

homes out of the desert and who continue to lead the community and state into the future. Congratulations on a momentous 150 years.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF MR.  
NOBLE W. ADAMS

**HON. ANDY BARR**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 2, 2014*

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding individual, Mr. Noble W. Adams of Owingsville, Kentucky, for his distinguished military service during World War II. Mr. Adams served our Nation in uniform from December 14, 1943 to November 21, 1945.

As a young man, Mr. Adams began his service in the United States Army as a private first class, rifleman, within the 945th Infantry. During the United States' campaign to achieve victory over the Axis Powers, Mr. Adams entered the war by storming the deadly beaches of Normandy, fought his way across Europe, and did not stop until the Allies achieved victory in Germany.

Mr. Adams recalls bidding farewell to the Statue of Liberty as he departed from New York in 1943 as a passenger aboard the *Susan Elizabeth*. He thought he would never see the Statue or his family ever again.

During combat on November 9, 1944, Mr. Adams received injuries to both of his eyes, leaving him temporarily blinded as a result of shrapnel from exploding ordnance. After only two weeks of recovering in a medical field camp, and understanding the dangers ahead, Mr. Adams courageously returned to the battlefield and kept fighting. To this day, fragments of shrapnel still remain lodged in his face.

Mr. Adams is grateful that the Lord was with him throughout the war and protected him so that he could once again greet Lady Liberty and reunite with his family. He returned home safely on November 21, 1945. Mr. Adams is comforted in the knowledge that the Lord remains with him to this day.

Mr. Adams fought to preserve the very freedoms the Statue of Liberty represents. He is truly an outstanding American, a protector of freedom, and an inspiration to us all.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF  
WALT WASHINGTON

**HON. DEREK KILMER**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 2, 2014*

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Walt Washington for his many years of public service to our community.

Walt Washington is a decorated veteran with a long history of commitment to public service and community involvement. While he started his career in banking, he continued on to serve as a public official.

Serving as Kitsap County Auditor since 2008, Walt Washington has been a valued member of our state government. Walt has dedicated himself to ensuring accountability and accessibility to all Kitsap residents.

Walt Washington oversaw the implementation of more than 340 changes in federal and

state laws to safeguard voters' rights and protect against election fraud. As Auditor, Walt has maintained Kitsap County's reputation for integrity in elections, and has encouraged civic involvement in election oversight and voter registration.

Mr. Washington's focus on fiscal accountability led him to receive a national award for excellence in financial reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association. He is also the recipient of the Pioneer in Preserving Military Voting Award for his department's innovative efforts to make voting more accessible for U.S. citizens living and serving overseas.

Walt Washington has dedicated himself to serving his country. Despite his retirement, Walt Washington's work against voter suppression, voter disenfranchisement, and commitment to fair elections will surely continue in the Kitsap County Auditor's office and beyond.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to close by again applauding Walt Washington for his dedication to serving the people of Washington state. I am pleased to recognize Walt Washington today in the United States Congress.

HONORING RICHARD "DICK"  
WELTEROTH

**HON. TOM MARINO**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 2, 2014*

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Richard "Dick" Welteroth from my hometown of Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Richard Welteroth lived a very accomplished life. He served as a pilot in the Civil Air Patrol for 30 years where he earned the rank of major. He was highly regarded in the community due to his public service which included being an Eagle Boy Scout Troop Leader of Troop 35 at St. Boniface, coaching Sunday school basketball, and helping to hone the talents of prospective baseball pitchers.

Mr. Welteroth is best known for his career as pitcher for the Washington Senators in the late 1940's and early 1950's, where he played against baseball greats like Ted Williams, Yogi Berra, and Joe Dimaggio. He made his debut to the game at the age of 20. In his first season for the Senators, he played in 33 games. Overall, Welteroth played in 90 games for the Senators, with four starts, allowed only 185 hits, 145 walks and 55 strikeouts.

Mr. Welteroth was admired by everyone in my hometown. When he finished his career in baseball, he returned to Williamsport, PA, and worked as a roofer, while continuing to coach baseball to the area kids. He always taught one the value of hard work and good sportsmanship, while never raising his voice in the process. He possessed a knack that developed young players into high caliber athletes who went on to compete at higher levels. He knew what made a great baseball player.

I will never forget all of the lessons that Coach Welteroth taught me as he was helping me to perfect my fastball. He worked countless hours with me to develop my delivery and turned me into, not only the best baseball player I could be, but the best person I could be.

Dick Welteroth will be dearly missed.

IN HONOR OF STATE SENATOR  
DON WILLIAMS

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 2, 2014*

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, this year residents of Connecticut's 29th district will bid a fond farewell to a man who has served them for 22 years. While serving in Hartford, State Senator Donald E. Williams never stopped personally helping those living in his district.

Prior to being elected to the Senate, Don served as First Selectman for the town of Thompson, Connecticut, overseeing the first mandatory town recycling program in Connecticut. During his time as First Selectman, he also served as Chairman of the Northeast Connecticut Council of Governments and as Chairman of the Northeast Economic Alliance. He previously worked as an attorney focusing on municipal law at the law firm of Boland, St. Onge & Brouillard in Putnam.

When Don arrived in Hartford as a State Senator in 1993, he quickly earned the respect of his peers. He became an influential member of the Senate and was elected as the Senate President Pro Tempore in 2004. He is now Connecticut's longest serving President Pro Tem.

Among his numerous duties as President, he has managed the schedule and policy agenda for his fellow senators. Among his legislative triumphs, Don helped spearhead the campaign finance law of 2005 and he pushed for cleaning up the "Sooty Six" power plants in 2002. In chairing the Judiciary Committee, Senator Williams authored and spearheaded legislation to create the Office of the Child Advocate and the Office of the Victim Advocate. He led the fight to improve nutrition in Connecticut schools and helped position our State as a national leader in combating childhood obesity.

In the wake of the terrible violence in Newtown, Connecticut, Senator Williams partnered with Governor Malloy to steer important, sensible gun laws to passage. Among his final accomplishments, Don led passage of Connecticut's Smart Start, a competitive grant program that moves Connecticut closer to universal pre-K education.

He served on the Board of Directors for the New England Board of Higher Education. He has championed the UCONN 2000 and UCONN 2020 initiatives to revitalize the University of Connecticut. In addition to his legislative work, Don is also publishing a biography on the life of Prudence Crandall, which includes a significant amount of abolitionist history. His writing has received rave reviews from book critics and accolades from local historians, who appreciate the telling of this important story in Connecticut's history.

I am proud of working with Don on a number of different projects in eastern Connecticut, including the continuation of support for the Storrs Center, a mixed-use residential and commercial center, as well as ensuring Federal support for rail line revitalization.

As Senator Williams finishes up his final term, I wish him the best of luck. Although he is retiring from public office, I have no doubt that he will remain an active member of his community. I ask my colleagues to join with