died on October 22, 2019, at the age of 92. She was a graduate of D'Youville College and met her husband Harry, known as Hunk, in 1948. While in college, Hunk started a food service business, Saga Corporation. After Moo and Hunk married in 1950, they moved to Ohio and then to California to expand the business.

A trip to Europe and a visit to the Louvre in the 1960's ignited Moo and Hunk's love for contemporary art. They began collecting art which reflected their beliefs in the importance of 'head and hands', or ingenuity as well as masterful craftsmanship. They wanted to see the creativity of the artist but also wanted to know that real work went into the art. Much of the family's art collection was hung in their one-story Silicon Valley home and in the Saga headquarters in Menlo Park. The collection contained important Abstract Expressionists, Color Field Painting, Post-Minimalism, California Funk Art, Bay Area Figurative Art, and Contemporary abstract painting. Many of the most significant works are now housed in the Anderson Collection at Stanford University, a collection of 121 works by 86 artists which the Andersons donated in 2014. Two important works by Jackson Pollock and Willem De Kooning were donated shortly before Moo's

death, adding to paintings by Helen Frankenthaler, Agnes Martin, Joan Mitchell, Robert Motherwell, Frank Stella, Wayne Thiebaud and many other important American artists.

In addition to the eponymous museum at Stanford, the Andersons donated works to the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, and the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, among others.

Moo loved her husband, daughter, granddaughter, philanthropy, and golf. She gave generously of her time and considerable talents in service to Sacred Heart Schools, St. Francis Center, and Stanford Hospital, and she taught children through Art in Action in Menlo Park.

On hearing of Moo's death, Stanford University President Marc Tessier-Levine, said "Moo Anderson will forever be remembered for her love of art, but also for her love of sharing art. She opened her home so that students could have that same experience of looking and learning about art. We are so deeply grateful that Moo and Hunk trusted Stanford to be stewards of their remarkable collection and enable people of all ages to experience it on a daily basis."

Moo was predeceased by her husband Hunk, and leaves her daughter Mary Patricia "Putter" Anderson Pence and her beloved granddaughter, Devin Pence. She will be deeply missed by them and by all who had the good fortune to know her. Her legacy will live on through the magnificent art she and Hunk have so generously shared with Stanford and all of us.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the extraordinary life of an extraordinary woman and expressing our condolences to her daughter, granddaughter and the thousands who loved her and mourn her passing.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on October 30, 2019 during roll call no. 593, On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 2181, Gosar of Arizona Part E Amendment No. 2. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 594, On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 2181, Gosar of Arizona Part E Amendment No. 3. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 595, On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 2181, Arrington of Texas Part E Amendment No. 4. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 596, On Motion to Recommit with Instructions, H.R. 2181, Chaco Cultural Heritage Area Protection Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 597, On Passage, H.R. 2181, Chaco Cultural Heritage Area Protection Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 598, On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 1373, Gosar of Arizona Part C Amendment No. 1.

Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 599, On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 1373, Gosar of Arizona Part C Amendment No. 2. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 600, On Agreeing to the Amendment, H.R. 1373, Gosar of Arizona Part C Amendment No. 3. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 601, On Motion to Recommit with Instructions, H.R. 1373, Grand Canyon Centennial Protection Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 602, On Passage, H.R. 1373, Grand Canyon Centennial Protection Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

TRIBUTE TO VETERANS OF THE
ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED
STATES

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to all the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States and risked their lives to defend our freedoms and way of life and took and lived the oath to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic" and bore true faith and allegiance to the same, an obligation they took freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion."

Veterans are truly heroes walking among us.

I want to thank all of our armed servicemen and women for their selfless dedication to our protection every day.

Veterans Day is a reminder to all of us who live in freedom that as President Kennedy said, "The price of freedom is high, but Americans have always paid it."

This Veterans Day is a welcome opportunity to remember that the fallen who gave the last full measure of devotion to their country on battlefields around the world—in places whose names may be unforgettable—or locations that have slipped into the pages of history.

We will never forget:

Revolutionary War: Valley Forge; York Town.

Civil War: The Battle of Antietam; The Battle of Gettysburg.

World War I: The Battle of Argonne; Flanders Field; Verdun.

World War II: Pearl Harbor; Battle of Bataan; The Battle of Midway; D-Day; Battle of the Bulge; Battle of Anzio; Battle of Corregidor.

Korean War: Inchon; Heart Break Ridge; Pork Chop Hill.

Vietnam: Tet Offensive; Battle of Hue.

Desert Storm: September 11, 2001; Pentagon Attack (125 killed).

Operation Enduring Freedom: Battle of Kandahar.

Operation Iraqi Freedom: Second Battle of Fallujah.

The memory of the fallen are never forgotten.

Madam Speaker, each Veterans Day, Americans come together to remember those who