

common touch. We remember him because 50 years ago, in a world at war, he reminded us that it is people—regular, everyday people from places like Dana, IN—who love, and fight and die in war. It is for this reason that as long as we remember World War II, we will remember the chronicler of America's G.I. Joes—Ernie Pyle.

TRIBUTE TO THE MACOMB COUNTY INTERFAITH VOLUNTEER CAREGIVERS

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 5, 1995

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I wish to extend my congratulations to the volunteers and staff of the Macomb County Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers as they celebrate their first ever Volunteer Recognition Evening.

The Macomb Chapter of the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers was established in 1993 to serve the older and physically challenged adults living in the community. These adults were struggling daily to maintain their independence. Interfaith discovered that a little extra help could make the difference between staying at home and moving into a nursing facility.

Macomb County Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers is an interdenominational network of local religious congregations joined together to respond to basic needs of those needing assistance. The program matches centrally trained volunteers of all ages with older and physically challenged adults to provide such services as housekeeping, home maintenance, shipping, transportation, and friendly visits. Because of the generosity and compassion of the program's 400 volunteers, the skilled management of Program Coordinator Karyn Dombrowski, and the strong commitment of the board of directors, the services are offered completely free of charge.

It is clear that faith and community involvement are key elements in the lives of all of the volunteers. Their sense of responsibility and concern for others have made the Macomb County Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers a truly remarkable organization.

My best wishes to all of the incredible volunteers on this special evening.

TRIBUTE TO ACCESS

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 5, 1995

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I wish to take the opportunity to congratulate and call to the attention of my colleagues an organization in my congressional district dedicated to the well-being of a rich and vibrant community in Dearborn, MI. The name of the organization is ACCESS, which has delivered immeasurable social service throughout its existence and is marking its success with the ACCESS annual banquet on April 8, 1995.

As a Member of Congress, it is a distinct pleasure to serve what is commonly recognized as the largest community of Arab-Americans

in the United States. Like every other person I represent in my congressional district, Arab-Americans are busy raising children, running their businesses, getting involved in local civic, cultural, and religious organizations, and trying to make the most of the American dream.

The executive director of ACCESS is Ismael Ahmed, an individual with whom I have worked to help secure support for health care, education, other support services for persons in need. During Ish's tenure, ACCESS has gone from a simple shop to a sophisticated organization. This parallels a renaissance in many neighborhoods in our Arab-American community, and tremendous growth in Arab contributions to the local, regional, and national economy.

Throughout our history, the American dream has represented the sum of our citizens' hopes, ambitions, and struggles to build a better life for ourselves and our children. Arab-Americans are only one more group of people who are successfully building their lives and planning better futures for their children. This success rests in part on the dedication of ACCESS to providing people with the means they need to overcome cultural and language barriers and become a part of our rich national fabric.

JIMMY STEWART MUSEUM TO OPEN IN INDIANA, PA

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 5, 1995

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, one of America's best-loved actors over the last 60 years is Jimmy Stewart. Recipient of the Academy Award for best actor for "The Philadelphia Story" in 1940, Jimmy Stewart appeared in more than 80 full-length feature films and numerous television specials. Who can forget his performances in such American film classics as "It's a Wonderful Life" and "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington"?

Although Jimmy Stewart is best recognized for the many film roles he played, too many people forget the role he also played as a fighter pilot in World War II. Less than a year after winning the Academy Award, he was in training in the Army Air Force, and by 1943 he was in command of a squadron in Europe. He returned from World War II a veteran of over 20 combat missions, and he's one of the true American heroes that we honor in 1995, the 50th anniversary of the conclusion of World War II. When he returned from the war, he didn't immediately go to Hollywood; he did what thousands of American soldiers did, and went back to his hometown—in this case, Indiana, PA.

Indiana, PA, is the birthplace of Jimmy Stewart, and this western Pennsylvania town is justifiably proud of its native son. To celebrate his 87th birthday on May 20, the James M. Stewart Museum in Indiana will be dedicated. The town is planning a gala celebration, including a dinner, parade, and ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The James M. Stewart Museum is bound to be a favorite stop for movie buffs all over the United States. I'd like to salute the folks in Indiana, PA, who have worked tirelessly to put this museum together and make it a place which tells the Jimmy Stewart story. And most

of all, I'd like to salute Jimmy Stewart, the actor who has brought us many hours of pleasure in his movie and television roles, the American hero who fought for his country, and the native son of western Pennsylvania who has never forgotten his hometown.

HONORING JOE ALEXANDER

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 5, 1995

Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of Virginia's best known and most successful political leaders, who is retiring from public office after 32 years of service. Joseph Alexander, known as "Metro Joe," or "The Baron of Lee District," has announced he will not seek reelection to the Fairfax Board of Supervisors from Lee District. He is being honored by the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce at this annual turkey roast on April 22, 1995.

