

HONORING THE LIFE OF ALFRED
EMIL KLINGENFUS

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, on March 10, 2011, Alfred "Al" Klingenfus of Crestwood, Kentucky passed away after a lifetime of humbly serving the people of Oldham County.

Mr. Klingenfus was born in 1918 in Crestwood, and graduated from Crestwood High School.

In addition to being a lifelong dairy farmer, he served for decades on the Oldham County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Committee and the Oldham County Zoning Appeals Board. He also played a key role in establishing the Oldham County Water District.

In 2008, Mr. Klingenfus was named one of the county's "Living Treasures" by the Oldham Era newspaper and the Oldham County Historical Society.

He was the loving husband of his wife, Etta, for more than sixty-six years, the father of five sons, the grandfather of eleven, and the great-grandfather of twelve.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Al's extended family and his many friends as they mourn his loss and celebrate his life.

IN RECOGNITION OF U.S. ARMY
MAJOR GENERAL (RETIRED)
ROBERT C. GASKILL AND U.S.
MARINE CORPS MASTER GUN-
NERY SERGEANT (RETIRED)
JOHN W. JONES JR.

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

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Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Prince William County Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and its 2011 "Salute to Veterans" Freedom Fund Banquet. U.S. Army Major General (Retired) Robert C. Gaskill and U.S. Marine Corps Master Gunnery Sergeant (Retired) John W. Jones Jr. will receive special recognition at the banquet for their service to our nation.

The NAACP was established in 1909 to eliminate racial prejudice and remove barriers of racial discrimination that prevent equal opportunity for all members of society. The Prince William County Chapter seeks to implement outreach initiatives, educational programs and victim services that address issues of discrimination in the local community. The local chapter hosts an annual Freedom Fund Banquet to raise funds to support the chapter's activities. This year, the program will honor veterans of the United States armed forces.

It is my honor to join the Prince William County Chapter of the NAACP in giving special recognition to two veterans and residents of Prince William County, Major General Gaskill and Master Gunnery Sergeant Jones.

General Gaskill was born in Yonkers, N.Y., on April 12, 1931, to John and Armania

Gaskill. The Gaskill family later moved to Arlington, Va. General Gaskill completed Reserve Officer Training as a Distinguished Military Graduate, and received a bachelor of science in business administration from Howard University in 1952. He was commissioned into one of the last all-black battalions in the United States Army. General Gaskill had a distinguished and decorated career in the Army before his retirement in 1981, to which he credits the support of his late wife Erotida Gaskill. General Gaskill is a Life Member of the NAACP, member of Unity in the Community, and an elder at his church.

Sergeant Jones was born in Memphis, Tenn., on September 3, 1930, to Mattie and John W. Jones, Sr. Sergeant Jones' mother passed away when he was nine, and he was raised by Laura Belle Jones, his father's second wife. In 1956, Sergeant Jones joined the United States Marine Corps. While in the Marine Corps, Sergeant Jones went to night school to complete his high school degree and enrolled in college courses. His service in the Corps included tours in the 1958 Lebanon Crisis and the Vietnam War. Sergeant Jones is married to the former Anne Tankins of Quantico. He is active in the NAACP and volunteers in his church, First Mount Zion Baptist Church, where he serves as Deacon Emeritus and sings in the choir.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the Prince William County Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and its 2011 "Salute to Veterans" Freedom Fund Banquet. I extend my personal appreciation to Major General U.S.A. (Retired) Robert C. Gaskill and Master Gunnery Sergeant U.S.M.C. (Retired) John W. Jones, Jr. for their service and sacrifice on behalf of our country.

EDI SHELDON TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

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Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Edi Sheldon of Walsenburg, Colorado. Ms. Sheldon worked for several years in the Huerfano County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Committee before serving as mayor of Walsenburg.

Ms. Sheldon grew up in the small town of Walsenburg before moving to Alamosa with her husband, Frank. In Alamosa, she worked on the local newspaper that her husband published. After his death, she spent a number of years publishing her own magazine in Denver.

She eventually returned to Walsenburg and became very active in the local government. She worked as the secretary for the Huerfano County Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Sheldon also sat on the local hospital board for two years. In 2005 she won her mayoral bid in the small town, and worked tirelessly advancing Walsenburg's economic interests and the prominence of her city. The commitment she had to building her community through public service is inspiring.

Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to recognize Edi Sheldon today. Her public service was exemplary and her presence can still be felt in the community.

A TRIBUTE TO EMILY MAYORGA,
29TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR—2011

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in Honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the accomplishments made by our nation's most distinguished women during the month of March.

I stand today to pay tribute to Emily Mayorga of Alhambra. A successful career woman, Emily has also always been a superb and selfless volunteer. From a very young age, Emily wanted to make a positive impact in her community. As a teenager, she volunteered at her Catholic church, and assisted her mother in numerous important projects. At the age of twelve, Emily began teaching Sunday school at the church. By, she had launched a program designed to teach adults in the church to read and write.

Emily was also committed to receiving a higher education. Upon graduating from high school, she attended California State University, Los Angeles, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. She continued her education at the University of Phoenix in Pasadena, and received a master's degree in Organizational Management.

Ms. Mayorga's career took shape at an early age. Her perseverance led her to attain various positions at the West San Gabriel Valley YMCA. What began as a summer job soon escalated into Emily holding the title of Associate General Director. After spending over two decades at the YMCA, she was hired as the Manager of Volunteers at the American Red Cross. Three years later, she was promoted to Human Resources Director. After working for the American Red Cross for four years, Emily was hired to work for the U.S. Department of Commerce/U.S. Census Bureau for one year as Assistant Manager for Recruiting. Ms. Mayorga supervised nearly twenty full-time employees, where her team recruited and tested over nine thousand individuals in the San Gabriel Valley for the 2010 Census.

Emily's accomplishments in the community are many. Ms. Mayorga joined the Soroptimist Club of Alhambra-San Gabriel-San Marino over a decade ago, and has served as President twice. From 1995 to 2000, Emily served as a spokesperson for the San Gabriel Valley United Way, and became a Board Member of the Alhambra Educational Foundation from 2004 to 2007. Currently, Emily serves as a delegate for the Soroptimist Club and as an Auxiliary Board Member for the Alhambra Retirement Community. Moreover, she is also a tireless volunteer for the Tzu-Chi Foundation and the Alhambra Public Library.

I ask all members to join me today in honoring an outstanding woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Emily Mayorga, for her exceptional service to the community.