

## RECOGNIZING JERRY REVISH

**HON. JOYCE BEATTY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 5, 2019*

Mrs. BEATTY. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the residents of Ohio's Third Congressional District, I salute Jerry Revish on his illustrious broadcasting career of 42 years.

In 1972, Jerry got his start in his hometown of Youngstown, Ohio at WBBW Radio and in June 1980 he became a reporter for WBNS-TV.

Over the course of his more than four decades in journalism, Jerry won 13 Emmy awards, four Edward R. Murrow Awards, and the Silver Circle Award from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

In addition, he was recognized by the Associated Press for best feature, best documentary and best spot news coverage; honored with the Carl Day Award for Outstanding Achievement; and was the recipient of the Best International Reporting Award from the National Association of Black Journalists for a series of reports on the liberation of Haiti and a half-hour documentary on the new South Africa.

His reporting skills have taken him around the world.

He was the first Columbus TV reporter to go to Saudi Arabia to cover the Persian Gulf War, and he has reported from Haiti, Barbados, South Africa, Bosnia, Bahrain, Cuba, and Japan.

Among his numerous career highlights, Jerry covered many national political conventions, Ohio State University bowl games, the dedication of the Vietnam War Memorial Wall, the Lucasville State Prison Riot, and the September 11th terrorist attack. He also interviewed President Barack Obama and helped Columbus bodybuilder Walter Smith—wrongfully convicted of rape—win his freedom through DNA testing.

In 2005, Jerry was inducted into the Ohio Broadcasters Hall of Fame.

Outside of the newsroom, Jerry is the founder and senior pastor of the Unity Temple Church of God in Christ in Columbus, Ohio alongside his wife of 45 years, Danielle.

As he signs off at 10TV, I salute Jerry Revish for his commitment to excellence and service to Central Ohio—and wish him all the best as he begins the next chapter of his life.

## HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF SEBASTIAN J. ARESKO

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 5, 2019*

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with the heaviest of hearts that I rise today to join the many family, friends, and colleagues who have gathered to pay tribute to a very special member of the Middlefield, Connecticut community, Sebastian J. Aresco, who lost his battle with cancer late last week. Public servant, veteran, friend, and mentor, Seb's loss will be felt by many.

Born in Middletown, Connecticut, Seb was a member of the United States Air Force and

proudly served our country with distinction during the Vietnam War. He did not speak a lot about his time in the service, however, he spent countless hours with his fellow veterans throughout his life. He could often be found at events and programs sponsored by the local VFW. Seb was also very dedicated member of the Saint Colman Church community. In his professional life, Seb was a proud employee of the State of Connecticut—an auditor with the State Treasurer's office for several decades before his retirement just a few years ago. In his spare time, he could often be found at the shore, enjoying a day of fishing, grabbing a lobster or whole belly clam roll at Lenny and Joe's Fish Tale, or simply enjoying the tranquil beauty of the ocean.

Seb took great pride in his military and state service, but he was perhaps best known for his work in the political arena. He was raised to understand the importance of our political process and his life experiences highlighted them even more so. He wanted to make a difference in his community, and he did so through the art of politics. He served on various Boards and Commissions in Middlefield, but it was his leadership as the Chair of the local Democratic Party—a position which he held for more than thirty years—where Seb excelled. Seb was one of those rare individuals who volunteered his time, energy, and even his home to ensure that every member of his community was encouraged to participate in the political process. He was a mentor to many as they became involved in local government and navigated elected office. He also had a unique understanding of how local, state, and federal government could work together to improve the quality of life for all. Though Middlefield is one of the smaller communities in Connecticut, Seb's dedication, passion, and commitment earned him the respect and admiration of political leaders across the state.

