

I am pleased to note that the love and devotion displayed by Mr. L.J. and Mrs. Melva Jean Halbert throughout their 60 years of marriage has been an inspiration to their nieces and nephews, in-laws, coworkers and all who know them. I extend my congratulations for 60 years and wish them many more.

RECOGNIZING ULAUNDA NUNN AS HURLBURT AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION CHAPTER 398 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR FOR 2013

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Ulaunda Nunn as the Hurlburt Air Force Association (AFA) Chapter 398 Elementary School Teacher of the Year for 2013. For 16 years, 12 of which spent teaching in Florida, Ms. Nunn has been an inspiration to her students, her colleagues, and the Northwest Florida community. I am honored to recognize her success and achievements.

Following in her grandmother's footsteps and boosted by her words of encouragement and those of her parents, Ms. Nunn immediately fell in love with teaching, when she took a side job as a substitute teacher following college. This passion naturally led her to change courses and pursue a career in education.

Currently a teacher at Bob Sikes Elementary School in Crestview, Florida, Ms. Nunn's passion and dedication has helped propel her students to become engaged and interested in the world of science through STEM education. Ms. Nunn's curriculum incorporates activities like rocket launches and a chopper-drop to analyze trajectories and learn about wings and rotation, respectively. As an "Engineers for America" Lead Teacher, Ms. Nunn is charged with assisting in the development of aerospace and engineering programs for all students and teachers at her school. With the support from the outside community, Ms. Nunn established the "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology" (FIRST) Lego Robotics Program at Bob Sikes Elementary. In fact, thanks to Ms. Nunn's leadership, her school qualified to compete in the Florida state-level robotics competition in both 2012 and 2013.

Ms. Nunn's commitment to excellence is evidenced by her pursuit of outside opportunities to broaden her own education and experiences in an effort to better serve her students. Ms. Nunn is an active member of myriad organizations, including the Air Force Association, the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, the Okaloosa County School District's Science and Technology committees, and a regular participant at the AFA Hurlburt Chapter's Teacher Workshops.

Northwest Florida has been blessed with an abundance of exemplary educators like Ms. Ulaunda Nunn. She has demonstrated her commitment to the success of each of her young students through her leadership and passion, and her efforts have helped to ensure a strong educational foundation for them, our Nation's future leaders.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Ms. Ulaunda Nunn as the Hurlburt Air Force Association Chapter 398 Elementary School Teacher of the Year for 2013 and thank her for her commitment to service in Northwest Florida. My wife Vicki joins me in congratulating Ms. Nunn, and we wish her all the best for continued success.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF SALVATORE A. CELLUCCI

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Salvatore A. Cellucci. Mr. Cellucci was an outstanding public servant and a valuable member of our community. He was a loving family man, coming from a large family of distinguished veterans. He truly understood the meaning of service to one's country.

Mr. Cellucci was an early pioneer in the Information Technology field. His keen intellect and expertise enabled our country to benefit from the early days of Electronic Data Processing, which is vital to the protection of our nation. Mr. Cellucci also worked with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Strategic Air Command, NORAD, the government of Puerto Rico, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. His leadership in the transformational deployment of advanced computer systems enabled government and military leaders to reach critical decisions faster and more effectively than previously thought possible.

Mr. Cellucci's professional accomplishments were only matched by his steadfast commitment to helping those less fortunate in our community. He participated in numerous organizations and activities to forge positive relationships between people of different religious faiths.

Mr. Speaker, Salvatore Cellucci is a role model for all of the people in the first Congressional District of New Jersey. His dedication to our country inspired many to serve our nation with distinction. I rise with the rest of South Jersey to honor Salvatore Cellucci for his outstanding commitment to his community. I offer Mr. Cellucci's family my condolences in their time of mourning; he will surely be missed.

IN HONOR OF TOM RAMSEUR

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the community service of retiring Stanly County Chamber President, Tom Ramseur.

Mr. Ramseur has served two counties in the 8th Congressional District of North Carolina as Chamber President for more than two decades. He served as President and CEO of the Cabarrus Chamber of Commerce from 1988 until 2001.

Mr. Ramseur then served as President and CEO of the Stanly County Chamber of Commerce from 2006 until his retirement this month.

I had the privilege of working with Mr. Ramseur while I was serving as District Director for Congressman Robin Hayes.

During a time in which Cabarrus County was hit hard by textile and manufacturing job losses, Mr. Ramseur helped bring business and community leaders together to spur the local economy and create jobs.

He recognized the importance of an economic-friendly environment that allows businesses to grow and hire people. The 8th district is fortunate to have hardworking men and women like Mr. Ramseur who are committed to strengthening our economy and bringing jobs home.

I'm proud to have worked with Mr. Ramseur over the years, and I know the folks in both Stanly and Cabarrus Counties are grateful for his service to their communities.

(From the Stanly News and Press, Sept. 18, 2013)

RAMSEUR PREPARES FOR EXIT AT STANLY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Tom Ramseur is cleaning out his office at the Stanly County Chamber of Commerce and will cede his chair to his successor as he winds down his nearly eight years as the organization's president and CEO.

But he will not be packing up his enthusiasm for the Chamber or for the county it serves.

"The way I got involved in the Chamber several years ago was as a volunteer in Cabarrus County and I knew that side of it," Ramseur said.

He was involved in his family's business, which brought the real-life work experience into the mix.

"We sold our business and I was working for the parent company and I was asked to run the Chamber in Cabarrus County and it appealed to me and I saw both sides of being a volunteer and running the organization," Ramseur said.

His wife, Diane, is a native of Stanly County, which gave him knowledge of the area and he also had known Marianne Bright, who was the former president of the Chamber.

When he came to the Stanly Chamber, the board had just completed a planning retreat and had some goals.

"Chambers are run the same no matter where they are. They are membership-based and we needed to grow our membership," Ramseur said.

"We also, more importantly, needed to grow our sphere of influence because the Chamber needs to be relevant in each community."

Ramseur said that was somewhat of a problem with as many communities and municipalities spread out over such a large area.

"We needed to tell our story and be more of a county-wide chamber," he said.

"We needed to show how we could help people in Misenheimer, Locust, Stanfield and all the others. They needed them to know how we could help and we wanted to help."

He also said governmental affairs is a big part of what the Chamber has done.

"I understood how to work with governmental officials and building relationships and we had to do that," he said.

He said relationships, through no particular one's fault, had not been as good as they should have been with the county commission.

"It just needed to be enhanced," Ramseur said.

He said most people do not understand how the Chamber works.

"We're not funded by the government. We are a nonprofit run by a board of directors,