

In 1942, he earned a bachelor's degree in geology at the University of Southern California, USC. He then went to work for the U.S. Geological Survey in Washington, DC, where he met the love of his life, the former Martha Seymour. In April 1944, they were married, beginning a journey together that lasted 61 years.

A month after their wedding, LeRoy joined the U.S. Navy as an officer. He served as an intelligence specialist in the Pacific during the final months of World War II. In early 1946, he was reassigned to Key West, and after his discharge, he returned to USC to study law. He received his juris doctorate degree in 1949. After passing the State Bar of California exam on his first try, he became a general practitioner in Santa Ana.

Mr. Speaker, after the Korean War began, LeRoy was recalled to active duty in 1951. In Korea, he served with Vice Admiral C. Turner Joy's staff for the initial truce talks. Interestingly, he was still on active duty as a Navy lieutenant at Miramar Naval Air Station in the San Diego area when he was elected to the California State Assembly in 1952. In the legislature, he championed right-to-work laws, believing it to be the way to increase dignity and empowerment for individual workers.

Following his brief tenure as a legislator, he applied his legal mind, legislative know-how, and professional contacts to advocate on behalf of the California Railroad Association. He represented the organization both in Washington and Sacramento, also serving as general counsel. After 20 years, he became a lobbyist representing several clients with the firm of A.E. Davis & Co. until his retirement in 1990.

Surpassing his contributions to his country through military and political service, LeRoy was known as a humble, caring father and husband. He upheld the tenants of his Christian faith with honor. In short, my friend LeRoy was a good man.

He is survived by his wife, Martha "Marty" Lyon of Granite Bay; daughters Sylvia Foster of Hillsboro, Ore., Janet White of Colfax and Rebekah Lawson of Forest Hill; a brother, the Rev. W. DeWitt Lyon of Fullerton; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Ted Lyon, in 2003.

Today, I join with LeRoy E. Lyon Jr.'s family, friends, and community to commemorate his life of committed service, good citizenship, and uncommon decency. May he rest in peace.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. CLAIR M.
CARLIN OF YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2005

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to the life and work of community leader Attorney Clair M. Carlin of Youngstown, Ohio. His life was marked by distinguished service to his country, the state of Ohio, and the Youngstown area.

Mr. Carlin was born on April 20, 1947 in Sharon, Pennsylvania to Charles W. and Caroline Vukasich Carlin. While acquiring his Bachelor of Science degree in Economics

from The Ohio State University in 1969, Mr. Carlin served as a Second Lieutenant in Ohio State's ROTC program. In 1972, he graduated from the U.S. Army Signal Officer Basic Course at Fort Gordon and simultaneously obtained a law degree from the Moritz College of Law at The Ohio State University. Mr. Carlin subsequently attended the Military Police Officers Advance Course in 1979 as well as the Command and General Staff College in 1980. Until 1982, he served in the Army National Guard.

Throughout his career, Mr. Carlin held many distinguished positions including Special Counsel for the city of Youngstown and the Ohio Office of Attorney General, Hearing Examiner for the Ohio Department of Taxation, State Director of Catholic War Veterans, and Law Director for the City of Newton Falls. Additionally, Mr. Carlin served as the President of the Ohio Academy of Trial Lawyers and was the Governor of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. He was also a member of the American Bar Association, the Ohio State Bar Association, and was President of the Mahoning County Bar Association.

Finally, Mr. Carlin contributed greatly to his community. He was an active member of the Mahoning County Volunteer Services Agency Board of Directors, the Ohio Mothers Against Drunk Driving, and the American Legion Post in Poland, Ohio. Mr. Carlin's proudest personal achievement, however, was attaining the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Carlin was a loving husband to his wife, Pamela Rodehaver, and a caring father to his children Elizabeth, Alexander, and Eric. So today, I wish to honor Mr. Clair Carlin whose life's work prevails as a model for all.

TRIBUTE TO COL CHARLES S.
SERIO, MSC, USA, PH.D., ON HIS
RETIREMENT AS BRIGADE COM-
MANDER OF THE UNIFORMED
SERVICES UNIVERSITY OF THE
HEALTH SERVICES

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2005

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to thank Charles S. Serio, COL, MSC, USA, Ph.D, Brigade Commander of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, USUHS for his tremendous service to our country. On September 7, 2005, Colonel Serio marked the end of eight years of service at USUHS, and concluded a 37-year career of Federal service.

Colonel Serio was born on August 26, 1946, and graduated from his home-state University of Mississippi with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology, in 1969. He earned his Master Degree in 1973 and completed his Doctoral Degree in Immunology in 1975. He is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Among his numerous awards and decorations are the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Army Superior Unit Award, the National Defense Service

Award, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. Colonel Serio has also earned the following badges, which denote operational expertise: Airborne, Air Assault, Expert Field Medical, and German Troop Proficiency Duty, Gold.

He was awarded the "A" Proficiency Designator in Immunology by the Army Surgeon General, the highest award given in recognition of professional accomplishment by the United States Army Medical Department. He was also selected as a member of the "Order of the Military Medical Merit," which denotes distinguished service as recognized by the senior leadership of the Army Medical Department. Colonel Serio is the author of numerous scientific publications in immunology and radiobiology in both national and international journals.

His career includes positions of responsibility such as: the Detachment Commander, 330th General Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee; Clinical Laboratory Officer and Bacteriologist with the 326th Medical Detachment, 801st General Hospital, Chicago, Illinois; Chief of the Immunology Branch, William Beaumont Army Medical Center, El Paso, Texas; Microbiology Consultant to the Commanding General, 7th MEDCOM; Staff Officer and Manager of Science and Technology, Medical Research and Material Command, Fort Detrick, Maryland; and, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York.

In June of 1997, Colonel Serio was selected to serve as the 4th Brigade Commander at USUHS. As the Brigade Commander, Colonel Serio was recognized as the senior officer of the University with responsibility for command of over 1,000 members of the USUHS Brigade, representing the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, and Public Health Service. Colonel Serio served as the senior military advisor to the President of USUHS for 8 years. During his service as the USUHS Brigade Commander, he became an invaluable asset as a role model, teacher and mentor to over 1,500 uniformed medical, nursing, and graduate students. Colonel Serio provided lectures to the USUHS medical and nursing students in pathophysiology, immunology, biological warfare, and military leadership. He created a recognized Brigade command structure and curriculum in support of the USUHS mission, implemented military unique and significant programs and internationally recognized field training exercises, annually coordinated the USUHS graduation ceremonies, monitored the USUHS strategic goal on military leadership development, and annually exceeded the University's goals in the Combined Federal Campaigns.

His longstanding role as a soldier, scientist, educator, and leader in both undergraduate and graduate education has supported and ensured medical readiness during more than one global conflict. USUHS is recognized as the most cost-effective and qualified source for the recruitment and development of uniformed officers who will hold significant leadership and operational positions throughout the Military Health System. Colonel Serio can be assured that his influence and leadership have greatly assisted the future patients and command officers who will be served by the