

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 90TH
BIRTHDAY OF MARVIN C. HARDY

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to pay recognition to a special day in the life of Mr. Marvin C. Hardy of Sylacauga, Alabama.

Mr. Hardy was born on May 2, 1920 in Coosa County. He attended schools in Coosa County and graduated from American High School in Chicago, Illinois. He spent his early years working on the family farm and later worked two years at Alabama Dry Docks in Mobile as a Navy-certified welder before joining the Army in 1943.

Mr. Hardy is an American hero. He served in the 2nd Infantry Division during World War II, landing at Omaha Beach and fighting through the European Theater. He has been awarded the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Combat Infantry badge, Unit Citation and Good Conduct medal.

After returning home from the war, he began working in construction. Later in his career, he took early retirement to pursue his dreams of owning his own building and construction firm. In his personal life, Mr. Hardy has been married to his wife, Florence, for 64 years. The Hardy's are blessed with two daughters, Susan Wilson and Sherry Starovasnik, and are the proud grandparents of 4 grandsons.

Mr. Hardy is a member of First Baptist Church in Sylacauga and has served in many ministries including Deacon, Building and Grounds committee, Carpenters for Christ, and Brotherhood.

He is an avid deer and turkey hunter as well as a fisherman. In addition to working with wood, he likes to garden and spend time with his family.

I wish Mr. Hardy a very happy 90th birthday.

**NATIONAL WOMEN'S HEALTH
WEEK**

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to applaud the actions of the House of Representatives in recognizing the importance of women's health in our society. I am proud to be an original cosponsor of H. Con. Res. 268, which empowers women to make their health a top priority.

Mother's Day marked the start of National Women's Health Week. This observance is coordinated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office on Women's Health. This resolution encourages women to take small steps to improve their health and reduce their risk for many diseases.

This resolution reaffirms the sense of the House that all women must have access to medical services and receive fair treatment. Many women have faced significant obstacles in caring for themselves and their families.

This is why I voted with a majority of the House to pass health care reform. Health care reform has lowered costs for women, and prohibits insurance companies from overcharging because of gender or denying coverage because of a preexisting condition. Health care reform has improved women's access to medical services by requiring new health care plans to cover preventative care, routine screenings, and regular checkups.

During National Women's Health Week, it is important to encourage our wives, mothers, grandmothers, daughters, sisters, and aunts to make time to improve their health, and prevent disease. When women make their health a priority and take small, manageable steps to improve their health, the results can be significant and our entire nation benefits. The health of women is not just a women's issue, but an American issue that affects all of us.

May 10th was National Women's Checkup Day. I urge all women in my district, who have not done so already, to make an appointment with their health care professional. Also, I encourage the women in Georgia's Fourth District to take advantage of the educational events, workshops, and conferences taking place in Atlanta this week.

I encourage my colleagues to support this resolution which encourages women to take simple steps for a longer, healthier, and happier life.

**IN HONOR OF MR. EDWARD
BOWMAN, SR.**

HON. CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life of a great man and constituent, Mr. Edward Bowman, Sr. Mr. Bowman, of Cheshire, Connecticut, passed away on April 17, 2010 after a vigorous battle with cancer. He is survived by his eight children and twenty-five grandchildren.

If you know Cheshire, Connecticut, traffic jams aren't something we have to worry about every day. But on the day of his burial procession, Ed Bowman caused one heck of a traffic jam that virtually shut down Route 10. That is how beloved the man was to his family, his friends and his community. While not everyone at Mr. Bowman's funeral knew the man well, they certainly knew what he meant to their community and what a great loss his passing represented.

Ed Bowman was simply a giant in town, both in business and in charity. A devout Catholic, he lived his life in the true spirit of the Ignatian value of acting as a "man for others." Mr. Bowman came up from the bottom to eventually purchase and operate a successful business in Cheshire—White Bowman, Inc. While he was a good businessman, he was an even better volunteer and community cheerleader. If you volunteered at a St. Bridget food drive, Ed Bowman was probably packing grocery bags right next to you; if you thought kids in Cheshire needed more opportunities to participate in sports, Ed Bowman was probably chalking the ball field with you; and if you thought that more scholarships were needed to get more kids to college, Ed Bowman was

right there next to you selling raffle tickets and hustling for donations.

And he did it all without asking for anything. One of his friends at the local Rotary remarked that Mr. Bowman wasn't a member of the Rotary because he wanted to attain any leadership position but because he simply believed in the organization and its mission of community service.

Edward Bowman is a rarity among us. His service to his family and community wasn't based on the need for appreciation and acclamation, but instead he served for the most noble of reasons—it was the right thing to do, because he was a man for others.

There is no other way to put it—Ed Bowman WAS Cheshire, and the Bowman family that he built IS Cheshire. In honor of Edward Bowman, Sr. and his lifetime of service to his family and community I ask that all Members of the House of Representatives join me in a moment of silence for one outstanding American.

**HONORING MR. TIMOTHY P.
SISSLER**

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Timothy P. Sissler, the President and Chief Executive Officer of Reliance Bank in Altoona. Mr. Sissler deserves recognition for his career and accomplishments, which have truly been an asset to his industry and community.

The story of Mr. Sissler's career is characterized by hard work and business acumen. He began as a management trainee with Mid-State Bank and Trust Company and then rose through its ranks. When he became the Director of Commercial Banking, Mr. Sissler assumed responsibility for a \$750 million portfolio and over 100 officers and employees. He filled this position with such skill that the Central Bank of Hollidaysburg named Mr. Sissler as its President. Once again, Mr. Sissler's abilities proved up to his task, and while he was president, the bank produced double-digit deposit and loan growth. Since 2000, Mr. Sissler has served as president and Chief Executive Officer of Reliance Bank. As impressive as these career achievements are, Mr. Sissler also excels in other areas of the banking industry. He received an A.P. Giannini Public Speaking Award from the American Institute of Banking and coauthored an article for the Journal of Commercial Bank Lending. Furthermore, Mr. Sissler serves on the boards of several organizations, such as Mount Aloysius College and Pennsylvania Free Enterprise, and has been named a Fellow of Leadership, Blair County.

Timothy Sissler reminds us of the benefits hard work, diligence and integrity provide. With these characteristics, he has risen to the top of his field and provides responsible, positive leadership in the banking industry. I commend Mr. Sissler on his honorable achievements, and I look forward to many more.