

The American Legion Auxiliary is a premier service organization that has been a vital asset to our community. By providing support for our veterans, our military, and their families, the American Legion Auxiliary shapes a positive future in an atmosphere of fellowship, patriotism, and peace.

Founded in 1919, the American Legion Auxiliary boasts almost one million members from a range of different backgrounds. This past year, the organization oversaw more than 40 million volunteer hours and raised \$37 million for charities across the U.S.

Specifically, the American Legion Auxiliary's Gilbert D. Karsten Post 33, has been a pillar in our community through their support of veterans, sponsorship of local events, and extensive youth development programs. Their tireless work has dramatically increased the quality of life for veterans and their families across West Michigan.

The post gets their name from the late Gilbert Dean Karsten, an American army Corporal who was killed on the battlefields of France on August 2, 1917. Gilbert D. Karsten was born in Zeeland, MI, on April 20, 1898, and joined the U.S. Army just days after the U.S. declared war on Germany. His death made him the first World War I casualty from Zeeland, and the community has continued to honor his sacrifice by using his name to help further their commitment to serving local veterans and their families.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating the American Legion Auxiliary and the Gilbert D. Karsten Post 33 for their 100 years of dedicated service to veterans throughout our country and in West Michigan.

TRIBUTE IN MEMORY OF CHARLES PENNINGTON

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the memory of my friend, Charles Pennington, Junior, who was a true American patriot and an economic development engine for London, Kentucky.

Charlie was a thriving work horse every day that he had the ability to serve others. He dedicated 26 years to law enforcement, first as a Kentucky State Trooper, until he was drafted for the Korean War. He honorably served this great Nation in the U.S. Army from 1955 to 1959. When he returned home to American soil, he was sworn in as a Laurel County Sheriff's Deputy. One year later, he became a Deputy U.S. Marshal and participated in some of the nation's most historic moments in time. In fact, he escorted the first African American student into an integrated school and was featured in Norman Rockwell's captivating painting of that fateful day. During my first year in office, representing Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District, I was honored to recommend Charlie's promotion to U.S. Marshal for the Eastern District of Kentucky. President Ronald Reagan appointed him to the role, serving 67 Kentucky counties, until his retirement.

During what could have been long restful years of retirement, Charlie invested his time and energy to recruiting businesses and cre-

ating new jobs in Laurel County through the London Planning and Zoning Commission and the London Laurel County Industrial Authority—and he wasn't just good at it, he was great. Charlie helped transform Laurel County into an industrial hub for our entire region. He was instrumental in developing a desperately needed new industrial park, which now rightfully bears his name. Thanks to his tireless efforts to lay a healthy economic foundation and landscape in Laurel County, the I-75 corridor will continue to progress for generations to follow.

Aside from his official duties, Charlie volunteered countless hours to the Laurel County Fire Department and other civic organizations. He made a difference in our region and we can already see the growth made possible by his dedication. I am forever grateful for his friendship and partnership on economic development projects over the years. My wife, Cynthia, and I extend our heartfelt condolences to Charlie's entire family and his countless friends across the state.

RECOGNIZING THE PUBLIC SERVICE AND RETIREMENT OF KEVIN J. BRADY

HON. CAROL D. MILLER

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mrs. MILLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kevin J. Brady, who is retiring from his position as Executive Director over the Greater Huntington Park & Recreation District. Mr. Brady has been involved in various public service roles, both inside and outside the hills of Appalachia, for well over 32 years.

Mr. Brady is truly a dedicated civil servant whose work has sought to significantly benefit the quality of life of Southern West Virginia and the Tri-State Region surrounding Huntington.

In 1989, Mr. Brady started his life of service by becoming a Landscape Coordinator for Hamilton County, Tennessee. During this time, Mr. Brady pioneered several projects that oversaw the management of the Tennessee Riverwalk, Tennessee Riverpark, and the Chester Frost Park. Excelling in his duties, Mr. Brady would later become the Director of Parks for the City of Chattanooga. He served in these roles for a total of 20 years until 2009 when he moved to Juneau, Alaska to serve as their Superintendent of Parks and Landscape; however, when the Greater Huntington Park & Recreation District needed an Executive Director in 2010, he answered the call to return to the heart of Appalachia.

