

California; Petty Officer 2nd Class Carl P. Grigonis of Mayfield Heights, Ohio; Petty Officer 2nd Class Monica L. Beacham of Decaturville, Tennessee; Petty Officer 2nd Class Jason S. Moletzky of Norristown, Pennsylvania; and Petty Officer 3rd Class Danny R. Kreder II, of Elm Mott, Texas.

The following crew members of the Marine Corps helicopter are missing and presumed to have lost their lives in the line of duty: Maj. Samuel Leigh of Kennebec, Maine, and 1st Lt. Thomas Claiborne of Douglas, Colorado.

Today we consider House Resolution 891, which expresses the gratitude of the House of Representatives for the service to our Nation that these pilots and crewmembers provided, and extends its condolences to their family, friends, and loved ones.

I also thank the men and women of the Coast Guard and Marine Corps on behalf of my fellow Californians for the untold impact that they have had on the security of our home.

ARNO HOTT

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Arno Hott, who is stepping down from the Hampshire County Commission on Aging after 35 years; 25 served as board chairman.

Arno Hott was born in Kirby, WV, on November 13, 1924. On his 85th birthday we honor him for all the work he has done for Hampshire County. His wife, Dorothy, and four children should be extremely proud as Arno was one of the first board members on the Commission on Aging. What started with just three employees has grown to employ 110 people, making it among the top ten employers in Hampshire County.

We honor him for his time with the Commission on Aging, but his service to Hampshire County reaches much further. A graduate of Shepherd College, Arno taught in Hampshire County Schools for 36 years. He is very active with the community choir, the county fair, as well as the Ruritan Club, where he has been a member for 50 years. An instrumental part in starting a day care for seniors, Arno's involvement in the community has benefited so many and it is only right he receive acknowledgement in return for all his public service.

Having received the Distinguished West Virginian Award from four different Governors as well as the Outstanding West Virginian Award, it is an honor to recognize Arno Hott. It says great things about West Virginia to have people like you representing our great State.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EQUAL SUFFRAGE LEAGUE AND THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF VIRGINIA

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of Equal Suffrage League and its successor organization, the League of Women Voters of Virginia.

On November 20, 1909, at 4:00 in the afternoon, a meeting was held in the Richmond home of Mrs. Anne Clay Crenshaw. The purpose of this meeting was to lay the groundwork for an organization that would dedicate its efforts to the women's suffrage movement in Virginia. This organization was called the Equal Suffrage League (ESL).

The ESL was not the first organization formed in Virginia with the goal of granting voting rights to women; at least two and perhaps three other organizations had been formed in prior years between 1870 and 1900. But where the prior organizations faded, the Equal Suffrage League was able to maintain its passion and direction and continue the battle for women's suffrage.

The Nineteenth Amendment granting women the right to vote was ratified in August, 1920. Mrs. Anne Clay Crenshaw, at whose home the first ESL was held, wasted no time and registered to vote just days later on September 9, 1920.

On November 20, 1920, exactly 11 years after its founding, the Equal Suffrage League officially changed its name to the League of Women Voters of Virginia. Since that time, the League of Women Voters of Virginia has continued to expand its involvement and increase the involvement and participation of women in many areas including candidate and issue information, voting guides and laws, advocacy and public issues. There are now 12 local leagues and three Member at Large Units in the Commonwealth of Virginia, all of which continue the work of involving women and ensuring that their voices are heard.

The League of Women Voters of Virginia understands and promotes the fact that when women are informed, they become engaged; when they become engaged, they vote; and when women vote, they get results.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the League of Women Voters of Virginia on the occasion of this anniversary and also to thank the League of Women Voters of Virginia for their tireless work on behalf of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF LOCAL 360 OF THE UNITED ASSOCIATION OF PLUMBERS AND GASFITTERS

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 100th anniversary of Local 360 of the United Association of Plumbers and Gasfitters, headquartered in Collinsville, Illinois.

The Plumbers and Gasfitters Local 360 was chartered in 1909 in East St. Louis, Illinois. Situated on the Mississippi River, across from St. Louis and with a number of rail lines passing through it, the East St. Louis area early in the 20th Century was developing into a major industrial center. With commercial and residential development booming as families came to the region in search of work in the factories and stockyards, there was a need for skilled labor and for unions to represent those workers.

Under the original charter, Local 360 represented plumbers, steamfitters, gasfitters, and steamfitter helpers. The original officer was William J. Stewart, who served as secretary for the new local until November 20, 1909.

Local 360 has grown through the years and now represents 230 members in Madison and St. Clair counties. In addition to providing a strong voice for its members and providing the highest quality of labor, Local 360 also is committed to giving back to the communities where its members live and work. The Local provides support for a number of charitable organizations, such as the Shriners, Salvation Army and the Special Olympics.

In 1994, Local 360 moved its headquarters to Collinsville, Illinois. Current leadership is provided by William Hayes, business manager/financial secretary-treasurer; Matthew Popov, recording secretary; Paul Koehne, president; and Thomas Kowalski, vice president. Through their continued commitment to quality representation for their members and community involvement, Local 360 is a positive example of organized labor in southwestern Illinois.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the leadership and members of Local 360 of the United Association of Plumbers and Gasfitters as they celebrate their 100th anniversary.