

Congress or first Portland Mayor over half a century ago were pioneers—but Betty was unique.

Yes, Betty Roberts was the first woman to serve on Oregon's Court of Appeals and State Supreme Court. Her most important contributions began when she was the only woman in the State Senate. In this unique position of leadership she willfully tackled the problems that face women in politics and society. She understood the challenges facing women who were pioneering these efforts. As she broke barrier after barrier she learned lessons the hard way. With grit and legislative leadership she fought to protect women's health and civil liberties and their efforts in the marketplace.

Betty ran amazingly strong statewide campaigns for Governor and U.S. Senate. While she didn't win the elections, she proved her strength, character, and vision. Her many accomplishments in politics, and a career as a successful educator, lawyer, legislator, and jurist stood out, but it was her strong will and sensitivity that made her an inspirational role model.

Betty demonstrated what was possible. Today there are hundreds of people that she inspired who have assumed leadership on the bench, at the bar, in government and through civic and business leadership. In turn, these women are inspiring the next generation which may be Betty's most enduring legacy—a legacy that will benefit our state for generations to come.

IN MEMORY OF CSM (RET) EDDIE  
ROBERTS

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 8, 2011*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a decorated soldier, community leader, public servant, and my longstanding friend, CSM (Ret) Eddie Roberts. Sadly, CSM Roberts passed away suddenly on July 6, 2011, but he left a legacy and a personality that will never be forgotten.

Eddie was a native of Pensacola, Florida. Spurred by a love of country, he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1965 and completed basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Throughout his military career, he had 13 military assignments, which included tours in Korea, Germany, and Panama. He served two decorated tours in Vietnam, during which he displayed remarkable heroism and earned the endearing nickname, "Fast Eddie." During his tour in Panama, he trained soldiers to throw grenades. When one soldier dropped the grenade after pulling the safety pin, Eddie quickly grabbed the grenade and safely tossed it away from frightened soldiers.

His military career earned him many honors including: the Legion of Merit, Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Ranger Tab, Jumpmaster Wings and the Pathfinder Badge.

After his distinguished military career ended in 1995, he found other ways to give back to the community that he loved so much. He started work at Columbus Bank and Trust as Vice President and Military Sales Coordinator. He never forgot his experience in the military

and never forgot his love of soldiers. He used his position to help soldiers become better managers of their finances. Moreover, he advocated for their causes with a fervor and spirit that made you take notice and appreciate his passion for his comrades.

In addition to improving the lives of soldiers, Eddie was involved in many social and civic organizations dedicated to the improvement of his community. He was one of the founding members of the Controllers Civic and Social Club in Columbus, an organization that has given away more than 20,000 pairs of shoes to low-income children. Because of his infectious personality, Eddie never met a stranger he didn't like and always tried to put himself in the "shoes" of others. Consequently, thousands of young people have been able to walk in shoes with pride and dignity.

On a personal note, Eddie was my dear friend for many years. During my first Congressional campaign and subsequent campaigns, he was one of my drivers. He often joked that: "He was never paid for his services." He continued to provide me with treasured friendship and wise counsel over the years.

The phrase, "One of a Kind" is used too much in our everyday discourse. I can truly say that CSM (Ret) Eddie Roberts was one of a kind and will never be forgotten. One of my mentors, Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, once said that, "Every man and woman is born into the world to do something unique and something distinctive and if he or she does not do it, it will never be done."

Mr. Speaker, the world is a better place because CSM (Ret) Eddie Roberts passed this way. He did something unique with his life and the world is better for it. On behalf of my wife, Vivian and I, I extend my deepest sympathies to all those who knew and loved this special man.

A LOOK AT MEDIA BIAS

**HON. LAMAR SMITH**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 8, 2011*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker. I submit the following.

**MEDIA FAIRNESS CAUCUS—A LOOK AT MEDIA BIAS**

Rep. Lamar Smith (R-TX), Chairman  
Rep. Jack Kingston (R-GA), CoChair  
Rep. Michele Bachmann (R-MN), CoChair

**MEDIA'S LIBERAL BIAS DISTORTS FAIR COVERAGE**

From U.S. News & World Report:

"The liberal bias of the mainstream media tilts so far left that any outlets not in that political lane, like the Drudge Report and Fox News Channel, look far more conservative than they really are, according to a UCLA professor's new book out next month.

"In a crushing body blow to the pushers of the so-called 'Fox Effect,' which claims the conservative media is dragging the left into the center, UCLA political science professor Tim Groseclose in *Left Turn* claims that 'all' mainstream news outlets have a liberal bias in their reporting that makes even moderate organizations appear out of the mainstream and decidedly right-wing to news consumers who are influenced by the slant."

In the book, Groseclose writes: "Fox News is clearly more conservative than ABC, CBS, CNN, NBC and National Public Radio. Some will conclude that 'therefore, this means that Fox News has a conservative bias.' Instead, maybe it is centrist, and possibly even left-leaning, while all the others are far left. It's like concluding that six-three is short just because it is short compared to professional basketball players."

**AMERICANS SEE MEDIA AS BIASED, LIBERAL**

Two-thirds of Americans believe that reporters try to help the candidate they want to win an election, according to a recent Rasmussen public opinion poll. Only 2 in 10 think reporters try to offer unbiased coverage.

The survey also found that almost half of Americans think reporters would hide any damaging information about the candidate they wanted to win. And by more than two-to-one, Americans say the average reporter is more liberal than they are, rather than more conservative.

If the national media want to earn Americans' trust, they should give them the facts, not tell them what to think.

**FIRST LADY THANKS MEDIA FOR "SUPPORT" AND "KINDNESS"**

During a recent interview on CNN, First Lady Michelle Obama thanked the national media for their "support" and "kindness." Below is an excerpt from the interview:

CNN reporter: "How's the family ready for this [the election]? It's going to be quite vicious, isn't it? How do you prepare for that?"

First Lady Michelle Obama: "You know, it's . . . we're ready, you know. Our children, you know, could care less about what we're doing. We work hard to do that. Fortunately, we have help from the media. I have to say this: I'm very grateful for the support and kindness that we've gotten. People have respected their privacy and in that way, I think, you know, no matter what people may feel about my husband's policies or what have you, they care about children and that's been good to see."

A TRIBUTE TO NORMA DUFFIELD  
"DUFFY" STONG LYON

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 8, 2011*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Mrs. Norma Duffield "Duffy" Stong Lyon. Most Iowans would know her as Iowa's beloved "Butter Cow Lady."

For nearly a half-century, Mrs. Lyon shared her artistic skills with travelers from all over the world at the Iowa State Fair by creating a life-size sculpture of a dairy cow made from hundreds of pounds of butter. In fact, after crafting her first cow in 1960, she subsequently crafted 46 of the butter cow sculptures the Iowa State Fair has displayed over the past 100 years.

As many other community members know, Mrs. Lyon used her notoriety to raise funds for charitable projects in Toledo, Iowa for the betterment of the community.

Mrs. Lyon's family, including her husband Joe, nine children, twenty-three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren, along with hundreds of members of the community gathered