

Twenty four percent of veterans who have received care in a Medical Foster Home qualify for VA's highest priority group due to having disabilities rated 50% or more service connected or having otherwise been found unemployable due to service connected conditions. Given that many of the veterans who are benefitting from this individualized, non-institutional care are disabled, afflicted with chronic disease, often elderly, and frequently 70% or more service connected, placing the entire cost burden for adult foster homes on their backs is no way to thank them for their valiant years in service. What's more, it creates an inequity of benefits between those who can afford to pay for such care and those that cannot.

The legislation I am introducing today would give VA the authority to enter into a contract with a certified adult foster home to pay for care for certain veterans already eligible for VA paid nursing home care. By doing so, it would ensure more veterans have the option to choose a treatment setting that best suits their needs free of financial constraints.

Our veterans in need of life-long care have earned the right to decide which long-term care environment would make them feel most at home. And, I encourage my colleagues to join with me in cosponsoring this legislation to make that decision easier.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ADVOCATES FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, the Advocates for Self-Government, one of the freedom movement's leading organizations, is celebrating their 25th anniversary this year. I am pleased to take this opportunity to congratulate the Advocates on this anniversary and wish them continued success in promoting liberty.

The Advocates were founded by my friend, the late Marshall Fritz. Marshall saw that the growth of the freedom movement was handicapped by the lack of an organization to help activists better communicate the freedom philosophy to the general public. In order to remedy this situation, Marshall rallied a group of activists and donors and founded the Advocates in order to teach libertarians how to effectively communicate their principles.

Under the leadership of Marshal from 1985 until 1991; Carole Ann Rand from 1991 until 1995; and Sharon Harris since 1995; the Advocates has helped countless libertarians by providing them with the intellectual resources necessary to effectively battle for a free society.

Without a doubt, the Advocates are best known for the "World's Smallest Political Quiz." Created by Marshall and based on an original idea by David Nolan, this quiz graphs an individual's political philosophy based on responses to a series of ten questions that measure one's commitment to economic and personal liberty.

Under Marshall's leadership, the Advocates undertook an aggressive program of promoting the quiz, distributing millions of copies of the quiz to libertarian activists. They also

generously provide free copies of the quiz, as well as libertarian literature and other outreach materials, free of charge to liberty-minded groups such as the Republican Liberty Caucus and Young Americans for Liberty.

The quiz has been taken over 15 million times online, has been reprinted in dozens of newspapers and magazine, is referenced by major high school and college textbooks, and is used by educators in classrooms across America. The quiz is responsible for many people's first contact with libertarian ideas. While traveling around the country, I have often heard people say, "I never knew I was a libertarian until I took the quiz."

The Advocates also recently revamped their Libertarianism.com web site, featuring commentary on the libertarian position on a variety of issues from notables in the freedom movement. I was honored when the Advocates asked me to participate in this project.

As they prepare to celebrate their 25th anniversary, it is a pleasure to thank the founder, the staff and the donors of the Advocates for Self-Government for all they have done for the cause of liberty. I wish them continued success.

CALLING FOR RELEASE OF
ISRAELI SOLDIER BY HAMAS

SPEECH OF

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. BERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1359, calling for Hamas to unconditionally release captured Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit. On June 25, 2006, Hamas terrorists illegally crossed into Israel from the Gaza strip, killed two Israeli soldiers, and kidnapped Corporal Gilad Shalit. Tomorrow marks the fourth year Gilad Shalit continues to be held captive by Hamas. He has been held in violation of international humanitarian law, without access to proper medical care, without access to his loved ones, and without access to the International Committee of the Red Cross, despite that organization's repeated requests to visit him.

I also rise today to strongly reaffirm America's unwavering commitment to the safety and security of the Jewish State of Israel. Israel and America's shared goal of a peaceful resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict can only be achieved when Hamas renounces acts of terrorism such as rocket attacks against civilian populations, suicide bombings in civilian areas, and the extortionist capture and detention of Israeli soldiers.

We continue to stand with the Shalit family in this very difficult time, and are praying for the safe and timely release of their courageous son.

TRIBUTE TO TRISH LOWREY
HOOPER

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of a distin-

guished Californian, Trish Lowrey Hooper, a longtime resident of the 14th Congressional District, who died after a fall on Thursday, June 3, 2010. She lived 87 full, productive, and compassion-filled years.

Trish Hooper was a devoted wife, a loving mother, intrepid traveler, painter, writer, and passionate American who worked tirelessly for justice, women's rights, and democratic values. As a child she lived in New Jersey, California, and Hawaii, and was a graduate of Sarah Lawrence College.

Trish Hooper had a great sense of *joie de vivre*. She was fascinated by everything and fascinating to be with. She married John Hooper, an attorney, and they spent the years of World War II on military bases. On returning to San Francisco, John Hooper practiced law and Trish raised their four children. In a characteristic action, she, John, and the children traveled by freighter to France in 1957, where they spent ten years with John working with NATO and she coping with the challenges of raising children in houses in Paris, Switzerland and Italy. She wrote charmingly of these European years in her memoirs.

In 1967, Trish and John Hooper moved to Woodside and immersed themselves in local issues. They worked tirelessly with the candidate who would later be their son-in-law, Paul N. "Pete" McCloskey, in his successful campaign to represent the people of the Mid-Peninsula area in the United States Congress.

Trish Hooper could prick the conscience of a community with her powerful thoughts and her pen. She had a conscience, she had integrity, and she had a magnificent mind. She went toe-to-toe with people and their ideas, always maintaining a level of civility and dignity while doing so. She always had the last word because her words were so powerful. She could move an individual with a paragraph, writing scores of powerful Letters to the Editors of newspapers and magazines across the country. Her work improved the editorial pages of local papers as well as the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Time, and Newsweek. She wrote three volumes of memoirs and illustrated them with her own paintings. Her watercolors helped raise money for causes she loved, including animal welfare, death with dignity, and freedom of choice for women.

One of her most recent letters was published in the Almanac, a venerable weekly published on the San Francisco Peninsula, on May 12, 2010. In this letter she excoriated Arizona's new immigration law. She wrote that "this new law increases the underlying racism which seems to have replaced the message held with such pride by the Statue of Liberty, a gift from France: 'give me your tired, you poor, your huddled masses yearning to be free . . . I lift my lamp beside the golden door.'

The message of 'freedom, democracy, and international friendship' is put aside as this vaunted compassionate country loses its bearings. Urged on by hate-mongers and the shrill voice of 'Gotcha!' plus cries of 'down with government,' we're teetering on the brink of a new brand of isolationism."

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our deepest sympathies to Trish Hooper's daughters Margo Hooper and Helen Hooper McCloskey, her sons John C. Hooper and Lawrence Hooper, her sister Helen Virginia Brown, her brother Charles F.