

books to include: *Overcoming Grasshopper Mentality*; *How to Whip Negative Thinking in Eleven Easy Steps*; *Prayer an Awesome Weapon*; *Encounters with God*; and his final publication, *Ordered Stops*. These books help to impart his message as given by God to a broader audience as he impacted the world for Jesus Christ.

Mother Teresa once said that "At the end of life we will be judged by whether we lived to the standard set by Jesus who said: "I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat. I was naked, and you clothed me, I was homeless, and you took me in." Bishop L.D. Skinner, Sr. lived his life to help other people because of his love for Jesus Christ, and humankind is better because he traveled this way.

Bishop Skinner accomplished much in his life, but none of it would have been possible with the Grace of God and the love and support of his wife, partner and co-laborer in the ministry, Lady Ruth McDaniel Skinner, his three sons, Darius, Darnell, and Darryl and his eight grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by his family but will also be missed by his community and all of those that he touched in his unique way.

On a personal note, I will always appreciate the support that Bishop Skinner provided me over the years. As he did for so many others, his counsel and wisdom provided me with an unvarnished truth that helped me to deal with tough issues. He always had an open door and an open heart. For that, I will be forever grateful.

Madam Speaker, my wife, Vivian and I along with countless others throughout Georgia and the nation salute Bishop L.D. Skinner, Sr. for his distinguished accomplishments in the ministry and his humble service to humankind. I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join us in extending our deepest sympathies to Bishop Skinner's family, friends, loved ones, and all those who mourn during this difficult time of bereavement. We pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

HONORING THE LIFE OF EDWIN H. COOPER

HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Edwin H. Cooper of Robertson County, Texas. Edwin passed away on 29 April 2020.

Edwin was born 3 September 1930 to Margaret and Leslie Cooper. He graduated from San Marcos High School in 1949 and enrolled in Texas A&M University, where he was a proud member of the fighting Texas Aggie band.

While at Texas A&M, Cooper was also a member of the Alpha Zeta Fraternity (scholastic) and was a distinguished student.

During the summer of 1951, Edwin married his high school sweetheart, Peggy Jean Martin.

In 1953, Edwin received a bachelor of science in wildlife management and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Army. He attended Armor Basic

Camp in Fort Knox, Kentucky, before being assigned to the Second Armored Division in Baumholder, Germany.

After his honorable discharge, Edwin returned to Texas and his family to work as an Assistant Agriculture County Agent in Travis County.

Edwin's professional career combined his two loves: wildlife and Texas A&M University. Beginning as a specialist in wildlife conservation, he worked his way up to Director of Office School Relations and Coordinator of Special Projects—Education Information Services, all at Texas A&M University.

Edwin's professional experience also included specialist in wildlife conservation at the Texas Agriculture Extension Service, Assistant to President Earl Rudder, Director of Civilian Student Activities, Assistant to President Jack K. Williams, Director of Admissions; Dean of Admissions and Records, Director—Office of School Relations, and Coordinator of Special Projects—Education Information Services, all at Texas A&M University.

Mr. Cooper is the author of four books, including one entitled: "Forty Years at Aggieland," published in 2013, which detailed his career at Texas A&M.

Upon his retirement, Edwin and his wife, Peggy, moved to Camp Creek Lake in Robertson County, where he continued to enjoy fishing, hunting, and spending time outdoors with his family and friends.

Edwin's civic involvement included Vice President of the Bryan-College Station Jaycees, President of the Brazos County A&M Club, Councilman of the Texas A&M Association of Former Students, and Vice President of the Bryan-College Station Chamber of Commerce, and Board of Directors of the Aggie Band Association.

Mr. Cooper has served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the A&M Consolidated Independent School District, chairman of the Board of the St. Joseph Hospital, Class Agent of the Texas A&M Class of 1953, President of the Executive Committee of College Board-Southwest Region, and Trustee to College Board. He also served 2 years as chairman of the National Membership Committee of College Board. Edwin was enthusiastically involved in Methodist church activities in Bryan-College Station and in Franklin, Texas.

Madam Speaker, Edwin served his country proudly for many years, and his legacy will be forever woven into our American history. Edwin was not only a public servant; he was a proud Texas Aggie, a devout Methodist, and a committed family man. I will always remember Mr. Cooper because his signature is affixed to my Texas A&M diploma.

My wife, Gina, and I offer our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Cooper family. I have requested that a United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to honor the life, legacy, and service of Edwin H. Cooper.

As I close today, I urge all Americans to continue to pray for our country during these difficult times, for our veterans, for our military men and women who protect us, and for our first responders who keep us safe at home.

HONORING SEVEN SPRINGFIELD POLICE OFFICERS

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to seven fine Springfield police officers after 25 years of service to their community. These men have dedicated their lives to serving and protecting Springfield, and their absence will be felt throughout the Springfield Police Department. They are shining examples of what it means to wear the badge and have served as strong role models for their fellow officers.

Maj. Greg Higdon, Sgt. Justin Gargus, Cpl. Chris Welsh, Capt. Kevin Grizzell, Lt. Chris Wells, Lt. Mark Schindler, and Sgt. David Stone are members of the Springfield Police Department's 39th Police Academy and have each earned the Springfield Police Department's Life-time Achievement Award. These men have not hesitated to risk their own safety for the good of their community, and Springfield is better for it.

Whether acting as the department's top commanders, the leading expert in gang activity, or head of the Zone 1 Patrol Division, these men have enriched and protected their community. The city of Springfield is grateful for their service and I join Springfield residents in wishing each of them the very best as they embark on their next chapters.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Madam Speaker, on Monday, July 27, 2020, I missed roll call vote No. 167. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB GIBBS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Mr. GIBBS. Madam Speaker, due to a medical test in my home state of Ohio, I was unable to attend the vote series on July 29, 2020. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 168, NAY on Roll Call No. 169, YEA on Roll Call No. 170, NAY on Roll Call No. 171, and NAY on Roll Call No. 172.

HONORING COLONEL DAVID MCINTYRE, PH.D.

HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Dr. David McIntyre of College Station, Texas, who passed away on 8 June 2020.