

beginning his work in health care administration working in long-term care facilities, ambulatory care centers and hospitals.

For the last twenty-three years, Mr. Conway has worked at the New Hampshire State Veterans Home, providing quality care and services to our states aging and disabled veterans. Under his leadership the Veterans Home has become a sought after long-term care facility, focusing on the special needs of our veterans. The care provided to our veterans not only meets their specific challenges and needs, but honors both them and their service to our country.

Mr. Conway has also shared his expertise and experience in caring for the elderly, frail, and disabled veterans as a member of many associations including the National Association of State Veterans Home, American College of Health Care Administrators, New Hampshire Health Care Association, and the American Legion. He has served New Hampshire and its residents well, especially our veterans community, and he will be sorely missed when he leaves the Veterans Home.

I congratulate Barry Conway on his well earned retirement and thank him for his outstanding support of our veterans here in New Hampshire. I wish both Barry and his wife Barbara continued success in their life together.

TRIBUTE TO THE WEST END
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2012

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the West End Church of God in Christ in my district of San Antonio, Texas as they celebrate 95 years of service to the community.

Throughout the past 95 years, they have worked diligently to provide the local community with spiritual enrichment, guidance and support. For nearly a century, they have endured and succeeded in accomplishing their mission to generations of families.

The service of The West End Church of God in Christ is as important today as it was 95 years ago, and their impact on our community cannot be understated. I would again ask you to help me congratulate The West End Church of God in Christ on their 95th jubilee.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF THE HONORABLE WARREN
BRIGGS

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2012

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to recognize the life and service of the Honorable Warren Briggs. Mayor Briggs was a dedicated public servant and a staple in the community. Northwest Florida mourns his passing.

Mayor Briggs, a Saint Paul, Minnesota native, led a distinguished life as a public servant, businessman, educator and soldier. He was a graduate of the United States Military

Academy at West Point who answered the call of duty and served our nation with honor and distinction. Mayor Briggs served as a pilot in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II, and later returned to his alma mater to serve as an English Instructor at West Point. He served in the United States Air Force until 1957, achieving the rank of Major. Following his military service, Mayor Briggs settled down in northwest Florida with his wife, Gloria, and joined his father-in-law in the Century, Florida sawmills at Alger-Sullivan Company.

It did not take long for Mayor Briggs to become active in Pensacola and Escambia County politics. In 1966 he was elected to the Florida House of Representatives. Mayor Briggs was widely respected by his colleagues in the Florida State Legislature, and was described as a gentle politician by his friends. In 1976, he continued his service to the northwest Florida community as Mayor of the City of Pensacola until 1978.

Mayor Briggs was involved in myriad civic organizations and charities such as Hospice of Northwest Florida, University of West Florida Foundation, USO Downtown Improvements, Junior Achievement of Pensacola, the Navy League of the United States, the Children's Home Society, United Cerebral Palsy, the Pensacola Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Pensacola Museum of Art. He was also president of Baptist Health Care Foundation. Mayor Briggs' work ethic, humility, and dedication to the citizens of northwest Florida did not go unnoticed. He had been honored as the Businessman of the Year by the Pensacola News Journal, BIP Community Leader of the Year, and Madison Fellow. Mayor Briggs was also bestowed with the United Way Distinguished Community Service Award and the Baptist Healthcare Foundation Fellowship Award.

Mayor Briggs had a deep passion and commitment to beautifying the City of Pensacola, and he wanted to establish the city as the Crape Myrtle Capital of the World. He encouraged community residents to color the area by planting crape myrtles in their yards and other public spaces. He also worked to highlight the beauty and history of the city by developing and restoring Pensacola's historic buildings through his company, Thompson-Briggs Developers. He was also the self-appointed Pensacola weed inspector, a role that friends and family claim he was most passionate about.

To some, Mayor Briggs will be remembered as a dedicated public servant and member of our armed forces. To others, he will be remembered as an amiable and caring neighbor always willing to lend a hand to improve the city's appearance. To his family, he will most fondly be remembered as a loving brother, father, and grandfather. His impact on northwest Florida was immense, and his legacy will never be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it gives me great pride to honor the life and service of Warren Briggs. My wife Vicki joins me in extending our most sincere condolences to his daughter, Sandi Briggs; granddaughter, Clancy Bambrick; brother and sister-in-law, Edward and Nan Briggs and the entire Briggs family.

IN RECOGNITION OF BOB MURRAY

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2012

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Bob Murray for his long and distinguished career helping families on Cape Cod.

For the past twenty-five years, Bob has been one of the Cape's strongest advocates for those who are in need of a home. He first became involved with helping the homeless when he was a small business owner and town selectman in Arlington, Massachusetts. Upon his retirement, Bob, like many in Massachusetts, chose to relocate to the Cape. Unlike most, however, his work did not end there. Instead, Bob chose to dedicate himself to helping those who are struggling with homelessness. When he found out that several local families were living in hotels, and threatened with losing even that form of shelter, he went into action, visiting every local pastor in the town of Harwich and raising money to help these families establish new homes. This grassroots initiative quickly grew into the Harwich Ecumenical Council for Housing, or HECH, an organization that has helped countless families since it was officially founded in 1990. Today, HECH's many responsibilities include the management of a portfolio of fifty-eight of its own rental units, one-to-one assistance with homeownership opportunities, and individual counseling. In addition, HECH founded The Children's Center of Harwich, a year-round childcare program that has proven to be an important resource for the area's working families.

Bob's compassion for those struggling with homelessness has reached nearly every corner of Cape Cod. In addition to being the president and founder of HECH, Bob was also a founding board member of the Family Pantry of Cape Cod, an organization that has provided food and clothing to those in need for nearly twenty-three years. He also founded the Falmouth Service Center in Falmouth, Massachusetts, a one-stop organization that provides housing opportunities, clothing, and community resources to local families. Nonprofits nationwide now turn to Bob for consulting, as his story is seen as a model of what can be accomplished when one is truly dedicated to helping others.

Residents of Cape Cod's shoreline know Bob as the man who loves to raise awareness for a good cause. For the past twenty years, Bob has organized the annual Housing with Love Walk on Cape Cod, leading others as they walk along the coast from Provincetown to Sandwich in order to raise awareness for the issues faced by the homeless. This year, Bob's organizations joined forces with several other local nonprofits, and over a quarter of a million dollars was raised for those in need. Known as an "entrepreneur with a deep heart," Bob is well-loved by his friends and co-workers. He continues to work tirelessly with his wife, Judy, in ensuring that no family on Cape Cod faces the incredible hardship of homelessness.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Bob Murray for his extraordinary career in helping others. I am proud to call him my friend and I ask that my colleagues join me in