

your extraordinary life and contribution to our community. We will miss you tremendously.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE  
OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA'S BE-  
LOVED REVEREND WILLIE H.  
CARTER

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 12, 2012*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is my privilege to honor the life and service of Northwest Florida's beloved Reverend Willie H. Carter. All of Northwest Florida, and in particular the people of Century, Florida, mourn the loss of this extraordinary man.

Reverend Carter spent the majority of his adult life in service to his fellow man. He was a strong advocate of human dignity and a tireless proponent of the importance of living up to one's God-given potential. Whether it was early on, as a counselor in the schools of Century, Florida, or later as Pastor of Pilgrim Lodge Baptist Church, Reverend Carter's love of our Lord was matched only by his devotion to the betterment of the youth in his community.

Friends and neighbors warmly recall this humble man with a ready smile and firm handshake who made a deep impact on all who had the good fortune to know him. "Your life is in your hands," he was fond of telling young people. "You can make it anything you want it to be." But Reverend Carter also called upon them to improve themselves by turning off the television and picking up a book. He was famous for challenging young people to "watch TV for an hour, close your eyes and see what you got out of that. Then read a book, close your eyes and see what you learned."

Aside from his work in education and in the church, he was an advocate for schools in the community, was named one of the Grand Marshals of the Northview High School Homecoming Parade in 2010, took part in the 2010 Northview Baccalaureate service, and was previously named a NorthEscambia.com Person of the Year. Additionally, in 2011, I was pleased to welcome Reverend Carter, a World War II veteran, to Washington D.C., when he took part in the ninth and final Emerald Coast Honor Flight.

To some, Reverend Carter will be remembered as a spiritual leader; to others, he will be remembered for his tireless work on behalf of the youth of the Northwest Florida Community; and to his family and friends he will always be remembered as a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He touched the lives of many with his self-giving devotion and tireless commitment to service.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I am honored to recognize the life, honorable service and accomplishments of Reverend Willie H. Carter. He will be missed by many, but his memory will live on through the timeless legacy he leaves behind. My wife Vicki joins me in extending our thoughts and prayers to Kraig, Audra, Paris, Lauren, Aerial, and the entire Carter family.

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM NEIS

**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 12, 2012*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of William E. Neis, a resident of Bucks County who passed away on September 22 at the age of 93. Mr. Neis served as the honorable Mayor of Doylestown, PA, retiring after 25 years of volunteer service. He retired at the age of 86 as the longest serving mayor in Doylestown history and was known as "The Doylestown Cupid" for the thousands of weddings he performed for local couples. Friends and colleagues remembered him as a soft-spoken, modest man who embodied the characteristics and contributions of the "greatest generation."

Mr. Neis enjoyed distinguished careers. First, he served as a master sergeant in chemical warfare for the U.S. Army in World War II. He was the owner and CEO of William Neis & Son, Doylestown's soft drink bottler and beverage distributorship. He also was the state director of the PA Bottlers Association before becoming Mayor of Doylestown.

William Neis represented the best of Bucks County. A lifelong resident of Doylestown, he served his community for a majority of his life, maintained a loving family and was respected by all in Doylestown for his humble and selfless nature. His contributions will be missed.

IN RECOGNITION OF RUTH WISNOM

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 12, 2012*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Ruth Wisnom, the most committed and altruistic volunteer I know. Ruth has dedicated her life to helping others and creating a better future for all of us.

Ruth started volunteering with Peninsula Family Services 48 years ago, a testament to her perseverance and commitment. She and her husband David Wisnom have also passed on their passion for volunteering to their children and grandchildren.

I commend Peninsula Family Service for honoring her with the Wisnom Family Award. The organization could not have chosen a more deserving family which exemplifies its mission to empower children, families and older adults to achieve and maintain self-sufficiency.

Ruth grew up in Ontario, Oregon. She went to Ontario High School and received her B.A. in Speech and Hearing Therapy from the University of Oregon.

From 1955 to 1957 she was the Assistant Director of the speech clinic at the May T. Morrison Rehabilitation Center in San Francisco. The following year she was a speech and reading consultant and English teacher at the Taipei American Schools in Taiwan.

She used her speech therapy expertise to set up speech clinics at the Crippled Children's Society in Monterey County and at UCSF Medical Center.

Since Ruth started volunteering for Peninsula Family Services—formerly Family Service

Agency—in 1964, she has served on many boards of directors and committees, including Family Service Agency 75th Anniversary, Biennial Family Service Agency International Conference in Detroit, Family Service America, Family Service Agency of San Mateo County and as president of San Mateo County's Hillsborough Auxiliary. She is still an active member of the auxiliary and established its popular annual travel auction in 1970. Ruth is an honorary lifetime board member of Peninsula Family Service.

