

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF
SHARON ENOCH-HESTER

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Sharon Enoch-Hester, of Harrisburg, PA, who passed away on November 10, 2019 at the age of 63.

Sharon is the daughter of Ernestine Enoch and Vincent Wilson and was employed as a teacher in the Harrisburg School District in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. She was a member of Zeta Phi Beta and a graduate of Shippensburg University. Sharon obtained her Master's Degree from the University of Scranton and participated in the Doctorate Program at the University of Pennsylvania.

Sharon is survived by her husband, the beloved Samuel Hester, by her mother Ernestine, her children Aaron and Michael Hester, a brother Warren Enoch, and her aunt Mary Louise Graves. Also, she is survived by a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

I am very blessed to have gotten to know Sharon's husband, Sam, who works in the Member's Gym. I am so sorry for this painful loss, and I hope he feels the support and love that we are sending him during this time. Sharon will certainly be missed by all whose lives she touched.

HONORING GARY MERVIS, CHAIRMAN OF THE ROCHESTER PROJECT EXILE ADVISORY BOARD

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Chairman of the Rochester Project Exile Advisory Board and Camp Good Days founder, Gary Mervis.

Gary has been the Chairman of the Rochester Project Exile Advisory Board since its inception in 1998. It is the longest running Project Exile in the country. There is a reason this program has withstood the sands of time—its success is abundantly clear and the statistics are staggering. I was fascinated by the facts and figures of this program's success—five hundred seventy-seven defendants indicted and fifteen thousand six hundred illegal guns removed from our streets. That last statistic is incredible, since Rochester had a homicide rating of seventy in the late nineties when this program began. The homicide rate qualified Rochester as having the highest per capita homicide rate of any city in New York State.

In developing this program, community leaders, officials and other community members stood up and said "No more!" Gary and his colleagues began meeting once a month to help battle the scourge of illegal guns and drugs in this community, doing what they could do to make things better. As it has been said, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing." Gary and his fellow citizens of Rochester could have remained motionless and let guns

and drugs take over the neighborhoods—but they did not. Instead, they gathered together and created a really remarkable program that works—and it shows. Those statistics from the nineties have never recurred. I applaud Gary's leadership and the efforts of those involved with Project Exile and encourage these efforts to continue on into the future. This program has been a shining beacon for others throughout the country—and its success has allowed other programs to flourish as well.

Gary has clearly given much of himself for his community in service. I thank Gary for all that he has done and will do in the future.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to honor Chairman of the Rochester Project Exile Advisory Board and Camp Good Days founder, Gary Mervis.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF CHARLOTTE WINELAND

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Ms. Charlotte Wineland on the occasion of her 100th birthday. Charlotte was born Lilian Charlotte Oheim on August 10, 1919, in Baltimore, Maryland to Christopher and Lilian Oheim. In 1923 her family relocated to Washington, D.C. where she was raised with her brother, Bill. As a child, Charlotte enjoyed playing Jacks and learned to play the piano. Her brother Bill earned money delivering the Evening Star newspaper. Like most people in the 1920s, the Oheims did not have a car. Young Charlotte walked all over the city, running errands and buying groceries for her mother, who would often send Charlotte back to demand the highest quality items. Charlotte became known as the "bring back girl" to the local grocers. Charlotte graduated from Eliot Junior High School and Eastern High School. She then attended business school before working for a local company and later she accepted a position in the Office of Congressman Fred Crawford on Capitol Hill.

Charlotte met her future husband, Lloyd Wineland Jr. while attending the circus in 1937. Charlotte and Lloyd married in 1939 and had four children, Linda, Christine, Nancy and Lloyd III. She was a devoted and doting mother and decided to be a stay-at-home mom until their youngest began school. They lived and raised their children on several acres in Southeast Washington, D.C. Lloyd became president of his family's movie theater business, Wineland Theaters, growing the chain to 20 theaters by the 1960's. They moved to Virginia in 1962.

Charlotte has always been an involved community member and was active in the Methodist church and her children's activities. She was a Girl Scout and Job's Daughters leader; and in the 1960s Charlotte led the Anacostia Lion Cell group in producing a cook book to raise funds for construction of Cafritz Hospital in S.E., D.C. In her spare time, she often delivered meals on wheels.

In 1978, Charlotte and Lloyd moved to the Eastern Shore of Maryland and began the next chapter of their lives. Lloyd expanded the family business and became an antiques ap-

praiser. They gave several gifts of fine paintings and antiques to the State Department for the reception rooms. Their collection of Native American and Western Explorative Literature is now a part of the Smithsonian Libraries collection. After Lloyd's death in 1985, Charlotte moved to Oakton, Virginia where she has remained active with organizations including the Oakton United Methodist Church, the Oakton Women's Club and the Friends of Oakton Library. An avid traveler, she has visited many countries both with her husband and following his death, with other family members and friends. Well into her eighties she continued traveling with Elder Hostel.

Throughout her life, Charlotte has enjoyed entertaining friends and family. She has always been known for her lavish meals, amazing cooking, and warm hospitality. Charlotte has had many other hobbies which she mastered—knitting both by hand and machine, crocheting, tatting, embroidering and china painting. Over the years she has hand painted over 7 sets of china for her grandchildren and countless exceptional pieces for family and friends.

It is remarkable to note that Charlotte has seen 100 years of Washington, D.C. politics. She was born in the year in which women finally got the right to vote and has witnessed tremendous demographic changes including the first African American President and record-setting numbers of women from all walks of life running for and being elected into office. In 2012 she participated in organizing "Experience Speaking" which encouraged senior citizens to give testimony as to what one should consider when voting in an election.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Charlotte Wineland a very happy 100th birthday and in thanking her for her many decades of service to her community. May she enjoy this very special occasion surrounded by the warmth and love of her family and friends including her children, seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DEDICATION OF THE JOSEPH R. PETERSON JUSTICE BUILDING

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joseph R. Peterson and celebrate the dedication of the Joseph R. Peterson Justice Building. Joseph Peterson is an influential leader in Wyandotte and his contributions to our community are worthy of commendation.

Joseph Peterson is a cornerstone of Wyandotte. For nearly four decades, Peterson has been an active member of the community, striving to make the city a better place for all. Before beginning his career in public service, Peterson spent 27 years serving the city as a police officer in the Wyandotte Police Department. Upon his retirement, Peterson became active in public service and was elected to the Wyandotte City Council in 2005. By 2009, Peterson was elected mayor—a position he has held ever since.