

led to laws being changed in the name of equality. Most notably, his work with public housing desegregation allowed lower income individuals access to neighborhoods once denied to them because of racial grounds.

As a Representative from the Dallas area, I appreciate Judge Buchmeyer's contribution to fair housing in addition to city elections. It is important to note that in the early 1990s the Judge ordered an election system that required more single-member districts which increased the opportunity for fair representation city-wide.

As much as he was known as a proponent of equality and fairness, he was also known for his great sense of humor and legal wit. I urge my colleagues to join me in expressing condolences and celebrating the life of Judge Jerry Buchmeyer.

HONORING CONDUCTOR ERICH
KUNZEL

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great loss in the world of music. I ask that this tribute penned by Albert Caswell of the Capitol Guide Service be placed in the Congressional Record. The Conductor Erich Kunzel, known as "The Prince of Pops," was always a colorful showman who sold well over ten million recordings and for over two decades conducted the National Symphony on Memorial Day and Fourth of July concerts at the United States Capitol in Washington. As the founding conductor, he has directed the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra since its inception in 1977. He will be missed.

ORCHESTRATING A LIFE

Orchestrating, a life . . .
The beats and measures, that which now forever so burn bright . . .
All in the rhythms of our lives . . .
Are all of those songs which we now so leave behind . . .
Are all of those beats of our lives so in time . . .
Composing, something so sublime . . .
All in how we lead, all in these our lifetimes . . .
Composed, all in these our short lives . . .
In this, The Symphony of our lives . . .
which we so now leave behind!
Of this the leader of The Band, so very fine . . .
As Erich, you so stood there so waving your baton . . .
All in what you so invoked, so inspired, so beautiful we now so find . . .
Such emotion and masterpieces, with such rhyme . . .
As one of the greatest of all Maestros of our time . . .
As why Eric, for you the violins now so cry . . .
And the drums so beat, for you now that you've died . . .
As that lone bugle plays taps, one last time . . .
Thinking of you, the smiles and the tears we now so find . . .
Of a gentle warm man, so very kind . . .
All because of the life you so conducted, which now so comes to mind . . .
Like a great symphony Erich, what you so orchestrated all in your time . . .

Thinking of you, we hear a rhapsody in blue . . . and now so cry . . .
Knowing, that we have so lost such a wonderful guy . . .
But life, has only so many beats . . . and measures to define . . .
What it is, that we have so left behind . . .
All in what we have so composed, all in these our times . . .
Magnifica, Maestro as is your life's Masterpiece so very fine!
And now, Erich . . . there is music in Heaven so sublime . . .
All because of the kind of life, that you have so orchestrated in your time!
In heaven now, waving his baton . . .

A PROCLAMATION HONORING TANNER ECKSTEIN FOR WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION III STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker: Whereas, Tanner Eckstein showed hard work and dedication to the sport of baseball; and Whereas, Tanner Eckstein was a supportive team player; and Whereas, Tanner Eckstein always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Tanner Eckstein on winning the Boys' Division III State Baseball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 baseball season.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, on September 29, 2009, my flight to Washington, DC, was delayed because of inclement weather, and I missed rollcall vote No. 740. If I had been present, I would have voted "yea."

TRIBUTE TO MR. LESLIE M. GREEN

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of America's unsung heroes, Mr. Leslie M. Green. Mr. Green is a retired Corporal of the 118th Army Air Forces Base Unit who has recently celebrated his 90th birthday. He is an ordinary man who has led an extraordinary life, one that deserves our recognition.

Leslie Green was born in East Point, Georgia on August 14, 1919. He was educated in the only high school available to him at the

time, the all-black Booker T. Washington High School in Atlanta. After graduation, he worked on the family farm and in his father's business, which was unusual at the time. However, Leslie was drafted into the United States Army at Fort Benning, Georgia, in 1941, and was sent to New Orleans for basic training with the 9th Aviation Squadron.

After basic training, he was sent to Maxwell Field in Tuskegee, Alabama, where he received on-the-job training in aircraft maintenance. He became an aircraft crew chief with the rank of Corporal. For his outstanding work, Corporal Green received the American Defense Ribbon, the American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Ribbon and the World War II Victory Medal. He was discharged in 1945.

Madam Speaker, there have been many honors and recognitions bestowed upon the pilots known as the Tuskegee Airmen. However, the crews that supplied and serviced these pilots and their aircraft have gone unnoticed by comparison. I want to take this opportunity to thank Corporal Leslie Green and all of his fellow crew members. Our country owes them a debt of gratitude for their role in the remarkable success of the Tuskegee Airmen.

However, his military service is not the only extraordinary aspect of Leslie Green's life. Upon his discharge from the Army, Mr. Green joined his brother in Detroit, Michigan where they opened the first barber school in the city. Mr. Green served as an instructor and helped operate this successful business until 1985. In 1991, he returned to his roots in East Point, Georgia.

Yet Mr. Green knew he wanted to accomplish even more in his life. During most of his adulthood, he had been overweight. His weight led to diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and arthritis. Mr. Green knew he had to get his weight under control to improve his quality of life. He changed his diet and started working out in the fitness center. Over time, he was able to lose seventy pounds, wean himself off insulin, and reduce his other medications. Today he exercises in the fitness center nearly every day serving as a positive example at ninety years old to those much younger. He is an ambassador for healthy living and a motivator for countless people in his community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Mr. Leslie Green's lifetime of achievement. This ordinary man has spent his life doing extraordinary things. He is a war hero, an entrepreneur, and a role model for healthy living. Mr. Green has never met a challenge he wasn't willing to take on wholeheartedly. Through hard work and dedication, he has succeeded time and again. He is a testament to American dedication and ingenuity. I applaud Mr. Leslie Green, and wish him a belated happy 90th birthday.

HONORING LORI WEINSTEIN AS AN ANGEL IN ADOPTION

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Lori Weinstein as a 2009 Angel in Adoption for her exceptional work in Montgomery County, Maryland's