Ruth's service to the community includes other non profits—Peninsula Community Foundation, the Monterey County Symphony, and the San Francisco Opera Guild Board where she has been a tireless advocate for children's education and served as vice-president of fundraising. Her love for children is also evident in her work for the Avery Fuller Children's Center Foundation, the Episcopal Church of St. Matthew's and the Junior League of San Francisco and of the Monterey Peninsula, the Children's Home Society and the Crippled Children's Society.

Ruth's love of flowers, especially roses, has driven her to support the Hillsborough Garden Club where she was president from 1995 to 1997 and served on the Bay Area Steering Committee planning a weeklong flower, horticulture and ecology show.

Her unwavering commitment and service to our community have been recognized with several volunteer of the year awards from different groups.

Ruth and David are the parents of two children, David Wisnom, III and their late daughter Carol Wisnom Kastner who passed away in 2008. The garden at the Peninsula Service's Child Development Learning Center is named in her memory, "Carol's Kinder Garden."

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor an extraordinary human being who epitomizes inexhaustible generosity and kindness. Our community and the world is a better place because of Ruth Wisnom.

TRIBUTE TO MALALA YOUSAFZAI

**HON. JAMES P. MORAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 12, 2012*

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call my colleagues' attention to an eloquent op-ed article by First Lady Laura Bush, published in the Washington Post this week following the horrific attack by Taliban gunmen on a 14-year-old girl, Malala Yousafzai. Mrs. Bush writes: "Malala inspires us because she had the courage to defy the totalitarian mindset others would have imposed on her. . . [she] refused to look the other way. We owe it to her courage and sacrifice to do the same."

We are all horrified by the news of the savage attack on Malala. Taliban gunmen hunted her down as she returned home from school in the Swat Valley town of Mingora, Pakistan. The Taliban attackers also wounded two other schoolgirls riding on the bus with her.

This was a tragedy that could easily have been foretold. Malala was perhaps the most famous 14-year-old girl in the world, and for

good reason. An activist since age 11, she had forcefully advocated for the cause of girls' education through a BBC blog, and she is a nominee for the International Children's Peace Prize. All she wanted to do was attend school like her brothers, in the hopes of becoming a doctor. But the Taliban announced their intention to kill her for her beliefs.

We can honor Malala by recommitting ourselves to invest in the development of girls all over the world. It is painfully ironic that, as Malala fights for her life this week, the world marks the first ever International Day of the Girl Child, designated by resolution of the United Nations General Assembly in 2011. Today, as we pray for Malala's survival and full recovery, our hopes must go beyond the Swat Valley and beyond the tribal totalitarianism of the Taliban.

The U.S. Agency for International Development points out that of the 850 million girls in the world, some 62 million do not attend school. This has devastating effects, not only on these girls and their families but on the generations that succeed them.

One in seven girls in the developing world marries before the age of 15. This leads to early pregnancy, and a host of risks to her life and health. But, with at least 7 years of basic education, young women tend to marry up to 4 years later, and they have 2.2 fewer children. USAID points out that with each extra year of basic education, a young woman earns 10 to 20 percent more in income. And women tend to spend a greater proportion of the finances under their control for the benefit of their family than men.

The Pakistani people value education, as we well know from our own admiration for the Pakistani Americans who so enrich our society. It is encouraging that the Pakistani people and government have rallied in support of Malala. The government has committed itself to bringing her attackers to justice, and spontaneous demonstrations of support for her and for the cause of basic education for girls have sprung up throughout the country.

Malala's hope was to become a doctor. But in the New York Times video posted this week after the attack, we learn from Malala's family that she was also thinking of becoming a politician, so that—in the words of her father Ziauddin Yousafzai—she could help create a society where a girl could easily achieve a doctoral degree, or any other academic goal.

That should be our focus as we work with the Pakistani people to create that society, and destroy the mind-set that says women and girls must remain subjected to domination by men.

[From the Washington Post, Oct. 11, 2012]

#### WHY MALALA INSPIRES US

(By Laura Bush)

On Tuesday afternoon, Malala Yousafzai was a 14-year-old girl riding home on a school bus. Now, after a masked gunman apparently boarded her bus, asked for her by name and shot her in the head and neck, she is fighting for her life. Malala was targeted by the Pakistani Taliban because for the past three years she has spoken out for the rights of all girls to become educated. After this despicable shooting, a Taliban spokesman said that his organization considers Malala's crusade for education rights an "obscenity" and accused her of "propagating" Western culture. If she survives, the group promises to try again to kill her.

Eleven years ago, America awoke to the barbaric mind-set of the Taliban. Its regime

in Afghanistan was dedicated in part to the brutal repression and abject subjugation of women. Women were not allowed to work or attend school. Taliban religious police patrolled the streets, beating women who might venture out alone, who were not dressed "properly" or who dared to laugh out loud. Women could not wear shoes that made too much noise, and their fingernails were ripped out for the "crime" of wearing nail polish.

