

Sesquicentennial, or 150th anniversary. Founded October 24, 1870, Jesup is a special place that started as a humble railroad town. Although there isn't a definitive historical document, it's long been debated what Jesup was named after. In honor of Jesup's 150th anniversary, a trial was recently held by Wayne County High School to determine who founded Jesup.

It was Jesup's first mayor, Willis Clary, who was influential in the growth of the town in its early years since he urged that the Macon & Brunswick railroad crossed the Savannah & Gulf line at Jesup in 1871. Movie stars and presidential candidates frequently visited Jesup to promote their movies and campaign from the back of the trains.

The long-seated history of Jesup helped make it the thriving city it is today.

I am thankful for the work of Jesup's current mayor, David Earl Keith, who works wholeheartedly for the people of Jesup every day.

HONORING ALAN TURING AS A
DISTINGUISHED MATHEMATI-
CIAN AND HERO

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 30, 2020

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Alan Turing was a brilliant English mathematician, founder of modern computer science and a World War II hero.

His contributions during the war, especially his work alongside others in cryptography, were hailed as "priceless" by our own President Eisenhower. By breaking German military-codes, Turing helped to quickly win the Battle of the Atlantic, without which the Allies may not have been able to launch D-Day in 1944. His efforts helped to shorten the war, possibly by years, saving incalculable human life.

Even today, our lives are impacted by his work. Turing is credited with creating the modern computer concept and helping to found computer science by theorizing a programmable machine capable of computing anything computable.

Yet Turing was more than just a mathematician, an inventor or a hero. Turing was a gay man. Because he was gay, he faced persecution for merely being who he was. In 1952, just seven years after he had helped defeat the Nazis, he was prosecuted for being in a gay relationship and forced to undergo chemical castration to avoid prison.

Two years later, in 1954, he died, possibly by suicide. He was only 41.

Turing's life is a reminder of how brilliant anyone could be, no matter what the world perceived them or of whom they loved. His life also serves as a reminder of the harm and costs that accompany discrimination and prejudice. We will never know what else Alan Turing might have discovered had he been accepted, and what he might have accomplished had his life not been cut so short. We do know that the world owes him a great deal of gratitude, and for that, we honor him for LGBTQ History Month.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF SID HARTMAN, MINNESOTA SPORTS COLUMNIST AND BROADCASTER, FOUNDER OF THE MINNEAPOLIS LAKERS, DEALMAKER, FAN, FATHER, GRANDFATHER, AND FRIEND

HON. DEAN PHILLIPS

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 30, 2020

Mr. PHILLIPS. Madam Speaker, it is with profound sadness and great affection that I rise today to celebrate the extraordinary life of Sid Hartman, a Minnesota sports pioneer and giant in journalism who passed away last week at the age of 100.

A child of Jewish immigrant parents who grew up in North Minneapolis in the 1920s, Sid sold newspapers on downtown street corners—unwittingly beginning what would become a 75-year career in the news business. His first column in the Star Tribune was published on September 11, 1945—just days after the end of WWII—and by the time he published his last column for the Minneapolis Star Tribune on October 18, 2020, his total number of bylines reached 21,235.

I was first introduced to Sid by my great-grandfather at a Vikings game at the old Met Stadium in the mid 1970s. I was a star-struck kid, meeting sports royalty that rivaled my idols, Fran Tarkenton, Chuck Foreman, and Alan Page. And from the time I could read, Sid's column was a staple of my mornings for my entire life.

Sid Hartman had the audacity to dream big. As an entrepreneurial young journalist, he helped bring the Detroit Gems to Minneapolis in 1947, where they became the Minneapolis Lakers and established a National Basketball Association championship dynasty—winning five titles in six years with such greats as George Mikan, Elgin Baylor, and future Vikings head coach, Bud Grant.

A superfan of all things Minnesota, Sid was our sports documentarian and historian, and saw teams, arenas and stadiums come and go over 75 years. He covered the Millers, the Twins, the North Stars, the Wild, the Vikings, the Lakers, the Timberwolves, and his beloved Minnesota Gophers. He taught us to love sports and sports personalities and reported with fairness and fortitude. Between the games, news conferences, and award ceremonies for Minnesota's sports teams, Sid was always easy to spot with his old black tape recorder and address book overflowing with numbers for his thousands of "close, personal friends."

Defying his age and ever adapting to new sports, new teams, and new technologies, he kept up his writing pace even after his 100th birthday. In a column celebrating his milestone birthday, he said, "I have followed the advice that if you love what you do, you never work a day in your life. Even at 100 I can say I still love what I do." What a lesson for all of us.

Sid was a loving father and grandfather. His son, Chad Hartman, followed him into the world of sports, and they served alongside each other at WCCO-AM radio for years. Friends, family and community meant the world to him, and his integrity and fairness opened doors and generated scoops that few could rival.

Sid's contributions to the sports culture of Minnesota are unmatched and indelible. He made the Twin Cities big league towns, and touched countless lives along the way. It was an honor and privilege to know him and to devour his column every morning for decades. Perhaps from heaven he can help the Vikings win the elusive Super Bowl he was never able to celebrate over the course of 60 seasons.

Minnesota and I will miss Sid Hartman, and our entire delegation joins me in sharing our heartfelt condolences with Sid's family, loved ones, fellow sports journalists, and friends.

CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION OF
MONICA KATRICE ROBERTS

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 30, 2020

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask for posthumous Congressional Recognition for Monica Katrice Roberts, a self-proclaimed proud, unapologetic Black transgender woman who spoke truth to power and told the often-neglected stories of the world around her. Monica Katrice Roberts was born on May 4, 1962, in Houston, Texas, to Mable and Rick Roberts; she is survived by her mother, one brother, two sisters, and a host of brothers, sisters, and gender nonconforming loved ones in the movement she courageously committed herself to.

Monica Katrice Roberts began her career as a writer and unwavering transgender activist, launching the TransGriot in 2006 and committing herself to her life's calling as a storyteller for transgender persons who often had no voice in media. Monica Katrice Roberts was especially committed to accurately capturing the stories of Black transgender women who are disproportionately brutalized and violently killed and are overlooked or often misgendered by mainstream media. Monica Katrice Roberts received many awards for her noteworthy journalism—as Founding Managing Editor of TransGriot and her work with the Bilerico Project, Ebony, Huffington Post, and The Advocate—as well as her extraordinary activism, including the Virginia Prince Transgender Pioneer Award, the Robert Coles Call of Service Award, the Barbara Jordan Breaking Barriers Award, and the 2020 Susan J. Hyde Award for Longevity in the Movement.

Monica Katrice Roberts will be greatly missed for her fierce leadership, unapologetic demeanor, storytelling, activism, and unwavering commitment to the transgender community. It is my honor to commemorate her life and legacy before this legislative body.

OVERDUE RECOGNITION OF VALOR
FOR VETERAN RENE TALBOTT

HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 30, 2020

Ms. BASS. Madam Speaker, I would like to call attention to bravery that has gone unrecognized until now. Sergeant Rene Talbott served honorably in the United States Air Force from November 2, 1967 to November 1,