Over the last ten years, Mr. Brady has proven time and time again that he is a true asset to Huntington and the Mountain State. His passion project, St. Cloud Commons all-inclusive playground, has already brought happiness to countless children in Huntington. It is because of people like Mr. Brady that make me proud to represent West Virginia's Third Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally recognize Mr. Brady for this momentous achievement. I ask you and my colleagues to join me in sending him, his wife Suzanne, his daughter Rhiannon, and their three grandchildren, gratitude and well wishes upon his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD MCEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. MCEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on January 7, 2020 during roll call no. 1, Quorum, Call of the House. Had I been present, I would have been recorded as "present."

ELIAS "LOUIE" HORIATES

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend the Pennsauken, New Jersey resident Elias "Louie" Horiates, a Camden County Town Hall Honoree.

Elias Horiates was born in Greece in 1933, he was the oldest of nine brothers and sisters. At the age of fourteen, his family immigrated to the land of opportunity, the United States of America, to start a new life in the Township of Pennsauken, New Jersey.

In 1956, at the age of 23 he was drafted into the United States Army and defended our great nation overseas. Mr. Horiates completed basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey and began his first two years of service overseas in Germany. After his return to the United States he continued his service at Fort Campbell and at the Armory on 42nd and Federal Street. During his service Mr. Horiates requested a special discharge to return home for temporary leave to elope with his childhood sweetheart, Hrisoula. Mr. Horiates was lucky enough to receive a generous 60-day leave to return home, one that was rarely granted.

In 1962, Mr. Horiates completed his service in the United States Army as a sergeant after 6 years of valiant service. When he returned home from his military service, Mr. and Mrs. Horiates bought their first home in Pennsauken, New Jersey along the road of West River Drive where they would raise their family of three sons and one daughter.

Back in his hometown, Mr. Horiates went on to work for Hutchinson Plumbing for 45 years. Mr. Horiates served two terms as the President of Saint Thomas Greek Orthodox Church and served as the President of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association of South Jersey.

Mr. Horiates is a proud and patriotic American, he values the time he spent in the United States Army and cherishes his life and the opportunities he was given in our great country. In their retirement, Louie and Hrisoula have continued to live in their home in Pennsauken, New Jersey for fifty-five years as active members in their community and country. Their legacy continues with their four children, seven grandchildren and their four great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring Mr. Elias "Louie" Horiates, of Pennsauken, New Jersey, a resident dedicated to his community and who served his country valiantly.

IN RECOGNITION OF RORY GAMBLE AS HE RECEIVES THE LET FREEDOM RING AWARD

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rory Gamble's distinguished career and honor his remarkable work as he receives the Rainbow PUSH Let Freedom Ring Award. Gamble's contributions to our community are worthy of commendation.

In 1974, Rory Gamble joined the UAW after he was hired at the Ford Motor Co. Dearborn Frame Plant. He quickly became active in UAW Local 600 and has since become a cornerstone of the labor union. Throughout his tenure, Gamble has served in numerous elected and appointed positions including plant trustee, alternate benefit representative, bargaining committee chair, and director, to name a few. Gamble's leadership and ability to work through difficult challenges were recognized by many, leading him to be elected a vice president of the UAW in June 2018. Most recently, Gamble was named President of the UAW by the UAW International Executive Board on December 5, 2019.

As the UAW's first black president, Rory Gamble is recognized as a humble, compassionate, and honest leader who strives to effect meaningful change throughout all his work. Gamble took over the reins of the UAW at a critical moment in the union's history and has spent his first weeks instituting a series of ethics reforms and policy changes to set the UAW back on course. Despite the hardships, Gamble has remained optimistic and is dedicated to working together to navigate through the challenges. Gamble's work has truly made a difference, and his guidance will be imperative in the UAW's future success.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Rory Gamble. Gamble's tenacity for change and commitment to improving the lives of UAW members, their families, and the communities in which they live makes him a deserving recipient of the Let Freedom Ring Award. I am grateful for his impact on our community and wish him continued success in the years ahead.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF KEVIN ANDREW GALLAGHER

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of my friend Kevin Andrew Gallagher, who has been diagnosed with a terminal illness. I had the opportunity to attend a service "celebrating the life and antics of Kevin Gallagher" at the National Ornamental Metal Museum last Sunday at which my friend was honored by his many friends, relatives and colleagues. It was his opportunity to see, and for his children to see, how he will be remembered. Kevin, 48, a masterful public relations and government relations consultant, was my campaign manager and put together

