

of her faith for 37 years. She began her service to the church as a pastor's spouse and as the Youth Choir Director and the Young People's Division Director at Bright's Temple in Bermuda.

Currently, Sister Shirley serves as the Office Administrator of North Stelton A.M.E. Church, the Advisor for the Women's Ministry and the Anna Howard Missionary School. She is also the founder of the Shirley A. Saunders Praise Angels Liturgical Dance Ministry, which is named in her honor.

In addition to her roles within the North Stelton A.M.E. Church, Sister Shirley serves on the Board of Directors of the North Stelton Economic Development Corporation, as Vice President of KLS Positive Image, Inc. and as Executive Director of the Nubian Sisters for Christ Ministry, which she also founded.

Prior to her service in the church, Sister Shirley worked for Columbia Broadcasting Systems (CBS) in New York City and the College of Medicine and Dentistry Dental School in Newark. She is a graduate of Jersey City's Lincoln High School and Taylor Business Institute in New York City.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in congratulating Sister Shirley Saunders on her 25 years of service to North Stelton A.M.E. Church.

RECOGNIZING DR. WILLIAM
LAWSON

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. William Lawson for his work as the Dean of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science at Howard University. Dr. Lawson has published over eighty-five articles, books, and other publications involving mental illness and its relationship to psychopharmacology, substance abuse and racial and ethnic issues, and is also an outspoken advocate for access to services for the severely mentally ill.

Dr. Lawson received his bachelor's degree from Howard University, master's from the University of Virginia, Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of New Hampshire and his M.D. from the University of Chicago, completing his residency at Stanford University Medical Center.

He has been named one of "America's Leading Black Doctors" by Black Enterprise Magazine, was the Andrea Delgado Honoree and Lecturer for the Black Psychiatrists of America, received the Jeanne Spurlock Award, E.Y. Williams Clinical Scholar Distinction Award from the Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Section of the National Medical Association, a Multicultural Workplace Award from the Veterans Administration for his outstanding contribution to the advancement of diversity and multicultural understanding, recognized as a national mentor by the National Alliance of the Mentally Ill, numerous awards for excellence in teaching, and state, federal, and foundation support for pharmacological research new and effective treatments.

Dr. Lawson is boarded in Psychiatry and Neurology with added qualifications in Drug and Alcohol Addictions. He is also a fellow of

the American Psychiatric Association, member of the Scientific Advisory Committee, National Depression and Manic Depressive Society, and on the boards of the DC Mental Health Association for the DC Alliance for the Mentally Ill. He is currently directing a \$6.5 million contract with the National Institute of Mental Health Intramural Program to research Mood and Anxiety Disorders in African Americans and other minorities.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. William Lawson for his extraordinary works in the field of Psychiatry.

IN TRIBUTE TO MARILYN BUEL

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember a friend, Marilyn Buel of Essex, Connecticut.

When I was a freshman state legislator in Hartford a long time ago, Governor Bill O'Neill's Chief of Staff, Chad McCullom, called me in for a meeting. McCullom was an Irish politician straight out of central casting—a cigar-chomping, hard-bitten veteran. It was a contentious meeting, but after we worked out the issue, we shook hands and he said to me, "the thing about this business, unlike other walks of life, is that you really get a chance to see inside of people. Sometimes what you see is not very pretty, and sometimes it can be quite inspiring."

I recount this story because over the last 12 years, I had a chance to see inside Marilyn Buel due to our political struggles together. And what I saw was beautiful and exquisite.

Twice, Marilyn stood beside me when I ran as a challenger for the United States Congress. Running as a challenger for Congress is probably one of the lowest percentage gigs you can imagine. This felt especially true when I ran the second time. It was hard to convince friends and family that I even had a chance. I remember one couple sent me a mass card when I announced, and it included a prayer to St. Jude. As the Roman Catholics in this body can attest, St. Jude is the patron saint of lost causes—which did not give me a great warm feeling about people's confidence in my ability to win this race.

When I called Marilyn Buel though, her first reaction was, "what took you so long?" And from that point on, she immediately got to work for the next 2 years—working tirelessly on what turned out to be the closest race for Congress in the last 20 years. Marilyn was passionate about the cause and focused on making her greatest impact. In the Town of Essex where I ran and lost in 2002, the losing margin was 716 votes. In 2006, the year we won the total district by 83 votes, my losing margin in Essex was only nine. In a race that was decided by 83 votes, picking up a 707 vote swing from one race to another was a major deciding factor in my victory. Marilyn helped open the door for me in 2006, which I will never forget as long as I live.

The one time in office Marilyn called me about a vote, she asked me to cosponsor a bill which would provide for more visas to Iraqi interpreters who, as the US troops were being drawn down at the end of the conflict, were

being left behind. What was so telling about her request is that there was probably no one I knew who was more passionately opposed to President Bush's decision to take us into the war in Iraq. Nonetheless, her opposition to the war did not blind her to the human consequences of people who were selflessly trying to help our troops communicate in a foreign environment.

Elie Wiesel famously said, "The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference." During my time in elected office, I have had the privilege of meeting scores of political activists dedicated to changing our nation for the better. In my experience, however, no one embodies or personifies Wiesel's quote better than Marilyn Buel. She was always trying to improve her community, state, and nation, and never expected anything in return—except to be a part of the solution to our challenges, rather than complaining or being negative. I was privileged to have the benefit of her support and will never forget it as long as I live.

We lost Marilyn in August after a long and brave battle with cancer. On behalf of this entire House and my colleagues, I want to extend my deepest condolences to Dick, Elizabeth and her family for their loss. Connecticut will never be the same without Marilyn Buel.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
JAMES STEM

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. RAHALL, and Mr. DENHAM to recognize Mr. James Stem to congratulate him as he celebrates 48 years of service to America's unions and railroads. James will be retiring as the national legislative director at the United Transportation Union (UTU). James' extraordinary career and service to our country deserve to be honored.

James was born on June 19, 1948, in Raleigh, North Carolina. His career in the railroad industry started early at the age of 18 when he became a trainman for the Seaboard Air Line Railroad and a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. James' interest in the union movement began early on in his career, and he quickly became active in Local 1129 in Raleigh.

By 1973, James worked part-time as a special UTU organizer, and two years later, was elected to be the secretary-treasurer of the Local 1129. He was also elected as a local chairperson and legislative representative. Because of his extensive background at the UTU, James served as delegate at five UTU international conventions from 1979 to 1995.

In 1984, James was elected as the North Carolina state legislative director. In 1998, with the necessary experience and knowledge, James was appointed the alternate national legislative director. He was then re-elected to that position at the UTU conventions in 1999, 2003, and 2007, and since 2009, James has served as the national legislative director.

Throughout his career, James held many positions including: trainman, switchman, hostler helper, hostler, fireman, and locomotive engineer. Additionally, he is a member of the original Positive Train Control Working Group