

Serving Fairfax County are Food for Others, SHARE of McLean, and Reston Interfaith. In Loudoun County are Loudoun Interfaith Relief, LINK, Seven Loaves, Tree of Life, and Guilford Food Pantry. In Prince William County is SERVE Inc. In Fauquier County is Fauquier Food Bank. In the Shenandoah Valley is Lord Fairfax Food Bank. Without the devoted workers who generously volunteer their time and efforts to feeding the community, countless individuals would go hungry each day.

I commend all of the volunteers and staff for their tireless commitment and service to those who are unable to make ends meet and put food on the table. I also commend the partnership that has developed between local grocery stores and food banks and food pantries to make available leftover and unused food, and I also thank those in the community who donate food to fill food pantry shelves.

TRIBUTE TO GOLDIE MICHALEK HOLDEN

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Goldie Michalek Holden of Mason City, Iowa, on the celebration of her 100th birthday on November 18, 2010.

Goldie has made a resounding difference in her community. For over forty years, Goldie was a first grade teacher in Mason City where she worked with many disadvantaged children. Goldie also taught Head Start, a program set up for students who learned English as a second language. When she retired, she left as principal at McKinley School.

She was married for the first time at the age of 71 to Arthur Holden. Although Goldie does not have any children of her own, she is surrounded by many loved ones: five step children, 14 step grandchildren, and 2 step great-grandchildren, four nieces and nephews and eight great-great nieces and nephews.

There have been many changes that have occurred during the past one hundred years. Since Goldie's birth we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television and the Internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism and the birth of new democracies. Goldie has lived through eighteen United States Presidents and twenty-two Governors of Iowa. In her lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

I congratulate Goldie Michalek Holden for reaching this milestone of a birthday. I am extremely honored to represent Goldie in Congress, and I wish her happiness, health and many more dances in her future years.

CELEBRATING THE 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF ARMANDO AND BETTY RODRIGUEZ

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2010

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Armando and Betty Rodriguez of

Fresno, California, as they celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

Over the course of their journey of the past 60 years, Armando and Betty have demonstrated a loving devotion and enduring partnership that continues to make their marriage a true inspiration for others.

Armando and Betty Rodriguez were both born and raised in Fresno, California, and were traditional high school sweethearts, having eyes only for each other. They attended Edison High School and graduated in 1947. Three short years later, they were married and in 1952, Armando joined the United States Air Force, serving our Great Country for four years, including a tour of duty in Korea, where he served as a Morse Code operator.

After being discharged, Armando and Betty resided in Fresno, while he completed his studies at Fresno State. Always true partners, when Armando decided to pursue his Juris Doctorate degree, Betty supported both of them by working in a number of part-time jobs. Armando became an attorney and, in 1972, went on to become the first Hispanic elected to the Fresno County Board of Supervisors. With Betty's unwavering support, Armando helped open the judicial doors for many other Latinos when he was appointed by then Governor Jerry Brown as a Fresno County Superior Court Judge in 1975. Armando would go on to serve in his judicial capacity for twenty years.

Armando Rodriguez is known to be proud of the many "firsts" in his life—his first marriage in its 60th year; first lawyer to work for the California Rural Legal Assistance; first in his family to graduate from college; and one of the first to be elected as an adviser with el Instituto de los Mexicanos en el Exterior during Mexico President Vicente Fox's administration.

Betty Rodriguez has been equally active in their beloved Fresno community by helping to found the League of Mexican American Women, and participating in the Ladies Aid to Retarded Citizens, the League of Women Voters, the Mexican-American Political Association, Friends of the Library, and countless other organizations. Despite her seemingly endless commitments to the community, Betty has also been and remains, a devoted caretaker of the Rodriguez home throughout their 60 years of marriage.

Armando and Betty have become known as local Latino icons and continue to have a tremendous impact on their families, friends and fellow community members. Furthermore, each has been a recipient of La Medalla Ohtli, the highest recognition that the Mexican government bestows on non-Mexican citizens and both were honored for their work with the Mexican Consulate, with Fresno's Sister City Torreon and with youth from Mexico.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in congratulating Armando and Betty Rodriguez on celebrating their 60th year of marriage, and expressing our hope that they are blessed with many more joyous years together.

RECOGNITION OF AUGUSTA L. BEVERLY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2010

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Augusta L. Beverly, a citizen of Neptune Township, New Jersey, who on July 25, 2010 will celebrate her 100th birthday. As her Representative, I would like to honor her remarkable life and her upcoming birthday.

"Gussie Louise," as Mrs. Beverly is affectionately known, has been an influential member of Neptune Township since 1982. She is an active member of the Neptune Senior Center where she participates in the Forever Young Club, the Neptune Seniors Club, ceramics classes, and many special events. Mrs. Beverly is one of the original members of the center and helped create many of the center's activities and groups.

Mrs. Beverly was born in 1910 in Jersey City, New Jersey to Otto and Katy Ludwig. She was taken from her parents in 1915 and separated from her two sisters, Ann and Barbara. An orphan by the age of six, Augusta had a difficult early life. She worked on a farm in Locktown and then served as a maid in Matawan and had little opportunity for education. After six challenging years, young Augusta was taken in by the Bennett family where she served as a companion for the elderly Mrs. Bennett. The family allowed young Augusta to go to school and travel with them. Augusta stayed with the Bennett family for 10 years.

In 1932, Mrs. Beverly met her future husband, Joseph Beverly, on the bridge next to the Old Grist Mill in Tinton Falls. After their marriage, the couple eventually settled in Eatontown where they had three children—Joseph, Norman, and Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Beverly were happily married for 12 years until 1945 when Mr. Beverly lost his life fighting at the Battle of the Bulge. During the war, Mrs. Beverly epitomized "Rosie the Riveter" and worked at the Steiner's Factory in Long Branch and then worked the night shift for the Bendix Corporation. She remains very proud of this part of her life. After residing in Florida and then Pennsylvania, Mrs. Beverly moved back to New Jersey in 1981 where she could be near her children and grandchildren. She has made a lasting impression on all of their lives and now has nine great-grandchildren who love her very much. She is an adored family member and is an inspiration to her community. It is wonderful that Mrs. Beverly will be celebrating her 100th birthday at the place that means the most to her, the Neptune Senior Center.

Madam Speaker, please join me in leading this body in acknowledging the extraordinary longevity of Augusta Beverly. She is a highly valued citizen of the state of New Jersey, and I am honored to commemorate her life today.