

Don, Julie & Herb . . . and at the center of it all, Ray and Louise. I can still hear the music and laughter echoing into the summer's night.

I always got a kick out of the fact that Paul Landerman's Orchestra would play at the dance and Paul Maynard, a Republican Councilman, and good friend of many Democrats, was playing in the band as the Democrats tore up the pavement to "In the Mood." It was the coming out party of the year.

Shelley, Kevin, Sue Maynard, Paul's daughter, and I were all classmates in high school when our parents served on the town council. It's an awkward thing when your parents are in office in some respects. It was a different time, perhaps because we Democrats had a 4-1 registration advantage, but it seemed like Republicans and Democrats just got along better. I know for Shelley, Susan and myself, we might have given the eye roll at the mention of their elected office, but we respected their service and were proud of them.

My Dad and Ray drove back and forth to work at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft in North Haven for several years. They had a lot in common; both were Navy Veterans serving on the aircraft carriers, for my Dad, the Franklin and for Ray, the Midway. Both were firefighters in the Navy, both worked at tool and dye shops after the war. Both married well, and their families were the center of the universe.

They were, however, different. Ray and Raymond, the R&R Express. Try to imagine riding in that car with Dad and Ray. It would be like listening to a conversation between Archie Bunker and Fred McMurray. Ray Donovan, more urbane, sophisticated and measured; Dad, a little rough around the edges. Dad preferred baseball caps, flannel shirts and playing the organ at the Elks to Ray's shirt, tie and occasional sweater, and service to the Lions. Ray loved the dialogue, the give and take of politics, while Dad was skeptical of the whole process. One thing my father wasn't skeptical of, though, was the honesty and decency of Ray Donovan. My father loved Ray Donovan, their companionship, and their camaraderie during those trips back and forth to North Haven fortified the unique bond they shared. What I would give for a tape recording of those journeys. It would be prime material for a Normal Lear comedy.

I have a feeling, though, Dad was one of the first to greet Ray as they embark on another journey. It's a safe bet they picked up the conversation where they left off, catching up on their families.

Much has been written of their generation. Ray epitomized what has rightfully been called the Greatest Generation, and represents all that is rich about the lives our parents led. A child of the Depression, a veteran of the World War, a builder of a community, who selflessly served the Democratic Party, as Forth District Chairman, member of the Board of Education, the Town Council, and the Lion's Club, and the V.F.W. Proud of his Irish heritage and proud to be called a Democrat! Ray was a devoted husband, loving father and enduring friend. I was never around him when he didn't talk about his family or ask about mine.

Ray Donovan was more than an advisor or mentor. Those well-meaning words don't do him justice. He led by his example. He was the listening ear, the sympathetic heart, the person of firm resolve and conviction, patient and willing to forgive, the calm, assured inward strength that formed a constant you know that was there for you.

What he did for me and all who sought his council was lead by example. No task was beneath him, no person nor cause not worthy

of his effort. He met everyone with a welcoming smile, an outstretched hand, and always a word of encouragement that was his trademark.

He never spoke of material possession. What others saw as life's benchmarks of success, new cars or homes, never interested him. I never heard him speak ill of anyone, he was a source of positive energy whose approval you sought and wanted.

It is said that we stand on the shoulders of other who have come before us. Ray Donovan's shoulders were broad enough for all of us to stand upon. Emerson wrote what most men led lives of quiet desperation and go to the grave with a song still in them. Ray Donovan led a life that was resolute and content, his song and life was one of quiet inspiration. An inspiration that was contagious because it came by way of his own example. I heard him say often of many people but never with such pride as when he would say of Louise with a broad smile and quiet satisfaction, "Isn't that Louise something." We pause today to say, "Wasn't that Ray something." We miss you. We love you. Say hi to Dad for me.

REMEMBERING THE INNOCENT
LOST DURING SREBRENICA
GENOCIDE

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2008

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, this Friday, July 11, 2008 marks the 13th anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide in Bosnia.

I rise today to express my deepest sympathy for, and in remembrance of the victims this horrible genocide in Bosnia, which lasted from 1992–1995.

The most infamous episode in this genocide was the massacre of Bosnians led personally by General Ratko Mladic at the United Nations-declared "safe haven" of Srebrenica in eastern Bosnia in July, 1995.

We should remember all of the innocent people who were brutally killed by honoring their lives and remembering their struggle for freedom during the three-year conflict in Srebrenica, a city in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

I would also like to honor the memory of victims in places less well-known: in Kozarac, Prijedor and Banjaluka in northwestern Bosnia.

