

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING JENELL SULLIVAN

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2013

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jenell Sullivan for her outstanding dedication and service to the State of Ohio.

Jenell has proudly served the Republican Caucus in the Ohio House of Representatives for over 25 years. She consistently displays high ethics and standards in her job and acts as a role model and counselor for her fellow colleagues. One of Jenell's outstanding achievements has been managing the Page Program, where she has developed many of our young professionals into the leaders they are today. Additionally, Jenell has served as a Fiscal Assistant in the Administrative Office, and she administered the Employee of the Quarter and Take Our Children to Work Day Programs.

I am extremely honored to play a small role in recognizing the career of such a well-respected and appreciated public servant. It is only fitting that her friends and colleagues recognize Jenell's impact on the Ohio House by naming a new award after her: The Jenell Sullivan Page of Distinction Award. This prestigious award will honor pages who meet the highest quality standards that Jenell has displayed throughout her tenure in the Ohio House.

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I thank Jenell Sullivan for her spirit and unrelenting service to our community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF DR. J. EUGENE GRIGSBY, JR.

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PASTOR of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and contributions of the legendary Phoenix artist, community activist, and my personal friend, J. Eugene Grigsby, Jr. He passed from this life on June 9, 2013 and will be remembered at a memorial service on October 19th at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Phoenix. Dr. Grigsby was an African American artist recognized nationally and internationally as one of America's premier art educators. He was a friend and supporter who spent his life painting, educating, and working as a tireless advocate for community based art programs and social justice.

Dr. Grigsby served on the faculty of Arizona State University (ASU) for 22 years, from 1966–1988. Prior to accepting that post, he had a long history in the Phoenix public school system. He was recruited to Phoenix in 1946

to establish an Art Department at the segregated Carver High School, which closed following the 1954 Brown vs. Board of Education landmark decision. Dr. Grigsby then went to Phoenix Union High School where he again taught Art and served as Chair of the Art Department. He would often let his students pile into his old blue station wagon and take them on field trips to Native American reservations, galleries and even to the home of Frank Lloyd Wright.

Jefferson Eugene Grigsby, Jr., was born in Greensboro, NC, on October 17, 1918. His family settled in Charlotte, NC, when he was 12 years old. Upon graduation from Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA, in 1938, Eugene attended the American Artists School in New York City. Thereafter, Eugene graduated with a Master's degree in Art Education from Ohio State University in 1940.

While teaching at Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach, he met and married Rosalyn Thomasena Marshall. In 1942, Eugene volunteered for service in World War II, serving in the European Theater under the 3rd Army's General George Patton. In 1963, Dr. Grigsby received his Ph.D. from New York University.

In 1966, he was awarded the National Gallery of Art's 25th Anniversary Medallion of Merit and in 1992 was inducted into the Arizona History Makers the first year the award was presented. Dr. Grigsby was a prominent member of the National Art Education Association and was a co-founder of its Committee on Multicultural Concerns—which established the J. Eugene Grigsby, Jr. Award for Service to Education in his honor.

Dr. Grigsby also served on numerous boards and professional organizations in the Phoenix community; including, the Arizona Art Education Association; President, Booker T. Washington Child Development Center; Founder and Chair, Coalition of Black Artists and Others for the Arts (COBA); Chair, ABC/Az-Artists of the Black Community; Arizona Opportunities Industrialization Center; Neighborhood Housing Services of Phoenix; the Garfield Neighborhood Association; and the ASU Performing Arts Board.

Eugene Grigsby's art can be seen in private and public collections around the world, including the Library of Congress, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Phoenix Art Museum, and Arizona State University. In December 2012, Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton presented the inaugural Mayor's Arts Award for outstanding visual artist to Dr. Grigsby. After his death, the Award was named in his honor.

Mr. Speaker, I am deeply honored to have known Eugene Grigsby and to have had some of his artwork hang in my congressional district office. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing his many contributions to Phoenix and the global community. We have lost a great artist, teacher, mentor, community activist, and friend. I extend my condolences to his siblings, his sons, his extended family and to all in the Phoenix arts community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, on October 14, 2013, I missed three recorded votes on the House floor. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall 547, "yea" on rollcall 548, and "nay" on rollcall 549.

HONORING BILL ROSENDAHL

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Bill Rosendahl, a tireless advocate for the City of Los Angeles and a deserving recipient of the Valley Democrats United Badge of Courage Award.

From 2005 until 2013, Bill was a public servant in the City of Los Angeles and demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the priorities of the city and its people.

Bill has always been a champion of the issues that matter most in his community. Serving the areas of Pacific Palisades, Playa Del Rey, Playa Vista, Venice, Mar Vista, Brentwood, Del Rey, West Los Angeles and Westchester, he has been instrumental in providing affordable housing, supporting neighborhood empowerment initiatives, finding innovative solutions to remedy the city's traffic problems, and was always a champion of government transparency.

During his term as District 11 Councilmember, Bill always ensured that he pushed for projects and investments that truly helped the communities he served. In Del Rey, he helped to restore the USPS mail delivery service to Mar Vista Gardens and worked with Caltrans to address residents' concerns with highway widening plans. In West Los Angeles, Bill's commitment to keep kids out of gangs resulted in the establishment of a youth intervention program at Stoner Recreation Center. Bill also supported a community-friendly modernization of Los Angeles International Airport (LAX).

As a veteran himself, Bill has advocated for and championed numerous projects that serve veterans in the region. Most notably, he supported the construction of the Fisher House in Brentwood to serve families of wounded veterans. Bill also took on the challenge of providing sustainable housing and resources for the thousands of homeless veterans.

During the course of his career, Bill has helped his constituency with the installation of countless stop signs and traffic signals and the repavement of dozens of roads and streets. Additionally, he oversaw the completion of several large city projects and secured

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