

As a teenager, his family moved to North 8th Street just across from Cliff Hare High School where he graduated in 1937. He worked several after-school and summer jobs including working as a soda jerk at a local pharmacy. Always a music lover, Mr. Brown played the alto saxophone with a small group of friends in town.

After high school graduation, he attended Alabama Polytechnic Institute (API), now known as Auburn University. With World War II looming, Mr. Brown joined the Air Cadet program, but failed the initial physical because he didn't meet the weight requirement. After increasing his dietary intake, he passed the physical. He graduated in 1941 with a degree in Aeronautical Supervision and was then commissioned in the Army Air Corps.

Mr. Brown was assigned to Cherry Point, North Carolina where he learned to fly anti-sub patrol as a navigator/bombardier. When the U.S. joined the war, his group was sent to England as part of the 8th Air Force. He flew 30 missions in B-24s dropping supplies and agents to the French, Belgian and Norwegian resistance. He remained in the National Guard after the war and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

After returning to Opelika, Mr. Brown worked assisting veterans with loans. He met his future wife, Barbara Saunders on a blind date. They married in October of 1947 and were blessed with three daughters: Barbara (Bebe) and twin sisters Stephanie and Debbie. Mr. Brown has ten grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Mr. Brown worked at the Alabama Gas Company and later with Botsford Knight Insurance Agency until his retirement. He was an active member of First United Methodist Church where he sang in the choir and participated in the Lumpkin Sunday School Class. He has been a member of the Kiwanis Club for over 60 years and was a member of the Saugahatchee Country Club where he enjoyed playing golf and preferred walking to riding in a golf cart. He still enjoys watching Auburn and SEC sports.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Mr. Brown and wishing him a very happy 100th birthday.

INHUMANITY IN AFGHANISTAN

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday May 12th there was an inhuman murderous attack by terrorists of a 100-bed hospital compound in Kabul, Afghanistan, which included a maternity ward run by aid group Doctors Without Borders. Gruesomely, the terrorist attack left 16 murdered, including mothers, infants, and healthcare workers, and 15 others were wounded. Shortly thereafter, a cowardly suicide bomber targeted a funeral ceremony of a local police commander in Nangahar, leaving at least 24 dead and 68 injured. This level of fanaticism underscores that we must secure Afghan families or the terrorists will again eagerly kill Americans as they did on September 11th from a cave in Afghanistan.

Tuesday's gut-wrenching attacks are unfortunately not an aberration in Afghanistan, as

terrorists who would like to stifle freedom and liberty continue to destabilize the country and threaten the democratic trajectory of the Afghan government. Although the Afghan Taliban have formally denied their participation in these attacks, President Ashraf Ghani pointed an accusatory finger at the terrorist group and called on them to cease and desist. "I once again call on them to embrace peace," President Ghani said in an official statement, noting that it is "not only a demand of the government, but the nation and the international community." America is grateful for President Ghani's courageous leadership. As Co-Chairman of the Afghan Caucus, I especially have appreciated meeting with the President in Kabul where I found firsthand his devotion to the people.

If the Taliban truly did not participate in these heinous attacks, the group should work with the Afghan government to bring the murderous perpetrators to justice.

It is especially tragic that these attacks occurred during the Muslim holy Month of Ramadan, a time meant for solemn prayer and peace. The people of Afghanistan deserve a peaceful future, free from terrorism and death that they have been plagued with for far too long.

Americans pray that peace, stability, and security return to Afghanistan and we stand ready to support Afghanistan's government and security services in their efforts to realize this dream for prosperity of Afghan families.

TRIBUTE TO MR. LESLIE HERBERT WEXNER

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. STIVERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of myself and my colleagues, Representatives TROY BALDERSON and JOYCE BEATTY, as well as the people of Central Ohio to celebrate the career of one of Ohio's most distinguished citizens, a man who devoted his life to building a historic company and to the improvement of his community, Mr. Leslie Herbert Wexner.

Born in Dayton, Ohio, Mr. Wexner has lived the American Dream. The child of a Russian-Jewish immigrant and a first generation American, he attended The Ohio State University and served in the Ohio Air National Guard. He then got his start in the retail industry working at his family's store, Leslie's. He used that first-hand experience to found The Limited, taking the company public on the New York Stock Exchange just six years later.

Since then, he grew L Brands to, at one point, include household names such as Victoria's Secret, Bath & Body Works, Abercrombie and Henri Bendel. He has consistently been ranked among the Top 100 Best Performing Chief Executive Officers and was named the longest-serving CEO of a Fortune 500 company in 2012.

His success as an entrepreneur is matched only by his extraordinary impact as a philanthropist who has made incredible contributions to Central Ohio. The Wexner Foundation began in order to fill a void in the North American Jewish Community, and has since expanded its mission, with programs including

the Wexner Service Corps, the Wexner Field Fellowship, Wexner Senior Leaders, and Wexner Alumni Summits.

Beyond that, he and his wife, Abigail, have empowered individuals throughout Central Ohio with their charitable works, including support for the Columbus Foundation, The Ohio State University's Wexner Medical Center, the Abigail Wexner Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital, and the Wexner Center for the Arts.

To attempt to quantify Mr. Wexner's impact is impossible. As Mr. Doug Kridler, president and chief executive officer of the Columbus Foundation once said, "Les blew the ceiling off our sense of the possible in Columbus."

Mr. Wexner tackled projects large and small. From growing his business and providing thousands of jobs, to supporting developing leaders and encouraging medical breakthroughs, he has undeniably helped make Central Ohio a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family.

We all have come to know Mr. Wexner for his tireless work ethic, and his commitment to improving the lives of his neighbors. He has done a phenomenal job of building consensus and demonstrating the importance of civility in the process. His impact will be far-reaching for years and years to come, and as he begins this next chapter in his life, we are confident that our communities will continue to benefit from his exemplary leadership.

It is an honor to recognize his retirement, and we ask all of our colleagues to join us in congratulating Mr. Les Wexner on an extraordinary career and wishing him and Abigail all the best.

HONORING RICHARD L. JACOBS ON THE CELEBRATION OF HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to rise today to join the New Haven community in extending my heartfelt congratulations and very best wishes to Richard L. Jacobs, Esq., as he celebrates his 90th birthday. A New Haven native who has dedicated a lifetime to the pursuit of advocacy and justice, this is a remarkable milestone for this pillar of our community.

The Jacobs family's law practice has been an institution in the City of New Haven since its founding by Dick's father, Israel, more than a century ago. Following his graduation from Yale University and Yale Law School, Dick joined the family firm where he has been practicing for more than six decades. He is well known for both his staunch advocacy on behalf of as well as his sincere affection for his clients. Dick's commitment and determination to ensure justice for all led to his early and unflinching support of the New Haven Legal Assistance Association and ensuring that those most in need had access to quality, affordable legal services.

Throughout his professional career, Dick has demonstrated an unparalleled commitment to the justice system. He has been a member of the New Haven County Bar Association and the American Association for Justice since his bar admittance in 1957 and has