Today, the Taliban has been pushed back, but it still operates in parts of Afghanistan and in the northern and western regions of Pakistan along the Afghan border. The city where Malala was shot, Mingora, is in Pakistan's Swat province, which has been on the front lines of the battle against Taliban extremists. In 2007, the Taliban gained control of Swat, only to be largely pushed out in the summer of 2009 by a Pakistani military offensive. During its time in power, the Taliban closed and destroyed girls' schools, leaving behind little more than piles of rubble; enforced its own interpretation of sharia law; and banned the playing of music in cars.

At age 11, to protest what was happening in her homeland, Malala began to write about her experiences, producing a blog for the BBC's Urdu-language service. She described wearing plain clothes, not uniforms, so that no one would know she was attending school and wrote about how she and other girls "hid our books under our shawls." Nonetheless, after the Taliban forced the closure of her school, Malala had no choice but to stay home and suspend her education. In another blog entry, she wrote: "Five more schools have been destroyed, one of them was near my house. I am quite surprised, because these schools were closed so why did they also need to be destroyed?" A few weeks later she wrote, "I am sad watching my uniform, school bag and geometry box" and "hurt" because her brothers could go to school while she could not.

Malala had dreamed of becoming a doctor, but recently she became interested in politics and speaking out for the rights of children. In 2011, Malala was a nominee for the International Children's Peace Prize, which lauded her bravery in standing up for girls' educational rights amid rising fundamentalism at a time when few adults would do the same. Last year, she was awarded Pakistan's first National Youth Peace Prize. These are the accomplishments of the young girl who so terrified the Taliban.

Condemnations of the attempt on Malala's life have been swift and powerful. The U.S. government called it "barbaric" and "cowardly." Pakistan's prime minister said, "Malala is like my daughter, and yours too. If that mind-set prevails, then whose daughter would be safe?" And the Pakistani army's chief general said that the Taliban has "failed to grasp that she is not only an individual, but an icon of courage."

Speaking out after an atrocious act, however, isn't enough. Malala inspires us because she had the courage to defy the totalitarian mind-set others would have imposed on her. Her life represents a brighter future for Pakistan and the region. We must speak up before these acts occur, work to ensure that they do not happen again, and keep our courage to continue to resist the ongoing cruelty and barbarism of the Taliban. Malala Yousafzai refused to look the other way. We owe it to her courage and sacrifice to do the same.

Malala is the same age as another writer, a diarist, who inspired many around the world. From her hiding place in Amsterdam, Anne Frank wrote, "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." Today, for Malala and the many girls like her, we need

not and cannot wait. We must improve their world.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF U.S. BORDER AGENT NICHOLAS J. IVIE

#### HON. JASON CHAFFETZ

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2012

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated Border Patrol Agent and American hero who died tragically while working to keep America's southern border secure. In the early morning hours of October 2, 2012, 30-year-old Border Patrol Agent Nicholas J. Ivie died near Bisbee, Arizona, while responding to a sensor in a remote border region. He died in the line of duty of injuries sustained from a gunshot wound. We honor his service and sacrifice to the security and safety of the American people.

Born in Charleston, South Carolina on October 31, 1981, Agent Ivie later moved to Provo, Utah, where he graduated from Timpview High School. He subsequently spent two years in Mexico serving as a full-time missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In Mexico, he not only developed a fluency in Spanish, but a great love of the people of Mexico. He eventually became certified as a firefighter and EMT because he felt it was the right thing to do. At the time of his death, Agent Ivie was living and serving near Naco, Arizona with his brother Joel, who was also a Border Patrol Agent. He died in a beautiful place among rugged terrain which he had frequently patrolled on his beloved horse and companion, Mouse.

After joining the Border Patrol's horse patrol, Agent Ivie was assigned a new mustang that had been captured in the wild, according to his brother Joel. The horse's ears were rounded because the tips had frozen off in the cold, so he named it Mouse. Nick loved horses and had a special relationship with Mouse, the horse who rode riderless in Ivie's 5-mile funeral procession ahead of dozens of agents on horseback.

Agent Ivie was an outstanding agent and, according to his family, a compassionate man. He once carried a pregnant woman with bare, badly-blistered feet for a mile and a half after she and her group of illegal border crossers became lost in the desert. He took his obligations to his family, friends and to his church, very seriously. He is remembered for his selflessness and his absolute commitment to family, country and faith. He also distinguished himself as a dedicated and accomplished agent who loved his job, his coworkers and his service to his fellow man.

We honor the tremendous personal sacrifice of Agent Ivie's family. He leaves behind his wife, Christy Lyn and two daughters, 3-year-old Raigan and 22-month-old Presley. Those around him knew he had a deep love for his wife and called his daughters his pride and joy. We also recognize his mother, Cheryl, father, Doug, four siblings: Chris, Andrea, Rick and Joel, and his stepmother Donetta. Agent Ivie was the youngest of his five siblings.

The United States of America is a beacon for freedom and liberty around the world because of the honorable and dedicated service