This conflict was the largest massacre and genocide of civilians in Europe since World War II.

In my district, I am proud to say that I have one of the largest Bosnian American populations in the United States. Of the tens of thousands of my Bosnian American constituents, upwards of 5,000 are survivors of the Srebrenica genocide.

As a Representative of many Bosnian-American friends in St. Louis, I understand that this tragedy continues to affect many of my constituents. We must commemorate those who died, hold those who are responsible accountable, and honor the brave survivors.

It is important for us to remember this dark chapter in history to learn from it for the benefit of our future generations.

RECOGNIZING COLONEL TIMOTHY RAY, USAF COMMANDER, 7TH BOMB WING, DYESS AIR FORCE BASE

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2008

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great leader in the 19th District of Texas. America's military has a solid foundation of tradition and heritage handed down from generation to generation. The United States Air Force in particular holds three core values: Integrity, Service Before Self and Excellence in Everything We Do.

While every airman who wears the Air Force uniform is expected to practice those core values, there are a select few that lead by example and rise above all others. For that they are rewarded with one of the military's highest honors—Command.

As Commander of the 7th Bomb Wing, COL Timothy Ray led more than 5,000 men and women in direct response to the Global War on Terrorism. As home to the B-1B Lancer, under Colonel Ray's leadership, Dyess airmen repeatedly sent our enemies running, providing constant vigilance and rapid response backed by overwhelming fire power. In addition, Dyess' C-130 aircrews have done incredible work saving lives by taking soldiers and marines out of the line of fire and into the safety of the air.

As a leader, Colonel Ray has been a stalwart champion of the men and women of Dyess AFB as well as their families. He has also been a great friend to the city of Abilene. His tireless efforts have made Dyess Air Force Base a model installation, especially during a time of war. Colonel Ray worked very hard to set tough energy efficiency conservation standards with the families and airmen first in his mind. His efforts on behalf of the Air Force and the American taxpayer leave Dyess Air Force Base a better place.

I wish Colonel Ray many years of continued success and thank him for his service to this great nation. I join with the city of Abilene and the 19th District of Texas in saying how proud and thankful we are for his leadership. The United States Air Force is blessed to have such a capable leader in COL Timothy Ray.

2008 UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
WOMEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2008

Mr. STEARNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the University of Florida's 2008 Women's softball team for their historic 70-5 winning season. This marks the first time in NCAA history that a team has won 70 games in a single season. The UF Women's softball team has also set many outstanding records this season in hitting, pitching, and fielding, and for the first time in school history, the softball team made it to the semifinals of the Women's College World Series.

In addition to their historic season, the Gators produced five All-American honors

players, and many personal records were set for the number of runs scored, bases stolen, and game shutouts. The UF Women's softball team played with class and won with grace, and their teamwork, tenacity, and gamesmanship deserve to be recognized. This certainly is a team to be remembered, and this is just another reason why it is great to be a Florida Gator.

HONORING SCLC AND REVEREND
DR. S. L. HARVEY

HON. WILLIAM J. JEFFERSON

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2008

Mr. JEFFERSON. Madam Speaker, on February 14, 1957, a little more than 51 years ago, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, SCLC, was founded in New Orleans, LA. It is returning to New Orleans today for its 50th Annual Convention, to celebrate its founding and to mark the progress it has made over the years.

On the date of its founding, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Reverend A.L. Davis, Reverend Avery Alexander, Reverend Simmie Harvey, and others meet at New Zion Baptist Church located on 3rd Street in New Orleans to organize the SCLC. Of those present on that date, Dr. Simmie Harvey is the only living organizer. Additionally for the past 33 years, he has led the Louisiana Chapter of the SCLC as its President.

Reverend Dr. S.L. Harvey was educated at the Tensas Parish High School in St. Joseph, Louisiana, Utica Institute in Utica, Mississippi and Union Baptist College and Theological Seminary where he received both his Master's Degree in Theology and his Doctor of Divinity.

Reverend Dr. Harvey was present at the planning of the march in Washington, DC., where Dr. King delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech. Reverend Harvey is a living legend and Drum Major for Justice for all people. He continues to carry the torch for freedom that Dr. King and other founders of the SCLC lit in 1957.

As we celebrate the life and work of the SCLC, it is impossible to do so without celebrating Dr. Harvey's life and work at the same time. The two are inextricably intertwined. We thank God for him. I am proud to join the U.S. Congress and our nation in honoring him.

INTRODUCTION OF THE GREEN 301
ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2008

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing the Trade and Environment Enforcement Act, also known as the Green 301 Act. This bill expands the Section 301 provisions of the Trade Act of 1974 to encompass environmental effects.

