

and successful program to build the school into a major teaching and research university; and

Whereas, under Alan Merten's leadership, George Mason University became the largest research university in the Commonwealth of Virginia, with increasingly nationally and internationally highly ranked programs; and

Whereas, Mrs. Sally Merten, the former first lady of George Mason University, was instrumental in bringing the community and the university closer together, serving on several community nonprofit boards during her husband's tenure as president, including Fall for the Book, as well as several university advisory boards; and

Whereas, Sally Merten actively participated in university life, especially employee recognition events; and

Whereas, together Alan and Sally Merten have been generous donors to the university, establishing four endowed scholarships: the G. Louise and Anthony J. Otto Endowed Scholarship in Creative Writing; the Eric G. and Melissa H. Merten Endowed Scholarship; the Ruth A. and Gilbert E. Merten Endowed Scholarship; and the Kathleen A. Lieder and Lloyd C. Fell Student Scholarship Endowment in Music Performance/Vocal Studies; and

Whereas, the Mertens have made significant gifts to a number of other university funds, including the Patriot Club, the Long and Kimmy Nguyen Engineering Building, and Mason arts programs; and

Whereas, the Mertens remain active and engaged members of the surrounding community, thus continuing to serve as "ambassadors" of the university; Now, be it therefore

Resolved that the building on the Fairfax Campus now known as University Hall be named Alan and Sally Merten Hall in recognition of the Mertens' many contributions to George Mason University; be it further

Resolved that this resolution be entered into the minutes of the George Mason University Board of Visitors this day, May 7, 2014.

(SEAL)

C. DANIEL CLEMENTE,
Rector, George Mason University
Board of Visitors.

GEORGE MASON UNVEILS ALAN AND SALLY
MERTEN HALL

(By Preston Williams)

On Monday, George Mason University dedicated Alan and Sally Merten Hall in a building renaming ceremony attended by hundreds of members of the Mason community and several integral figures from the university's history.

Alan Merten was Mason's fifth president, serving from 1996 to 2012. Merten Hall is the new name for what formerly was called University Hall, one of many structures erected during the Mertens' dynamic 16-year tenure.

"When I travel around the region, the country or the world and people ask me what I'm most proud of with respect to what's happened at George Mason," Alan Merten told the attendees, "the answer is always I'm proud of the pride that people have in this institution as a result of what we've all done.

"What kept me going—what keeps us all going—is stamina, passion and a caring attitude. That's what got George Mason going. That's what will keep George Mason going," Merten added before exiting to a standing ovation at the outdoor ceremony on the grounds outside Merten Hall.

Merten's successor as Mason president, Ángel Cabrera, hailed the Mertens' leadership of making "one smart decision at a time" and said that renaming the building in

their honor was symbolic of their many contributions to the university.

"It is a reminder of how much these two individuals gave of their time tirelessly and how they helped George Mason be what it is today," said Cabrera, whose office has been relocated to Merten Hall, on the north end of the Fairfax Campus.

Two guests in particular added historical insight to the Mertens' tenure. Virginia Congressman Frank Wolf, who taught at the university in the late 1970s, and the former Board of Visitors rector, Edwin Meese III, cited the joint efforts of the Mertens as crucial to the university's growth, not only in size and enrollment but in stature as the largest public research university in the state.

"It's become one of the great universities in the commonwealth and one of the great universities in our country and it's all because of the great work—and they work as a team—Alan and Sally have done," Wolf said.

Meese's first year on the Board of Visitors coincided with the Mertens' first year in office. They built a strong partnership.

"It is said that a great institution is the length and shadow of its leadership," said Meese, the former attorney general under Ronald Reagan. "And that's certainly true in this case. . . . The beneficial shadow of your leadership is now permanently inscribed in the form of this building. You've made [the university] the knowledge and cultural centerpiece of Northern Virginia."

The current Board of Visitors rector, C. Daniel Clemente, read aloud the board resolution that formally proposed renaming the building Alan and Sally Merten Hall.

The Mertens remain active on campus and serve in a variety of roles for the university. They have endowed four scholarships.

HONORING DORIS KRASICK GOLDBERG QUEEN ON THE OCCASION OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Doris Krasick Goldberg Queen, on the occasion of her 100th birthday, which will be celebrated on September 28, 2014. She is a long-time constituent whose family I have known for more than 20 years.

Doris was born on September 28, 1914 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In 1939, she married Lewis Goldberg and together they were the proprietors of a longstanding Philadelphia neighborhood grocery store and butcher shop called "Lew's Thrifty Market." They had two children, Arlene Sockel (spouse Richard) and Robert Goldberg (spouse Hedy), four grandchildren, Bonnie Sockel-Stone (spouse Elliot, son of former United States Senator Richard Stone), Iris Sockel Mitrakos (spouse Steve), Lewis Goldberg (spouse Morgan) and Ellen Goldberg, and six great-grandchildren (Lily, Elizabeth, Jason, Stella, Ivy and Oliver).

Following the passing of her husband Lewis in 1971, Doris married widower Jesse Queen in 1973. Together they retired to Lauderdale Lakes, Florida, where they shared many vibrant years together, enjoying the company of family and friends. Jesse passed away in 1992, but Doris remains active and engaged in her current home of Tamarac, Florida.

It gives me great pride to honor Doris on the occasion of her 100th birthday. I wish her all the very best for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CAREER OF DR. CLIFFORD DEBAPTISTE

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Clifford DeBaptiste of Chester County, Pennsylvania on his 90th birthday, 60 years as owner and proprietor of the DeBaptiste Funeral Home, and for his incomparable record of community engagement.

Clifford DeBaptiste first came to West Chester, Pennsylvania on a visit in the 1940's. After serving in the U.S. Army, he graduated from mortuary school and married his lovely wife, Inez Manning. They then opened the DeBaptiste Funeral Home in 1954 and, in 1965, moved the business from its original location to 25 South Worthington Street where it may be found today.

In addition to running a successful business for 60 years, Dr. DeBaptiste has made numerous other invaluable contributions to the Greater West Chester community and beyond, including serving as West Chester's first African-American Mayor from 1994–2002. Additionally, he has been honored by the NAACP for his business leadership and by the National Purple Heart Association for his service in the U.S. Army. In 2014, Dr. DeBaptiste was also coronated a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, the Thirty-Third and last degree in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. Further, Dr. DeBaptiste chaired the Pennsylvania State Board of Funeral Directors for 13 years, received its President's Medallion for Service in 1991, and an honorary Doctor of Public Service Degree from West Chester University in 1999.

Mr. Speaker, in light of the 60 years of his incredible business record and service to the community, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Dr. Clifford DeBaptiste, one of Chester County, Pennsylvania's most valued and respected citizens.

IN RECOGNITION OF JERRELL AND VERA McNUTT

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize Mr. and Mrs. Jerrell McNutt who have been married 59 years and serve as clergy in Lee County, Alabama.

Jerrell and Vera McNutt married on September 2, 1955, at Needham Presbyterian Church in Elizabethtown, Kentucky. Mr. McNutt, a World War II veteran, earned three degrees and for the past 48 years has taught graduate-level Theology using the experimental method Clinica Pastoral Education (CPE). He has also served as CPE Supervisor for over 27 years at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Tuskegee, Alabama. Mrs. McNutt has served as chief nurse in a Psychiatric Facility, Labor and Delivery and Geriatric Care.