Put simply, Seb was one of the good ones. He had a quiet strength and heart of gold. I, like so many others, consider myself fortunate to have known him and to have called him my friend. He will be deeply missed by family, friends, and the community to which he dedicated so much of his time and energies. His tireless efforts as a veteran, state employee, and community leader made a real difference in the lives of others and I am honored to have this opportunity to stand and pay tribute to the life and legacy of Sebastian J. Aresco. I extend my deepest sympathies to his daughters, Amanda and Andrea, as well as his long-time companion, Joan, at this most difficult time, and hope that they can find comfort in knowing that Seb's legacy of public service, generosity, and kindness will continue to inspire all of those privileged enough to have known him.

## CELEBRATING RIVER ROUGE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL'S STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. RASHIDA TLAIB**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 5, 2019*

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to give a hearty congratulations to the River Rouge High School Football on winning their first-ever state championship.

In a dramatic game, the River Rouge Panthers prevailed over setbacks early on to defeat a formidable opponent. This hard-earned victory is a testament to the countless hours of training put in by this dedicated team, as well as the support of its coaches and parents. As legendary basketball Coach Phil Jackson once said, "The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team."

Please join me in recognizing the River Rouge High School football team, Coach Corey Parker for this outstanding accomplishment.

## HONORING THE SERVICE OF SEAN CASEY

**HON. MARK DeSAULNIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 5, 2019*

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of long-time community advocate, Sean Casey as he begins retirement.

Sean Casey has dedicated his life and career to children and families. After graduating from Oberlin College and getting his master's degrees from UC Berkeley in both social welfare and public health, Sean worked at UC San Francisco, developing better data and analysis for maternal and child health programs. He also created Fetal/Infant Mortality Review programs in Contra Costa and Alameda Counties.

Quickly after joining First 5, Sean became Contra Costa's Executive Director. Throughout his tenure, First 5 Contra Costa provided life-changing services to over 500 families.

While he was Executive Director, Sean oversaw the development of a county-wide preschool planning process which implemented a Quality Rating and Improvement System. He supported the development of three parent advocacy groups, which identified and addressed issues related to early childhood development including affordable housing, immigrant and racial justice, and the safety of neighborhood parks.

Sean also worked to establish Contra Costa County's Help Me Grow system to help parents identify potential developmental challenges their children may have and connect them with the necessary resources and services. He also developed Ready Kids, which helps young children prepare for kindergarten and their academic lives. On top of that, he helped establish the Children's Leadership Council, the Family Economic Security Partnership, the Early Learning Leadership Group, the Budget Justice Coalition, and the Contra Costa Funders Forum. Sean also served as the Chair of the First 5 Association.

Sean has always been a leader in the community and someone I have enjoyed working with greatly. Over my years in public service, I have visited First 5 and many of the other programs he is associated with and am always impressed by the impact he has on the children and families he works with. As he retires from First 5, we wish him well knowing that his legacy will continue to enrich the lives of Contra Costa families. We wish him great luck and joy in retirement.

HONORING THE CAREER OF  
GEORGE WOLFBERG

**HON. TED LIEU**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 5, 2019*

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate Mr. George Wolfberg, a longtime community leader in California's 33rd Congressional District who will receive the Pride of the Palisades award from the Pacific Palisades Community Council. George worked for the City of Los Angeles for 37 years and played a hand in its bid for the 1984 Summer Olympics, divestment from South Africa over apartheid, and rewriting of the city charter.

Born on April 22, 1938 to Bernard Wolfberg and Leah Wolfberg, George was raised in Los Angeles, attending Los Angeles High School and the University of California, Los Angeles, where he received his degree in political science. George and his wife, Diane, married on February 9, 1964 and went on to have three children: Anya, David, and Michael, and four grandchildren.

George began working for the city of Los Angeles in 1961 in the City Administrative Office, where he eventually rose to Chief Administrative Analyst, the highest non-appointed position in the office. In that role, he prepared Los Angeles' successful bid for the 1984 Summer Olympics and worked to ensure infrastructure upgrades were completed for the event. He also administered the City's anti-apartheid program, overseeing the research necessary to ensure successful divestment from South Africa under apartheid. Even after he retired, George continued to play an outsized role in city government, serving as City Charter Commission Research Director and co-authoring the City's administrative code.