a great team for my election victory for Congress in 2006, one of the first elections in which we were able to get beyond race and gender. Kevin also worked on A C Wharton's first campaign for Shelby County Mayor and later served as his director of public affairs. He also worked on Jim Strickland's first run for the Memphis City Council. He was appointed to the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth by Governor Don Sundquist and was involved in reforming the juvenile justice system. He served on the Center City Commission and on the boards of the Memphis Redbirds, the Riverfront Development Corporation and the National Ornamental Metal Museum. In fact, Kevin is a blacksmith and bladesmith who said that when he got tired of talking to people, "I go beat on metal." The museum where the service was held has created a scholarship program in his name to support the development of emerging blacksmiths and metalsmiths. At the service, one friend recalled that he was "fueled by a sense of humor," but never punched down; he targeted political authority and had a funny way of speaking truth to power. Another recalled the work he did to get the criminal records of past offenders expunged so they could find work and how he helped struggling artisans through addictions and hard times. Kevin also liked to cook and catered dinners for various groups. He had a food blog and recently published *Always Have A Chicken: A Cookbook For My Kids* with 75 family recipes. Kevin's wife, Stacy, and his three children, Clayton Stone, Molly Gallagher and Spencer Gallagher, attended Sunday's service to express their love and saw that love returned. Kevin has led a wonderful life and has made a difference in the lives of so many others. He will be forever remembered.

HONORING DR. RONALD D. MOORE

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. Ronald D. Moore of Chowchilla, California, who passed away on January 14, 2020. Dr. Moore leaves behind a legacy of steadfast service to his country, community, and family.

Dr. Moore was born in Madera, California on October 16, 1939 and graduated from Chowchilla High School in 1957. Later that year, he joined the United States Marine Corps Reserve and later went on to graduate from Fresno State. In 1961, he married Shirley Marie Pacheco at St. Joachim's Catholic Church in Madera. Dr. Moore attended Officer Candidate School in 1966 and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant after graduating as the honor man of his platoon. Dr. Moore then began a distinguished career as a Marine.

Dr. Moore served in Vietnam as a platoon leader, executive officer, and company commander from 1967 to 1968 and upon his return, was promoted to Captain. He then served with the Fifth Marine Division, Third Regiment until he retired in 1969. During his service, he was awarded many medals, including the Navy Commendation Medal with a bronze "V", the National Service Defense Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, and the Re-

public of Vietnam Gallantry Cross—Foreign with a bronze service star, among others.

After his retirement from the Marines Corps, Dr. Moore returned to Chowchilla with his family and began his career in education as a teacher and coach of football and track at Chowchilla Union High School. Dr. Moore later became the Superintendent of Schools and held that position for 23 years until his retirement in 1999.

Throughout his life, Dr. Moore remained involved in his community and committed to making it a better place. He was a member of many organizations including VFW Post 9886, the Third Marine Division Association, the Marines Memorial Club of San Francisco, Rotary International, and the Fresno State Bulldog Foundation, where he was honored as "Hero of the Game" at a Fresno State football game in 2017.

Dr. Moore enjoyed spending time with his family and traveling with his wife Shirley. Together, they traveled to a variety of countries, including a return to Vietnam in 2006 and particularly enjoyed their annual Caribbean cruises. As a lifelong student of history, Dr. Moore published two novels in retirement, "Chopper Caper" and "Dragon Force: The Last Salute."

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring a man whose service to our country and his community have undoubtedly made the world a better place. It is both fitting and appropriate we honor him as many gather to celebrate his legacy. I wish Dr. Moore's family and friends the best as they celebrate his life.

IN MEMORY OF ED WALDHEIM

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the incredible life of Ed Waldheim, who passed away on December 9, 2019 at the age of 81. Mr. Waldheim was a lifelong off-road enthusiast who spent decades advocating passionately for expanding access to public lands.

Ed Waldheim was born in San Francisco in 1938. After growing up in Argentina, he joined the United States Army when he became an adult and later settled in Southern California. In the 1970s California deserts, Ed learned to ride motorcycles and developed his passion for recreating on public lands. He helped off-roaders band together to advocate for continued access to public lands and was an early supporter of the California Off Road Vehicle Association (CORVA). Over his career of public advocacy, he served as President of CORVA, and saw membership triple as he fought to keep areas of the California desert open to off-roaders. Ed received Golden Helmet Award from the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Division of California's Department of Parks and Recreation, CORVA's Off-Roader of the Year award, and the Bureau of Land Management's Volunteer of the Year Award. However, Ed was probably best known for his work as founder of the nonprofit Friends of Jawbone, which promotes better riding in the Jawbone Canyon OHV area.

Ed Waldheim's dedication to our public lands was unrivaled, and his spirit will live on