

Ed began his lifelong love of flying by taking lessons from a local flight instructor by the name of Ernie C. Hall at Hall's Airport. Ernest "Ernie" C. Hall who is widely recognized for his long career in aviation, was born near Warren, Ohio in 1890. A friend of the Wright brothers, Hall built his first powered airplane in 1909 and flew it in 1911. He began his career as a civilian flight instructor in 1913, opening a flying school in Pennsylvania in 1915. During World War I he transferred to Call Field in Wichita Falls, Texas where he trained over 500 military pilots for combat. In 1922 Hall relocated his flight school to Warren, Ohio where he taught until his death in 1972. His 1911 monoplanes have been displayed at the Smithsonian's National Air & Space Museum in Washington, D.C., and at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force in Dayton, Ohio. Ed logged a total of 110 Hrs. at Hall's Airport.

Ed left the family farm and traveled to Canada to join the Royal Canadian Air Force in May 1941, seven months before Pearl Harbor. Ed became a Flying Sergeant in the Royal Canadian Air Force and trained in the following aircraft: Fleet Finch, Harvard, Tiger Moth and the Fairey Battle. Ed logged a total of 375 Hrs. in the RCAF from May 1941 through May 1942 and was awarded the Canadian War Medal.

After serving one year in the RCAF, Ed transferred to the U.S. Army Air Corps in June 1942 and was posted to Tyndall Airfield Gunnery School near Panama City, Florida for combat training. During training at Tyndall Field, 2nd Lt. Tracey met 2nd Lt. Clark Gable, the "King of Hollywood" and one of the stars of the 1939 film classic "Gone with the Wind." After what must have been a night full of many stories, most likely related to training and the uncertainties that lie ahead, Tracey left sporting Gable's service hat (also known as a crusher) and vice versa. They met again the next day for the ROTC (Return of The Crushers). Ed logged a total of 264 Hrs. in the following aircraft from June 1942 through September 1943: O-46A, L-4B, AT-6A, AT-6C, BT-13A, O-47A, O-47B, (P-51A, P-51B Mustangs), A-33, AT-9, AT-9B, P-40L Warhawk, (B-25C, B-25D Mitchells), B-26 Marauder, B-34 Lexington.

In October of 1943, Ed transferred to the 522nd Squadron—27th Fighter Bomber Group. The 27th supported the 5th Army's drive toward Rome. Ed flew the A-36 Apache, the P-40F Warhawk, and the P-47D Thunderbolt in combat. The nose Art on his Thunderbolt read RFD No. 3—Ed wanted the enemy to know where his special deliveries were coming from, and there were many.

January 12, 1944, Ed was on a mission to take out enemy gun positions close to the front lines in South Central Italy. His A-36 Apache developed engine trouble near Gaeta Point and he had to leave the formation. Ed got as far as the Volturno River Valley before coming down in a field for a belly landing.

The impact caused the prop to slice through the canopy. Lucky for Ed, his head went down and forward, just in time to avoid disaster. Ed flew a total of 102 air combat missions from October 1943 through August 1944 and logged a total of 165 hrs. of flight in the Mediterranean Theatre of War. Rome was liberated on June 5, 1944. "ANGELS ON OUR SHOULDERS" said Captain Mille (Tom Hanks), in reference to the P-51 Mustangs in one of the last scenes of the movie, "Saving Private

Ryan." Many of the Angels of the 27th Fighter Bomber Group did not return.

Captain Tracey transferred to the 3rd Army Air Force in July 1944, and trained and prepared students for combat in the P-40 and P-51 Mustang. Captain Tracey logged a total of 362 Hrs. in the following aircraft until his discharge on December 7, 1945: B-17F Fortress, P-47D Thunderbolt, BT-13B, C-47A, UC-78, (P-40, P-40F, P-40K10, P-40L, P-40N, P-40N15, P-40N20, P-40N25, P-40N35, RP-40N, RP-40N25 Warhawks), (P-51C, P-51C6, P-51C10, P-51D, P-51D20, P-51K5, P-51K10 Mustangs).

All together Captain Tracey served a total of one year in the Royal Canadian Air Force and three years and seven months in the U.S. Army Air Forces. Ed logged 375 hours in the Royal Canadian Air Force and 825 hours in the U.S. Army Air Forces for a total of 1,200 hours. Ed logged flight time in a total of 45 individual aircraft.

Ed's love of aviation was not about to end. He became a member of the EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) and built and flew his homebuilt Mustang II.

I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in saluting the legacy of a very accomplished WWII combat pilot and instructor, Edward J. Tracey.

HONORING BRUCE JOHNSON

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the outstanding achievements of Bruce Johnson, who will retire on December 31, 2020, after 44 years as a distinguished television news anchor and reporter. I have worked with Bruce Johnson ever since being elected to Congress and will miss his heavy hitting questions and incisive reporting.

Bruce Johnson has won 22 Emmys, is a member of the Society of Professional Journalists Hall of Fame, the Washington, DC Hall of Fame and will soon be inducted into the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame at the University of Kentucky. He has also received the Ted Yates Award and the NATAS Board of Governors Award and is a member of the National Association of Black Journalists and the National Press Club.

