

HONORING RETIRING TOWN OF
EVANS COUNCILWOMAN KATH-
LEEN BARTUS

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS-

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 17, 2008

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Town of Evans councilwoman Kathleen Bartus for her years of tireless service to the residents of the town of Evans. A longtime town resident and a leader within her community, Kathy's commitment to others stretched far beyond the scope of her position in town government and rested its hand on a passionate soul and loving heart.

A wife, mother of three and a longtime business and community activist in Evans, Kathy's commitment to her community is rivaled by few. While she'll be missed on the town board in a formal capacity, Kathy will never be more than a phone call away, in a manner that will no doubt comfort those continuing to serve.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the achievements of Kathleen Bartus upon the occasion of her retirement as a member of the Evans Town Board. I know that you join with me in wishing Kathy, her husband Robert and their entire family the very best of good luck and Godspeed in the years to come.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF AR-
THUR ROBERT "BOBBY" WILSON

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, Baldwin County and indeed the entire state of Alabama recently lost a dear friend, and I rise today to honor and pay tribute to the memory of Mr. Arthur Robert Wilson.

Known to his many friends as "Bobby," he was a devoted family man and a dear friend to his community. Bobby, the "Unofficial Mayor" of Spanish Fort, was the owner of Wilson's Service Center for roughly 50 years. Wilson's Service Center was much more than a typical service station; it was the heartbeat of Spanish Fort. As Mobile's Press-Register remembered Bobby, "just about anyone who passed through Spanish Fort seemed to have encountered him."

Known for his insatiable work ethic, Bobby "rose with the chickens" and was often at the service station before 5 a.m.—he never seemed to stop working. Bobby's service to Spanish Fort did not stop at the doors of Wilson's Service Center. For 26 years, he served as the volunteer fire chief, keeping a red phone and firefighter's gear in his shop for emergencies. Bobby also served in the U.S. Army and was a veteran of the Korean War. He was a justice of the peace and a Mason; it's probably safe to say that everyone in Spanish Fort knew Bobby Wilson or at least knew who he was.

In a fitting tribute, Bobby's casket was placed on the back of a tow truck for his final trip through Spanish Fort. His procession, which included about 12 other tow trucks, cars carrying his family, and a police escort, drove

to Wilson's Service Center, passing through the parking lot and under the front awning. All along the route to Wilson's Cemetery, fellow residents stopped and got out of their cars to stand along the route with their hands on their hearts.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated community leader and friend to many throughout south Alabama. Bobby Wilson will be deeply missed by his family—his wife, Jo Anne Wilson; his daughters, Tracey Goens and her husband Robert, Gina Lee and her husband Thomas, and Joelle Wilson; his brothers, Earl Wilson and Charles Wilson; his sister, Louise Dahlen; his grandchildren, Jeffrey Mosley, Jonathan Mosley, Jasmine Lee, and Zackary Lee; his great-grandchild, Lola Jo Anne Mosley—as well as the countless friends he leaves behind.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them all at this difficult time.

RECOGNITION OF THE WOMAN'S
CLUB OF NEWTOWN SQUARE'S
60TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 17, 2008

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Woman's Club of Newtown Square's 60th anniversary.

Founded in 1947, the Woman's Club of Newtown Square is part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, a world-wide organization that donates millions of volunteer hours to their respective communities every year.

The 110 members of the Woman's Club of Newtown Square selflessly volunteer countless hours in service to their community.

The services and donations of the club are given to: the Coatesville Veterans Medical Center, the Newtown Public Library, the Newtown Square Fire Department, Operation Smile, area arboretums and gardens, fine arts awards, and the Hugh O'Brian Youth Award.

The Woman's Club of Newtown Square gives donations to: the Marple Newtown Senior High School Student of the Month, middle school awards, three high school scholarships, fifth grade essay awards, and the Youth Recreation Center.

I ask that everyone please join me in recognizing the Woman's Club of Newtown Square for their contributions and commitment to enriching the community of Newtown Square, Pennsylvania, for the last 60 years.

HONORING ERIC MICHAEL
BARMANN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Eric Michael Barmann of Platte City, Missouri. Eric is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 351, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Eric has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Eric has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Eric Michael Barmann for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
DWAIN LUCE

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 17, 2008

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, the city of Mobile and indeed the entire nation recently lost a true American hero, and I rise today to honor Mr. Dwain Luce of Mobile, Alabama, and pay tribute to his memory.

Many Americans came to know Mr. Luce last year as his courageous story, along with those of other Mobilians, was told in the Ken Burns' documentary series "The War."

Born in Mobile in 1916, Mr. Luce was educated at University Military School. Upon graduation from high school, he continued his studies and earned a degree in chemical engineering from Auburn University.

Shortly following the attack on Pearl Harbor, Dwain volunteered for military service and entered the U.S. Army as a second lieutenant in January 1942. As a lieutenant in the 82nd Airborne Division's 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion, he participated in the invasions of Sicily and later Italy. Just prior to the U.S. invasion of Normandy, he was promoted to captain. He landed his glider at Normandy on D-Day and survived 33 days of fighting there.

Several months later, his unit saw action again when they were dropped behind enemy lines into Holland as part of Operation Market Garden. They remained in Holland for six weeks battling both the Germans and the cold weather. He and his unit also participated in the Battle of the Bulge where they anchored the northern flank of the American lines. On May 1, 1945, the 82nd Airborne took 144,000 German prisoners as they surrendered to Americans.

Following the war, Mr. Luce left the service as a major in 1945, and began a career in banking. He joined American National Bank, in Mobile, Alabama, and rose to senior vice president and director. He remained with American National Bank for 16 years before joining First National Bank of Mobile, where he served as executive vice president. Mr. Luce retired as president of First Bancgroup-Alabama and as vice-chairman of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Mobile.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated community leader, a true American and friend to many throughout Alabama, as well as a wonderful husband and devoted father. Mr. Luce will be missed by his family—his wife of 65 years, Margaret Wilson Luce; their children, Margaret Luce Brown and Dwain Gregory Luce Jr.; his brother, Jex Ransom Luce; his five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren—as well as the many countless friends he leaves