Under the Trade and Environment Enforcement Act, the Trade Representative must identify those foreign country trade practices causing negative environmental impacts to human, animal, or plant life or health, or the

conservation of exhaustible natural resources in the United States, the foreign country, a third country, or internationally. Once those practices have been identified, the Trade Representative must issue a report to Ways and Means and to Senate Finance with its findings.

After the Trade Representative issues its report, it must engage in consultations with foreign governments to resolve the negative practices it identifies with in the report and seek to negotiate an agreement between the United States and the foreign country providing for the mitigation, reduction, or elimination of the identified negative environmental impacts. If no agreement is reached, then the trade representative is authorized to take all appropriate and feasible action authorized under Section 301.

Additionally, the Trade and Environment Enforcement Act permits petitions and consultations under this process from interested parties, including environmental organizations and the business community, to expand the types and scope of the Trade Representative's environmental review.

A PRAYER FOR AMERICA

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2008

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Reverend Bill Goodnight of First Presbyterian church of Lillington, NC. On the 230th birthday of this great Nation, Reverend Goodnight expressed his patriotism with a most fitting prayer. His prayer embodies the values on which the United States of America was founded. These are the same values that we as Americans still hold near and dear to our hearts today, I would like to share this prayer with my colleagues and my fellow Americans.

"Eternal God we come before you on this birthday of our nation 230th birthday of our Nation. We come with praises upon our lips for your love and mercy, which makes itself know throughout the earth. We come with praises for your mighty creative energy that hung the stars and spun the planets and for your still small voice that speaks in the silence of the canyons and booms out across the oceans waves. For those with eyes to see and ears to hear your spirit is seen dancing upon our golden meadows, your song is heard in the cry of the bald eagle, your presence is felt in the deepest canyon and the highest mountain . . .

Yet we confess eternal creator that we have too often sought your blessing without begging for your transforming power that calls us into a nation of servanthood in this and every hour. We confess that we are quick to proclaim that you are on our side without checking to make sure that we are on your side.

Therefore, we celebrate with thanksgiving this Fourth of July, not only the great provisions of this land but your patience toward us when we forget that to whom much is given much is expected. We thank you for your protection from pestilence and the horrors of famine known to much of this world. We thank you for a stable government which works to guarantee our freedoms and provides us with protection against those who would do us harm. We are particularly grateful this night for our leaders that are here

with us as a reminder that by your will we truly are a government of the people and by the people.

Our strongest petitions this night we reserve those brave men and women who have obeyed the orders of their commander in chief and have stepped into harms way in distant land, particularly Afghanistan and Iraq. We cry for the widows, widowers, and orphans left in the wake of the current conflict on both sides of this war. Let not our tears be empty but grant to us the fortitude and resolve as a community that we might nurture those who have sacrificed so much on our account. May those who have risked so much in fulfilling their military obligations find us a united community in support of them and their dependents. May we walk with them and their loves ones on the road of life offering the well-deserved hand of friendship and fellowship. We know that nothing can make up for what we have sent them to endure, but may our overwhelming gratitude and respect offer them comfort.

Help us to live our lives with grateful hearts, teach us how to be there for each other when tragedy strikes, and give us plenty of opportunities to rejoice with one another when good comes our neighbor's way.

In closing, we ask not only your blessing upon us but for your guidance and inspiration that we might reflect and be a source for the world of the blessings we seek for ourselves. Alleluia Amen."

Madam Speaker, Reverend Goodnight is an exemplary figure of patriotism, leadership, dedication, and commitment to this great Nation.

COMMEMORATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SPACE FOUNDATION

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1312, "Commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Space Foundation". I would like to thank my colleague DOUG LAMBORN of Colorado for putting forth H. Res. 1312. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation, and to commemorate the 25 years that the Space Foundation has spent endeavoring to advance our knowledge and understanding of space.

This deserving piece of legislation will (1) recognize the contributions made by the Space Foundation; and (2) commemorate the Space Foundation's 25 years of excellence and support to the Nation.

This resolution not only draws attention to the Space Foundation's many years of excellence and service, but it also recognizes the profound effect that a group of nonpartisan, pioneering individuals has had in helping to inspire, enable, and propel humanity to greater heights. For as a great pioneer, Neil Armstrong, once said, "That's one small step for man; one giant leap for mankind."

The Space Foundation has played a significant positive role in exploring, advancing and developing our understanding of space. The nonprofit foundation has done this by embracing all aspects of space including commercial, civil, and national security. In the current national and commercial environment in which