

TX on being chosen as one of the 87 new members of the National Academy of Engineering (NAE).

The NAE is a highly elite and notable institution that provides advice and input to the federal government in the fields of technology, engineering and overall quality of life. Members include individuals who have made revolutionary contributions to the engineering field. It is one of the highest professional honors an engineer can receive—there are only 2,300 members out of the two million engineers and computer scientists in America's workforce.

Mr. Frantz is a Professor at Rice University, my alma mater. He also co-founded Octavo Systems, a systems-in-package company where he serves as Vice President. Frantz gained recognition by his work in developing digital signal microprocessors. Frantz is a graduate of the University of Central Florida and Southern Methodist University.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, I congratulate Gene Frantz on this lifetime accomplishment. He has made TX-22 very proud.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING
PAUL OSTERMAN

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 21, 2020

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Paul Osterman of Savannah, Georgia, who passed away at the age of 58.

Paul was born in Utica, New York, and earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in music. He earned a degree in computer science from SUNY IT, Utica, as well.

After school, he went on to work for General Electric, Utica, and the United States Air Force Research Lab.

Music was the epicenter of Paul's life starting from a young age when he took his first music lessons.

He brought joy, inspiration, and peace to everyone he performed for with his exceptional gift in playing the piano and organ.

Paul was extremely dedicated to local and professional theatre groups, and even worked briefly in New York City where he worked with renowned musicians like Gene Simmons.

He was also dedicated to serving the church as an organist for both the United Methodist Church in New Hartford, New York, and Wesley Oaks Methodist Church in Savannah.

Paul met his lovely wife, Jacquelin Jones, through theatre, and they ran the Hartford Players Youth Theatre in Utica for many years.

He was known for his encouragement of others, countless wry jokes, his love of crossword puzzles, and his optimistic view and love of life.

Paul was a family man and loved his family deeply. Although he is not with us any longer, his light will continue to shine.

IN CELEBRATION OF DEDE ABTS' 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 21, 2020

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a mother, friend and fellow Hoosier, Virginia "Dede" Abts, who will be celebrating her 100th birthday on August 20, 2020.

After graduating from Indiana University in 1942 with a degree in Spanish, Dede became a cultural asset in my hometown community of Columbus, Indiana.

Dede is a true philanthropist and a pillar of the community. As the co-founder of Uncommon Cause, Dede inspires hope in others while supporting the Columbus Area Arts Council.

Columbus is a better place to live because of the work that Dede has done throughout her life. I am proud to join the Columbus community in recognizing Dede's accomplishments and I wish her many more healthy years.

Happy 100th Birthday, Dede.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING
FREDERICK "FRED" WILLIAM
KRAMER III

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 21, 2020

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Frederick, or Fred, William Kramer III of Georgia's First Congressional District, who passed away on June 26th.

Fred was a born and raised Savannahian who loved Coastal Georgia and spent as much time as he could on the water.

Because he was the son of a veteran, Fred cherished the opportunities he had to travel post-war Europe as a boy and live in Zargoza, Spain.

Fred turned down Ivy League colleges to attend the University of Georgia and become a Georgia Bulldog like his mother. After college, he received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Georgia.

He often spoke of his time in Athens—including walking to the Varsity, living in the Joe Brown dorm, and the fun times he had in college and in law school. Fred started his law career in private practice and then moved to the Chatham County District Attorney's office. He joined the esteemed Department of Justice in 1980.

Fred was a leader in his practice of law, and trained many young attorneys in his role as senior litigation counsel. In recent years, he was a docent at the Mighty Eighth Air Force museum, and he deeply enjoyed educating the public about the experience of soldiers, the value of understanding history, and the value of a vote.

He lived a life deeply caring for others, and was generous in caring for orphans and widows—and he did it humbly.

Everyone who knew him will miss his sense of humor, eccentric ways, colorful stories, passion for learning, and encouragement.

He will be greatly missed, but his legacy will continue for countless years to come.

My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this most difficult time.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CLAIRE
SHULMAN

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 21, 2020

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Claire Shulman for her tireless work in leading the people of Queens.

Claire was the first woman to serve as the Queens Borough President. As borough president, she fought to champion a quality life for all people in Queens. Claire made sure we had access to good jobs, quality infrastructure, safe housing, and so much more. Her work had a tremendous impact on the lives of countless individuals and she continued to improve Queens beyond her capacity as the Borough President. Claire Shulman was nothing short of a trailblazer.

Not only was Claire impactful to Queens, she was an outstanding mentor and friend to me as well. She believed strongly in empowering women and fighting for our representation in public service and leadership—before it was popular to do so. Claire believed in me, and I am forever grateful for her encouragement and kindness.

I was fortunate to speak to Claire recently. The last thing she said to me was, "I want to thank you for your excellent work in Washington and tell you how proud I am of you." I cannot explain how touching it was to hear these words from an amazing woman like Claire, who fought for the lives of every one of my constituents. I hope we can all learn a lesson from the empathy and care she exhibited every day.

Claire was born in Brooklyn in 1926 and graduated from Adelphi University on Long Island. She worked as a registered nurse and met her husband, the late Dr. Melvin Shulman, at Queens Hospital Center. While living in Bayside in the 1960s, she led both Community Board 11 in Bayside and the Queens Community Boards. Claire passed away this week from pancreatic cancer, surrounded by her family.

Claire's leadership undoubtedly made Queens a better place. I urge my colleagues to rise with me to celebrate the life of Claire Shulman.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING
TERRY DURRENCE

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 21, 2020

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the life of my friend, Mr. Terry Durrence, who passed away on August 2nd at the age of 65.

Terry and I graduated from the University of Georgia's College of Pharmacy together, and I was blessed to have him in my life.

After pharmacy school, he went on to work for Revco, CVS, and Candler Hospital pharmacies, where he always served others with a kind and selfless heart.