

JACKIE KENDALL AND STEVE  
MAX: CELEBRATING LIFETIMES  
OF ACHIEVEMENT

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 8, 2010*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate two extraordinary individuals: Jackie Kendall and Steve Max. This week, they will receive the 2010 Midwest Academy Lifetime Achievement award, in recognition of their decades of work on behalf of economic and social justice.

Jackie and Steve will continue their work in the years to come, but they have already accomplished so much. It is not just their own lifetimes that deserve to be honored, it is the impact that they have had on thousands of other lifetimes. Through their work at the Midwest Academy—a non-profit training organization that teaches organizing skills—they have empowered tens of thousands of individuals who have gone on to make tangible improvements in their communities, our country and the world.

My dear friend Jackie Kendall has been the executive director of the Midwest Academy for 29 years. She is retiring this year from that position. I know she is looking forward to spending time with her fabulous husband, Jerry, and her children and grandchildren. But I cannot imagine Jackie sitting by quietly when she sees problems that need solving nor can I imagine that those who have come to rely on her for strategic guidance will let her alone.

Jackie is one of the most passionate and most creative people I know. I first met Jackie in the grocery store near my home in 1969. The butcher was red-faced and yelling at her and a few other women who had the audacity to ask him the age of the meat he was selling. His answer was, "Go shop somewhere else, or I'll throw you out on your fannies, you geeks." This seemed unacceptable, though quite exciting, to me, so I went to find out. I immediately became involved in this housewives' campaign to get freshness dates on food, and immediately fell in love with Jackie Kendall. The rest is history. Dates on food products are nearly universal and Jackie Kendall went on to organize and inspire many, many more successful campaigns.

At the Midwest Academy, Jackie has had a partner in Steve Max, a denizen of the upper West Side of New York City, who helped get the Midwest Academy started in 1973. Working with Heather and Paul Booth, he helped design the original training curriculum—which includes the famous Midwest Academy strategy chart. Steve's clear economic analyses—peppered with the lessons he learned from his rabbi and shares with his listeners—have educated, inspired and entertained generations of activists.

Steve Max quite deservedly has a fan base across the country. He has worked with students and seniors, patients and scientists, with New Yorkers and Nebraskans, Pennsylvanians and Arizonans. Steve brings to his work not just an in-depth understanding of historic and macroeconomic forces but an ability to understand very local and distinctive concerns and problems, all seasoned with a unique and hilarious sense of humor. With those talents, he is able to craft specific strategies that work locally and globally.

Jackie and Steve have given individuals and organizations the skills and the confidence needed to make a difference in people's lives. They recognize that in today's world it is not always easy to take on powerful interests or to understand how large and complicated entities can be challenged successfully. The Midwest Academy was founded on the principle that—given the right training and tools—individuals can come together and build power. Over the years, they have trained student groups fighting for affordable tuition, seniors opposed to Social Security privatization, and rural groups eager to develop wind power.

In those and so many other efforts, Jackie, Steve and the Midwest Academy give people the tools they need to effectively participate in their communities and their government.

Jackie and Steve are true fighters for progressive change. They have built a foundation that will stand for generations to come.

**HONORING CHIEF MASTER SGT.  
RICHARD L. ETCHBERGER**

**HON. EARL POMEROY**

OF NORTH DAKOTA

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Mr. POMEROY. Madam Speaker, all of us have observed from time to time wounded heroes in uniform and with their loving families being guided through our Capitol by an energetic tour guide. I know we all appreciate the efforts made to reach out to those who are healing from the wounds of war and recognize them with these very trips to our Capitol.

The tour guide responsible for these visits is Albert Casswell and as I've come to know him, I have been deeply impressed by his commitment to those who have served our country.

This fall I asked Mr. Casswell to provide a tour for the family members of Chief Master Sergeant Richard Etchberger during the week Chief Etchberger was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for extraordinary heroism in service to our country.

During the Vietnam War he acted bravely to save the lives of his fellow airmen resulting in the tragic loss of his own life.

Mr. Casswell was moved as I was moved by meeting this wonderful family and learning the story of Chief Etchberger. He not only provided an exceptional tour for the family, he authored a poem in honor of Chief Etchberger and has inquired as to whether it was appropriate to include in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. I offer the poem of Mr. Casswell in appreciation of all he has done to help our soldiers and for his obvious concern for them and their families.

**SOME THINGS, TIME CAN NOT ERASE**

Some things, Time Can Not Erase  
Some things, time can not erase. . . .  
Some things, so high above all others are so placed. . . .  
A place of Honor, and of most amazing grace!  
That which brings such tears to our Lord's face. . . .  
That which makes the Angels up on high. . . .  
So begin to cry!  
All in your most selfless sacrifice. . . .  
To give up one's fine life. . . .  
For no other gift so burns so bright!  
Yes, Some things hold such a hallowed place. . . .

As to what new heights a soul can race. . . .  
All in the darkness of most evil war . . . as  
when most courageous heart so soared!  
That Heaven so insured. . . .  
But, a place up on high . . . but with our  
Lord. . . .  
Oh yes Richard, all in your Magnificent  
Honor In Death. . . .  
All in that moment of truth, as when your  
fine heart so began to crest!  
All In Valor, All In Honor and All In Most  
Selfless Death. . . .  
As into that darkness, you so bravely  
marched off but to give your very  
best. . . .  
As out into a future, all of those lives that  
you have so blessed. . . .  
And what child may so come, from all of the  
lives that you helped to save  
my son. . . .  
That may one day so Save The World, as Thy  
Will Be Done!  
Because, Some things Time Can Not So  
Erase. . . .  
For The Truth, Will. . . . Will Out All In The  
End, All In Honor's Place!  
And Such Magnificent Patriots as you, who  
have so made these here United States!  
For all of them and their families, Heaven so  
holds a place!  
For all of those fine sons who had to cry, and  
ask why did daddy die?  
And that lovely wife, who lost her best friend  
that night. . . .  
And all of those tearful Christmases not by  
their sides. . . .  
As all of those most swollen tear drops they  
all so cried!  
And those beloved parents, whose great pain  
shall never die, and never end. . . .  
And his Brothers, who but lost their best  
friend. . . .  
Because, Some things. . . . Time Can Not So  
Erase!  
Only when reunited in Heaven once again,  
will this pain so end this weight. . . .  
So wipe all of those tears from your most  
swollen eyes!  
For your lost love who now so up in Heaven  
as so resides, take comfort in this real-  
ized!  
For Richard, your fine life was such a Tour  
de Force. . . .  
As you so shined, so magnificently, so bril-  
liantly. . . . so valiantly as you went  
forth!  
All In Honor and Death, all in that uniform  
of The United States Air Force you  
soared!  
As a great American Hero, you will ever live  
on evermore!  
"Welcome Home, My Son. . . ."  
For Richard, new wings upon you are  
worn. . . .  
As An Angel In The Army of Our Lord. . . .  
To watch over us evermore. . . .  
As this day, we present to you. . . . The  
Medal of Honor, and to all your loved  
ones. . . .  
Because, Some things. . . . Time Can Not  
Erase!

**TRIBUTE TO PATRICK HATCH FOR  
HIS SERVICE AS A CONGRES-  
SIONAL FELLOW**

**HON. JOHN W. OLVER**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OLVER. Madam Speaker, the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development will bid farewell next week to Patrick Hatch, who