Joe grew up in Franconia, where his father, Milton Alexander, established the Franconia Hardware Store at 6124 Franconia Road. His mother, Celia, was the local post mistress at the Franconia Post Office, which was located in the same building with the hardware store.

Joe moved on to attend college at Virginia Tech, where he served with the Corps of Cadets all 4 years of his stay. He graduated in 1951 with a degree in business administration and a commission of second lieutenant in the Air Force. Joe continued at Tech in 1952, and pursued a degree in public administration. He was called to duty this time and went to flight training. He served in the Korean war as a first lieutenant until 1955.

After leaving the service, Joe returned to Fairfax County and joined his father in the family hardware business, and became active in the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, where he served as president from 1959 to 1961. Prior to his leadership role with the chamber, Joe met Davina Einbinder, a Washington, DC, native. In June of 1956, they married and moved into the Rose Hill area of Lee District, where they have continued to live to this day.

While serving in the Springfield Chamber and being active in the community as a local businessman, Joe became interested and concerned about the future of Fairfax County. Other area businesses were also concerned that there was no representation for the business community on the Board of Supervisors during 1960. They began to press Joe to run for the Lee District position on the board. Joe decided to enter the race in 1963. With the Franconia Hardware Store as his headquarters, Joe received a large amount of public support from the Springfield Chamber, local fire fighters, and a number of Lee District communities. His bid for the seat was successful, and in 1964 Joe was sworn in as a member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

Joe always showed a strong interest in transportation issues, and in 1971 he was appointed as an alternate member of the Metro board. He was instrumental in getting the citizens of Fairfax County to approve bonds to finance the regional Metro system. He became a principle voting member in 1973, and he further advanced the organization to serve as

chairman of the board four times: 1975, 1981, 1987, and 1993.

Some of the organizations that Joe helped organize as a County Board member were: the Economic Development Authority, the South East Fairfax Development Corporation, and he pushed the county to begin promoting tourism. Joe has always been one of the most stable business leaders on the Board of Supervisors.

He has always paid attention to local concerns, and as the Lee District Board member, he has personally been responsible for the completion of over at least 200 million dollars' worth of public projects in Lee District. Projects range from neighborhood improvements, parks, drainage protection, trails, street lights, intersection improvements, new roads and streets, conservation and environmental projects, the Huntington, Van Dorn, and Franconia-Springfield Metro stations, as well as a number of other projects that are too numerous to mention.

During all of this time, he was very active in the American Public Transit Association [APTA]. The association represents all of the transit systems in the United States and Canada. Joe was elected vice president of APTA in 1981, and was elected chairman of APTA in 1982. He served as chairman until 1984. Joe developed a tremendous amount of knowledge about transit operations around the country.

Because of his transit experience, Joe was asked to join Ernst & Young and help develop the National Transit Consulting Practice. Joe left Perpetual in 1987 to go to work for Ernst & Young. He spent the next 5 years developing the transit practice and working with transit systems in Los Angeles, Atlanta, Chicago, Miami, and many other cities. Joe left Ernst & Young in 1992 to create the Alexander Group, in order to pursue additional consulting opportunities.

He is presently serving as the APTA membership committee chairman, president of the Virginia Association of Transit Officials, a member of the Virginia Railway Express Operations Board, a member of the NVTC Board, and a member of the Metro Board.

Joe and his wife Davie have two daughters, Cathy and Cheri, both graduates of the Fairfax County school system. Davie presently serves as the executive director of the Mt. Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in honoring Joe Alexander for his 32 years of public service and wish him and Davie continued success in the years ahead.

TRIBUTE TO OTIS BOWEN

HON. MEL HANCOCK

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 5, 1995

Mr. HANCOCK. Mr. Speaker, Dr. Otis Bowen is one of the finest people God ever put on Earth. Indiana is justifiably proud of him and John Krull has captured Doc's goodness beautifully in the following article:

BOWEN REFLECTS ON LIFE OF POLITICS
POPULAR FORMER GOVERNOR STILL HOLDS
GREAT INFLUENCE
(By John Krull)

BREMEN, IN.—Otis Bowen singles out one photograph on his wall of memories.

It is near the edge of one of the walls of a long hallway. Almost every inch of space is covered with certificates and pictures—photos of Bowen when he was in the Indiana Legislature, when he was governor, when he was the secretary of Health and Human Services in Ronald Reagan's Cabinet.

The images on Bowen's walls are a fairly comprehensive photographic record of recent American political history. There are pictures of Bowen with many of the most powerful politicians of the past 30 years. Richard Nixon. Gerald Ford. Jimmy Carter. Reagan. George Bush. Dan Quayle. Richard Lugar. Robert Orr.

