

RECOGNIZING FIRE CHIEF AND
EMERGENCY COORDINATOR
STEVE LANDIN

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 22, 2020

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and service of Fire Chief and Emergency Management Coordinator, Steve Landin. Chief Landin has retired after 30 years of service as a member of the City of Laredo's Fire Department.

Chief Landin is an individual who showed true leadership and poise under great pressure. Since first becoming emergency management coordinator in 2005 and eventually Fire Chief, he helped lead the City of Laredo through three federally declared disasters as well as the ongoing pandemic. In addition, despite these difficult circumstances, he also managed to be a devoted family man and example for his community.

I have personally worked with Chief Landin over the years and witnessed first-hand the important work he has done for our area. Through his efforts, he helped ensure that Laredo's Fire Department was amongst the best in the country. In addition, he has set the standard for future fire department leaders.

Chief Landin's service to the City of Laredo will never be forgotten. He cared deeply about the people he was serving and consistently showed what it meant to always put the safety and well-being of others first. The dedication that he showed to us all should be a constant reminder of how we should be in our daily lives.

However, Chief Landin's service to others is not over. He will now be working for Webb County as its new Emergency Management Coordinator. Once again showing his commitment to others and devotion to our community.

As we move forward, let us take the time to appreciate the service of heroes like Chief Landin and all the individuals who risk their lives each day to keep us safe. However, in the words of President John F. Kennedy, "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

HONORING STEPHEN KONZ

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 22, 2020

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Stephen Stanley Konz for a life of service to his country, his family, and his community.

Steve was born in Poland on September 6th, 1926 to Lillian Kwiatkowski and Michael Rosinski. As a three-month-old baby he came to America through Ellis Island in the arms of a teenage mother. He joined the Navy at age 17 where he served until the war ended in August 1945.

After the war, Steve moved to Republic, Washington to teach fifth grade. During this time, he raised five children, built a log home, and grew a cattle herd. While the log home burned in 1978, it was rebuilt with the help of friends and neighbors.

Steve was passionate about politics, advocating for the Constitution, individual freedom, property rights, limited government, and the right to bear arms. Steve was deeply involved in the community as a member of the Kiwanis Club, Grange, PTA, local school board, Cattlemen's Association, and Washington Farm Forestry Association. He also served as the manager of the Ferry County Fair, the President of the Republic Chamber of Commerce, and a district court judge for 14 years.

A captivating storyteller, Steve often had listeners laughing and crying. In 1994, at age 75, Steve drew up plans to convert his ranch into a guest lodge. The foundation was completed in 2000, and for the next 17 years Steve could be seen with a smile on his face, working every day from dawn to dusk to complete his dream lodge.

Steve Konz passed away at age 90 in the lodge he built, on the ranch he loved, with family at his side.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of a grateful nation and Washington's Fifth Congressional District may we rise to remember Steve and his legacy. His service and passion will inspire generations to come.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF JOE "CAPTAIN" HYDE

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 22, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Retired Captain Joe Hyde, who passed away in his home on June 10 surrounded by family.

Captain Hyde, a 1965 graduate of Independence High School, served with the Southaven Police Department for 31 years. He was one of the fast investigators and first SWAT team members to serve the Department and continued to serve the Senatobia Police Department for another 10 years. Captain Hyde, also a part of the Mississippi National Guard, was one of only two officers to receive the Department's Medal of Honor, its highest commendation, for valor, combat, and life saving skills.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Barbara; his stepchildren: Kim Mitchell (Ricky), John Parker (Christy), and Christy McGregor (Kevin); as well as many friends and extended family members.

I am thankful for Joe "Captain" Hyde's service to Mississippi. He will be greatly missed by his family, community, and all whom he encountered.

IN MEMORY OF EARNESTINE "WARNET" DAVIS

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 22, 2020

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Earnestine Davis, a beloved resident of the city of Detroit.

Earnestine Warnet Davis was born on January 18, 1951 to the late Dulcy B. Smith and Hubert Lee Lockett in Detroit, Michigan.

Earnestine, affectionately known as "Warnet" or "Net", was the eldest of five children. She embraced the role of leader and "big sister," often helping her mother with caring for her younger brothers and sisters.

Upon graduating from Detroit's Mumford High School, Warnet moved to Miami, Florida to live with her late father, Hubert Lockett, and his wife, Dale Lockett, to attend Miami Dade Community College. In 1969, she married the love of her life, Michael Davis, Sr., who preceded her in death. They returned to Detroit to focus on raising a family. Warnet and her husband were blessed with five beautiful children: Desmond Michelle, Michael, Dulcy Marquita, Leigh Christine, and Robert Trevor-Blair Davis.

Determined and strong-willed, Warnet did not let the challenge of raising a large family deter her from accomplishing her life's goal of becoming a nurse. After the passing of her husband Michael, Warnet reenrolled in college. Focused and driven, Warnet juggled raising her children with long hours of study and hard work to realize her dream. In 1986, Warnet graduated with two degrees and with Honors from the distinguished Nursing Program at Highland Park Community College. Warnet's passion for the healing arts drove her to focus on passing her state licensing exams to obtain her professional licensing to become a License Practical Nurse (LPN) and Registered Nurse (RN). Succeeding in her goal, Warnet enjoyed a long career in nursing, specializing as a psychiatric care nurse attending to those with mental illness. Her love for her career was evident to all who knew her.

Even while managing a busy career, Warnet made the most of her time spent with family. She was known as the life of the party and took joy in organizing large family gatherings at her home. She held a keen appreciation for the preciousness of life and always went out of her way to bring family together. This sensibility extended into Warnet's strong spiritual life. She served as a deaconess at Park United Presbyterian Church in Highland Park, Michigan for many years, where she organized numerous community events.

Please join me in tribute to Earnestine Warnet Davis, a generous soul who will be missed by her family and community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE COVID-19 HOSPITAL LOAN FORGIVENESS ACT

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 22, 2020

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce the COVID-19 Hospital Loan Forgiveness Act to provide immediate, vitally needed relief to hospitals and health care providers who are under water as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our nation's hospitals have invested heavily to prepare for the coronavirus pandemic. They canceled tens-of-thousands of elective surgeries and non-emergent patient tests at the government's request to help ensure adequate hospital capacity, preserve gear and equipment, and reduce the risk of unnecessary patient spread. This major shift has put some of America's hospitals on the brink of financial disaster.