The neighborhood of Pacific Palisades in some ways owes George a debt for its development. George helped craft and implement the Los Angeles Community Plan that has guided the growth and land use of Pacific Palisades and will for years to come. In addition to serving as Chair, Chair-Emeritus, and Vice Chair on the Pacific Palisades Community Council, he served on the board of the Santa Monica Canyon Civic Association and Portrero Canyon Park citizens advisory committee, calling attention to the importance of proper landscape design and infrastructure. Even from his bed in the ICU this past September, George has been contacting Los Angeles city staff and officials to support a new park in his neighborhood.

George's passion for engaging the youth is evident through his work on the Los Angeles

County Bicycle Advisory Committee, service as a Watts Friendship Sports League commissioner following the 1992 riots, and efforts with the local American Youth Soccer Organization, where he was a National Referee still overseeing games as recently as last year. George has also received numerous awards for his volunteer work, including the Pacific Palisades Community Council's Citizen of the Year award in 2011.

George's impact in Los Angeles and Pacific Palisades is remarkable and inspiring. I want to thank and recognize George for his efforts to improve his community and outstanding leadership throughout his career.

INTRODUCTION OF H. RES. 742

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 5, 2019*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mark the important successes of the Food for Peace Act. Since 1954, Food for Peace has provided life-saving food assistance to some of the world's most vulnerable people. While it has already saved the lives of millions, there is more work to be done. Tens of millions of children suffer from the effects of malnutrition, while natural disasters, civil strife and other crises put food supplies at risk every year.

I have introduced H. Res. 742 to mark these important achievements and call for continued appropriations prioritization of Food for Peace. This resolution has strong bipartisan support and also the support of a number of interested organizations, including Action Against Hunger, Alliance to End Hunger, American Maritime Congress, American Maritime Officers, American Maritime Officers Service, American Soybean Association, Bread for the World, Breedlove Foods, Inc., Bunge, CARE USA, Cargill, Incorporated, Didion Milling, Edesia, Feed the Children, Food for the Hungry, InterAction, Land O'Lakes Venture37, Land O'Lakes, Inc., Maritime Institute for Research and Industrial Development (MIRAID), Masters, Mates & Pilots Union, National Association of Wheat Growers, National Corn Growers Association, National Milk Producers Federation, Navy League of the United States, Seafarers International Union, The Borgen Project, The Port of Virginia, Transportation Institute, UNICEF USA, USA Rice, World Food Program USA, World Initiative for Soy in Human Health.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DIANA DeGETTE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 5, 2019*

Ms. DeGETTE. Madam Speaker, on December 4, 2019, my vote did not register on the Pallone-Thune TRACED Act (S. 151) due to a technical malfunction. I wish the record to reflect my "AYE" vote for call No. 647.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO FRED  
HAMPTON AND MARK CLARK

SPEECH OF

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 4, 2019*

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the legacy of Fred Hampton.

Mr. Hampton was only 21 years old when he was murdered by the Chicago Police Department and the FBI as he slept in his bedroom. The Chicago Police fired between 82 and 99 rounds into his apartment the night of his murder.

Although we lost a powerful fighter for justice on December 4, 1969, Mr. Hampton's commitment to social, racial, and economic justice and his legacy of helping the disenfranchised did not die with him.

Working predominately on the South and West Sides of Chicago, Mr. Hampton and the Black Panther Party provided free medical services and implemented a free lunch program that fed 4,000 children daily. These social programs were valuable resources to these underserved communities.

The Black Panther Movement shed a spot light on the disparities between the races. Mr. Hampton understood that many of the social injustices stemmed from an unjust political system and fought hard to change it.

Mr. Hampton's cruel murder was the catalyst for a political awakening that resulted in the unprecedented election of several African-American mayors like Harold Washington of Chicago in 1983; Wilson Goode of Philadelphia in 1984; Kurt Schmoke of Baltimore in 1988; and David Dinkins of New York City in 1989.

Mr. Hampton was the champion for the disadvantaged and I am proud to honor his legacy.