Throughout his career with WUSA9, a CBS affiliate in the District of Columbia, Bruce Johnson has reported on stories ranging from local D.C. news to federal matters, from the local real estate market to government shutdowns and from D.C.'s mistreatment in the CARES Act to violence on the streets of D.C. During Johnson's distinguished career, he has shed light on difficult topics for his audience in D.C. and across the nation.

Bruce Johnson's career took him from his hometown of Louisville, Kentucky to places as far away as Rome, Bangkok, Dakar and Tokyo on special assignments for WUSA9. Even before the international chapter of his career, Johnson made a name for himself in D.C. by reporting on notable stories, including the 1982 Metro train derailment and the 1977 Hanafi Siege, in which 142 people were held hostage by 12 gunmen leading to the deaths of two individuals.

Bruce Johnson endured a difficult blow from a heart attack in 1992 while on assignment in Southeast D.C. His journey back to health included completing the Marine Corps Marathon. In 2018, he was dealt a second blow when he was diagnosed with cancer. He responded to these illnesses as a true reporter, taking Americans along with him to help provide clarity on difficult experiences. Johnson stayed true to his honest reporting even when he became the story. He is the author of two books. The first, entitled Heart to Heart, was inspired by his heart attack, and the second, All or Nothing, was an exposé on the life of D.C. basketball player Victor Page.

I have known Bruce my entire career, and I had hoped that he would remain at Channel 9 as long as I remained in Congress. Bruce commented once during an interview that he covered my first congressional campaign. Having been on his show many times to discuss issues that affect D.C. residents, I have grown to consider Bruce a friend. He has helped tell the story of D.C.'s challenges and triumphs and lent his platform and voice to the fight for congressional equality for the District.

Bruce's demeanor and his down-to-earth, relatable storytelling will be missed on the air as he goes on to pursue other accomplishments in the next chapter of his life. I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Bruce Johnson for his distinguished career in journalism. I wish him the very best in the years to come.

LORRAINE KNUTH'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I am most proud today to rise today to recognize Ms. Lorraine Knuth, a long-time resident of Waukegan, Illinois, who will celebrate her 100th birthday on October 31.

I first met Lorraine through Mary Carmody at Midwest Veterans Closet where she has volunteered for many years. In honor of her centenary year, Lorraine has asked for donations to be made to Midwest Veterans Closet to help her construct a new building and expand their service capacity to our men and women veterans in the area.

To mark her lifetime of service, I wish to share Lorraine's life story today, for it clearly embodies so much of the opportunity, perseverance, and sacrifice that makes her and our nation so special.

Lorraine was born on October 31, 1920, in Langlade, Wisconsin, the seventh of nine children. She excelled in school, entering high school a year early. During the Second World War, Lorraine enlisted in the U.S. Army as part of the Women's Army Corps. After basic training at Daytona Beach, Florida, she headed west to Camp Stoneman in northern California. She served there until the war ended, working in the camp hospital as a Special Diet Cook.

After the war, Lorraine met her husband and travelled the world through his military service. She decided to move to Waukegan after visiting her late sister, who was already living in the area. She has lived in the same house for

more than sixty years, where she raised her three sons. Today, Lorraine is both a proud grandmother and great-grandmother.

Lorraine is a longtime volunteer with Midwest Veterans Closet, and now serves as the organization's Chair. Midwest Veterans Closet provides food, clothing, and other household items for veterans of all ages in the local area, all free of charge. Employment and housing assistance are also offered at no expense as well.

In addition to her incredible work at Midwest Veterans Closet, in 2017, Lorraine was just the fourth woman veteran to participate the Lake County Honor Flight trip to Washington, D.C. In 2019, she was one of a select group of women veterans to be honored by the James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center Annual Women Veterans Lunch.

I wholeheartedly congratulate Lorraine Knuth on her 100th birthday and thank her for her service to our community and nation.

RECOGNIZING THE REPUBLIC OF ARTSAKH

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise because for more than four weeks, Azerbaijan and Turkey have been waging war on Artsakh, bombarding civilians, churches, and committing possible war crimes. More than 800 soldiers have been killed repelling Azerbaijan's attacks, and dozens of civilians are dead. Estimates are that more than half of the civilian population of Artsakh has been displaced, sleeping in cars or open fields away from falling bombs, as winter approaches.

For decades, through the OSCE Minsk Group, the United States has supported a peaceful, democratic, and negotiated resolution to the dispute surrounding Nagorno Karabakh, or Artsakh. We have persisted in this policy even as Azerbaijan launched countless assaults and as their leadership frequently threatened war to redraw the line of contact by force, and as they rejected monitoring along the line of contact.

Today, it appears that Azerbaijan and Turkey are determined to make good on their threats. With bombs, and drones, and Syrian mercenaries, Turkey and Azerbaijan are pushing ahead with a war that has no end in sight. The Armenian people are the grandchildren and great-grandchildren of the genocide perpetrated a century ago by the Ottoman Empire, and the words and deeds of Erdogan and Aliyev today call to mind the crimes of one hundred years ago.

