

Officer Bryce Cooper—City of Falls Church Police Department.

DWI Enforcement Squad—Fairfax County Police Department.

Senior Sergeant Bobby Galpin—Town of Herndon Police Department.

Deputy Caleb Hwang—Loudoun County Sheriff's Office.

Trooper First Class Anthony Wallace—Maryland State Police.

Officer Henry Gallagher—Metropolitan Police Department (Washington, DC).

Corporal Patricia Cox—Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Police Department.

Police Officer III John Romack—Montgomery County Department of Police.

Corporal Thomas Kosakowski—Prince George's County Police Department.

Officer Chad Mason—Prince William County Police Department.

Officer Daniel Begendorf—United States Capitol Police.

Officer Christopher Gogarty—United States Park Police.

Trooper Lucie Vajglova—Virginia State Police.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the recipients of the Law Enforcement Awards of Excellence and in recognizing WRAP for its 37 years of public service. I commend the staff of WRAP under the leadership of President and CEO Kurt Erickson and Board Chairman Gary Cohen for their tireless dedication to eradicating underage drinking and drunk or drugged driving. Their efforts combined with the support of partner organizations and law enforcement agencies have saved lives and are deserving of our highest praise and gratitude.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. NADLER. Madam, Speaker, due to a family emergency, I was not in Washington, D.C. on December 17, 2019, and, as a result, I missed eight votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on roll call vote no. 683, ordering the previous question providing for consideration of H.R. 1158, H.R. 1865, and for adoption of H. Res. 761; "aye" on roll call vote no. 684, on agreeing to H.Res. 765, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1158, H.R. 1865, and for adoption of H. Res. 761; "aye" on roll call vote no. 685, final passage of H.R. 4183, the "Identifying Barriers and Best Practices Study Act;" "aye" on roll call vote no. 686, final passage of H.R. 3530, the "Improving Confidence in Veterans' Care Act;" "aye" on roll call vote no. 687, final passage of H.R. 722, the "Miracle Mountain Designation Act;" "aye" on roll call no. 688, final passage of H.R. 2548, the "Hazard Eligibility and Local Projects Act;" "aye" on roll call no. 689, on the motion to concur in the Senate amendment with an amendment to H.R. 1865, the "National Law Enforcement Museum Commemorative Coin Act;" and "no" on roll call no. 690, on the motion to concur in the Senate amendment with an amendment to H.R. 1158, the "DHS Cyber Hunt and Incident Response Team Act."

I also was not in Washington, D.C. on December 19, 2019, and, as a result, I missed

three votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on roll call vote no. 699, the motion to recommit with instructions H.R. 5377, the "Restoring Tax Fairness for States and Localities Act;" "aye" on roll call vote no. 700, final passage of H.R. 5377; and "no" on roll call vote no. 701, final passage of H.R. 5430, "to implement the USMCA."

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR COY PAYNE

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Mr. STANTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Coy Payne, the first African-American to serve as mayor in the state of Arizona, who passed away Sunday, December 8, 2019, at the age of 90. Arizonans will remember him as a trailblazer who overcame the struggles of poverty and racism to dedicate his life to serving his community. From his time as a soldier in the Korean War, to his time teaching elementary school students, to his time as a civil rights leader, Mayor Payne's enduring legacy was love for his community.

The second of nine children born to sharecroppers in Sulphur Springs, Texas, on May 22, 1929, Payne's family relocated to Eloy, Arizona in the 1940s, where they worked the fields to earn enough money to buy a car. They relocated to Chandler shortly after, where Payne attended segregated schools in Chandler and Mesa. After graduating from the only high school he could attend, George Washington Carver High School in downtown Phoenix—an hour bus ride and 30-minute walk away from home—Payne was drafted by the U.S. Army to serve in the Korean War. After returning from Korea, he received a degree in education from Arizona State University and taught in the Chandler Unified School District—the very district that denied him an education as a child. He continued teaching students there for more than thirty years.

It was during this time as an educator and administrator that he also became an advocate. He joined the Chandler Human Relations Committee and worked to improve race relations in Chandler. In 1980, Payne won a seat on Chandler City Council. And in 1990, Payne won a landslide victory in the mayoral election, becoming the first African American to serve as a mayor of any city in the State of Arizona. Chandler's population ballooned 96 percent during his tenure as mayor—and he steered that growth in a positive direction. The impact of his leadership is still felt in City Hall, and his spirit of service is carried on by the many he influenced and mentored. Thank you, Mayor Payne, and Godspeed.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD "RICK" GRAHAM HILL

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Ms. MOORE. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the life of Richard "Rick" Graham Hill of Oneida, Wisconsin. Rick was born on

January 6, 1953, in Detroit, Michigan, and lived a life filled with love and compassion for both his community and nation. He was a politician, innovator, entrepreneur and leader.

Rick descended from a family committed to public service. His grandmother, Dr. L. Rosa Minoka Hill, was the second American Indian woman doctor in the nation, and his mother was a registered nurse. He began following in the footsteps of his family at a young age, often accompanying his father to tribal meetings, which cultivated him into the leader he eventually became.

Rick went go on to be a long-serving councilman and vice-chairman of the Oneida Nation, and served two non-consecutive terms as the nation's chairman. During his first term, he also served simultaneously as chairman of the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA), representing and advocating for 168 federally-recognized tribes in the gaming industry. Under his leadership, NIGA became a nationally-recognized voice on Indian gaming issues, and successfully initiated the development of national regulatory standards and policies for tribal governmental gaming. As chairman of the Oneida Nation, Rick signed the first gaming compact with the state of Wisconsin. Even after retirement, Rick continued his service by forming Hill Group, LLC. There he consulted with various stakeholders to identify economic development projects and partnerships in Indian Country. He also formed RGH Holdings the first ever consortium of tribes to invest in real estate development projects outside of the reservations. Out of all his contributions, Rick was most proud of his work serving on the board of the Native American Rights Fund and the Public Sector Gaming Study Commission.

His devotion and commitment to serving others has been recognized with honors and awards including: the Eagle Visionary Award, the Pathbreakers Award and induction into the Indian Gaming Hall of Fame. He was also the first Indian Gaming inductee into the Gaming Hall of Fame.

He was a loving husband, father, and tenderhearted coach to his sons and so many others. Rick leaves to cherish his memory: his spouse, and my dear friend, Donsia Strong Hill, as well as his children: Richard (Desirae), Sage, Dakota, and his two grandchildren: Asher and Vine. He is also survived by siblings: Barbara Author, Norbert, Jr. (Mary), Rosa (Rick) Coenen; sister-in-law, Lenora Hatathlie and brother-in-law, Mike Author; his nieces: Megan, Sarah, Maria, Nasbah (Jamison), Nanabah (Michael), Melissa (Scott); and his nephews: DinéNizhoni, Christopher (Maria), Mark, Nabahe, Norbert III (Erin), and goddaughter, Jolene Billie; and long-term business partner and colleague, Dawn Reiter.

Rick always credited his success to those who supported, mentored and befriended him while working in Indian Country. I am proud to have worked with Rick over a 30-year period and happy to have called him my friend. I am inspired by his work to continuously help other tribes and will work collaboratively with them to establish strong tribal governments. Everything he's accomplished came from the heart, and the legacy he leaves behind reflects the positive impact of his service.

Madam Speaker, it is for these reasons I rise to salute Richard "Rick" Graham Hill, a man who has made the State of Wisconsin and our nation a better place.