As he points to one photograph, though, the former small-town doctor reveals something of the political know-how that made him one of the most popular politicians in Indiana history.

The picture is of the staff at the Department of Health and Human Services. In it, former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop is seated near Bowen.

"Koop was kind of a character," says Bowen, 77. "But Chick—that's what we called him—had great credibility with the media. So, whenever we had some idea we wanted to explore or try to get a fair hearing, we'd send Chick out to talk about it. It worked pretty well that way."

That hidden-hand style of leadership was one of the qualities that made Dr. Otis Bowen such a formidable politician, says William J. Watt.

"One of Doc's supporters had a saying that sort of captured it," says Watt, who wrote a book about Bowen's years as governor after serving as one of his executive assistants.

"He said that Doc always let other people have his way. That was the way he operated. He could control things without letting other people know it."

Watt attributes Bowen's success to several factors.

"Doc is very intelligent, but he has a greater sense of focus than a lot of intelligent people do. He had a very clear sense of what his priorities were. He knew what he wanted and he could be very determined in going after it. He would not quit or back off. And he could be very, very tough."

So tough that for a long time Otis "Doc" Bowen—the pride of Bremen, Ind., a small town not far from South Bend—practically ruled the political arena in Indiana.

In 1972, he ran for governor against a popular former governor, Matthew Welsh, and won convincingly. In 1976, he trounced then-Secretary of State Larry Conrad to win reelection.

In 1980, a young member of the U.S. House of Representatives felt compelled to ask Bowen if he intended to run for the U.S. Senate that year. Only after Bowen said he wasn't interested did Dan Quayle feel it was safe to enter the race.

His shadow has proven to be so long that rising Hoosier Republicans still feel the need to seek out his counsel and blessing.

"They still come up here. In the last election, a fair member—David McIntosh, Sue Anne Gilroy and some others—came up to sit down and ask my advice. It was gratifying to know that they haven't forgotten me," Bowen says, and smiles.

"Up here" is a converted barn on the outskirts of Bremen. It is a large, open house filled with memorabilia and souvenirs. Along the mantle atop the fireplace is a collection of ceramic elephants.

"Every time you speak at a Lincoln Day dinner, they given you an elephant. I've lost track of how many I have," he says.

It is the home Bowen built in the early 1970s with his first wife, Elizabeth, who died in 1981. They had been married for nearly 42 years at the time of her death.

She was the reason he did not run for the U.S. Senate.

"Her health was failing and she had to be my first priority," he says.

Later that year, he married an old friend, Rose Hochstetler. Because of his service in Washington, he only got to live in this house for a short time with her before she died in 1992.

He now shares the home with his third wife, the former Carol Mikesell.

He had known her for much of her life—even delivered her children. But they had lost touch during the years he was governor. She, too, had been married twice.

They became reacquainted at a political fund-raiser he held at his house in 1992. At the time, she was working at a bank in Warsaw.

Their courtship did not begin right away. "It took me about a month or more to work up the nerve to call her," he says.

When he did, they went to dinner in Fort Wayne.

"We knew pretty quickly that it was going to be serious," says Carol, 52.

They were married two years ago in the living room of the house, right in front of the fireplace with all the elephants. It was a small ceremony with only family members present.

Bowen says Carol helped him recover a zest for living.

"I have to give Carol much of the credit for turning me around. She made all the difference," he says.

When he met her, he says, the loss of his second wife still was fresh. The deaths of his two wives have been the most difficult things in his life.

"The grief was just devastating. You have six or eight months when you can't eat or sleep or even think about much. You lose 25 or 30 pounds and you wonder if you can go on," he says, shaking his head.

"But then there comes a point when you get tired of feeling so bad. You realize that you have to go on living. It's hard, but you do it."

He teases Carol about not being politically active.

"I don't even know if she voted for me," he laughs.

"Of course I did," she says, laughing too.

He and Carol now try to stay close to home. They work outside on their five acres of land. They journey into Bremen once a day. And they travel around the state, when Bowen delivers one of his many speeches, mostly about health-care issues.

Carol quit her job at the bank. Bowen says he's going to try to cut down on the number of speeches he makes. They plan to travel together some, but mostly they hope to enjoy their home and each other.

"This is a pretty good size bit of land, and we work on it ourselves, because we like that. And we want to spend the time together," he says.

Bowen says he doesn't know exactly why he was so popular with Indiana voters.

"Maybe it had to do with my medical training. You're taught as a doctor not to panic or act rashly in difficult situations," he says, and then he changes the subject.

His biographer and former aide William Watt sees it differently.

"With Doc Bowen, the public man and the private man were one and the same. There was a genuineness to the man people responded to," he says.