We cannot allow history to repeat itself. If Azerbaijan and Turkey have determined to wage war, the United States, the Minsk Group, and the International Community should make clear that they will not succeed in their aims.

And that if they persist in this violence, we must recognize the Republic of Artsakh as an independent nation. Doing so would send the strongest possible message that we will not allow border disputes to be settled by the indiscriminate and devastating use of force against civilian populations.

Aliyev and Erdogan must be made to understand that if they continue with this war, there

will be consequences. The United States will not stand idly by.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MR. GENE MORGAN

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today on behalf of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District, the Kansas City community, and the Jackson County Democratic Committee. I rise today to honor the memory of Mr. Gene Morgan, a lifelong Kansas Citian whose dedication to serving others will have an enduring impact throughout our community.

Scripture says, in 2 Corinthians 9:7, that each of us "must give as he has decided in his heart, for God loves a cheerful giver." There is no doubt Gene was a cheerful giver of his time, energy, and intellect. Gene made it a lifelong goal to work on achieving criminal justice reform in Kansas City. After seeing how substance abuse impacted children in the juvenile court system, he was elected President of the Kansas City Community Center. Fueled by his unwavering belief that people could change for the better and improve their lives when given the opportunity, Gene promoted drug rehabilitation and treatment services throughout his tenure. As an Adjunct Professor in the Criminal Justice Department at the Metropolitan Community College, he mentored the next generation of advocates and prepared them to engage our community in discussions on crime prevention and justice reform. As a member of the Jackson County Community Backed Anti-Crime Tax (COMBAT) Commission, he worked tirelessly to ensure Kansas City residents could live free from the dangers of illegal drugs and violent crime through the use of prevention, education and treatment services. And as the Parliamentarian and Ward 4 Committeeman for the Jackson County Democratic Committee, he wholeheartedly supported candidates and elected officials dedicated to reforming a system that incarcerates too many and rehabilitates too few—costing us too much money and too many lives.

Public service has long been a family affair for Gene and his wife, Judy, who currently serves as the State Representative for the 24th district in Jackson County. During fifty years of fruitful and devoted marriage, Gene cheered Judy on as she taught and counseled students in the Kansas City Public School District. When Judy decided the best way to continue serving others was through elected office, Gene served as her campaign manager and treasurer, always by her side lending his steadfast support.

While he was an active participant in politics, attending countless community events and helping elect candidates across our city and state, Gene never lost sight of the central reason he decided to dedicate his life to public service. It was the same reason—the same motivational force—that drove him out of bed every morning with the verve and optimism to find success in the face of adversity. That reason, as anyone who knew him will tell you,

was his enduring love for the people he served. When working the room at a committee meeting or greeting guests at a fundraiser, he always took an extra moment with each person to ask them questions about their personal lives. He asked these questions not to pry or feign sincerity, but because his passion for service was fueled by an unwavering desire to empathize and help people rise above the adversity in their lives. If Gene heard you were struggling or facing a problem, he was the first to lend a helping hand and a shoulder to lean on. After learning of his death, countless friends, family, and colleagues came together to share anecdotes about how Gene had positively impacted their lives. A common thread, woven through each person's happy memory of Gene, was his presence in their lives as a "true friend." This is a title earned through years of continuously looking out for others.

Back in May, Judy was on her way back from Jefferson City after honorably representing her constituents when she received the phone call that too many families are familiar with, especially during the on-going public health crisis. Gene was experiencing pain and on his way to the Emergency Room. Judy was able to visit with him for a brief period of time, before leaving pursuant to COVID-19 precautions. When informing supporters and friends of his condition, Judy explained that while she was physically unable to be with him, her "thoughts [were] only with Gene." Judy spent the next five months as she had spent the previous fifty years—providing unconditional love and care for Gene. Sadly, his condition worsened until October 9th, when his brave battle with cancer came to an end. While we mourn Gene's death, we find solace knowing that in the waning months of a life well-lived he was never alone, as his beloved partner in life and in service was with him in person and spirit until his final moments.

Today, the thoughts of Kansas City, the Metropolitan Community College, and the Jackson County Democratic Committee are with Judy, their daughter Courtney, their son-in-law Robert, and their grandchildren Alex and Olivia, as they celebrate and remember the life and legacy of Gene Morgan. Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Gene's legacy and offering heartfelt condolences to his family. In his passing, Gene leaves behind a family that is more cohesive because of his contribution, a city that is stronger because of his service, and a union that is more perfect because of his presence.

GLOBAL WILDLIFE TRADE BIOSECURITY ACT

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 23, 2020

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to announce the introduction of the Global Wildlife Trade Biosecurity Act, a bill that would create a diplomatic global effort to ban the sale of live and fresh wildlife for human consumption. This policy, and the authorization of corresponding programs, would reduce risk and increase research of zoonotic diseases, support reduction of wildlife trafficking, and expand programs that aim to close wildlife markets.