

at Blair House, the President's Guest House which serves as a site for American diplomacy in action. Blair House is the official state guest house for the President of the United States and is maintained by the Department of State. An invitation to be hosted at Blair House is an honor of the highest significance. Ambassador Nguyen Quoc Cuong is the first Ambassador from Vietnam to be honored with a farewell reception at the Blair House and this speaks to the significance of his work for and on behalf of strengthening U.S.-Vietnam relations.

As Ranking Member of the House Foreign Affairs' Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, it has been my distinct privilege to work side by side with Ambassador Nguyen Quoc Cuong. Together, we created the first Friends of Vietnam Caucus in the U.S. Congress, and I have every hope that it will grow in importance. We have also worked to improve economic and trade relations and I am pleased that during Ambassador Nguyen Quoc Cuong's service in the United States, the U.S. and Vietnam celebrated 20 years of trade relations.

I commend Vietnam's leadership on the matter of maritime territorial and Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) disputes in the South and East China Seas. Vietnam has demonstrated restraint and strength in dealing with China by adopting a strategy that promotes peace and stability in the region and, going forward, I have every reason to believe that Vietnam's influence in the region will be pivotal in resolving further disputes.

On a personal note, I want to publicly thank Ambassador Nguyen Quoc Cuong for all he did on behalf of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, of which I am a member. For as long as I live, I will never be able to thank Ambassador Nguyen Quoc Cuong for giving his all to bring about recognition of the interim representative committee of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Vietnam.

For their love, support and prayers, I especially express my deepest gratitude to Ambassador Nguyen Quoc Cuong and his very talented and beautiful wife, Madam Hoang Minh Ha. When I was ill, they prayed over me and when I returned to work they stood beside me. They are more than friends. They are family to me, and I hope I am family to them.

We have walked together with faith in every footstep and it is only fitting that I conclude my service in Washington, D.C. at the same time Ambassador Nguyen Quoc Cuong and Madam Ha conclude their service. I wish for the Ambassador and his wife life's sweetest blessings. I wish the same for the Ambassador's daughter and son—Nguyen Huong Chi and Nguyen Quoc Anh—and Madam Ha's niece Mai Hoang Anh. I pray God will be with them, until we meet again.

IN MEMORY OF BOBBY EARL  
(ROBIN) HUDSON, JR.

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 12, 2014*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, November 3, 2014, funeral services for Bobby Earl (Robin) Hudson, Jr., were held at Lexington Baptist Church, in Lex-

ington, South Carolina. Mr. Hudson, 60, was the founder and owner of Hudson's Smokehouse in Lexington, South Carolina, and is remembered as a kind and generous gentleman of character who dedicated himself to supporting the local civic groups and his fellow citizens.

His obituary in The Lexington County Chronicle of Lexington, South Carolina, contained this tribute:

BOBBY EARL (ROBIN) HUDSON, JR.

LEXINGTON.—Robin Hudson, age 60, died on Thursday, October 30, 2014. Born August 16, 1954 in San Marcos, Texas, Robin was the son of Bobby Earl (Bob) Hudson and Stella H. Kyzer. He moved back to South Carolina in 1958. Robin graduated from Airport High School in 1972 and attended Massey Fashion Institute in Atlanta, Georgia. Shortly thereafter Robin moved to Clemson, South Carolina, and opened up a successful Foolsball Parlor/Bar Business. This would prove to be his initial first step into business ownership. From there he went to work for Explorer Van Sales, where he served as the Southeastern Sales Representative. After many successful years with Explorer he went on to open his own Van Business in Columbia, which was known as Buddy Baker Boat and Van World. He later joined his brothers, Darrell and Chuck, opening up Hudson Brothers Truck Accessory Center where he headed up the Truck Accessory Department. Along the way he began cooking BBQ using the recipe from his family heritage back in Warsaw, North Carolina. He began catering on the side and eventually bought a trailer and did mobile catering. From then he went on to open what we all know and love today, Hudson's Smokehouse in 2002, with the help of his wife, Barbara and sons, Clint and Clay. Robin was a creative genius in marketing and he made Hudson's Smokehouse what it is today. He is known for his dependability, his enormous heart and strong work ethic. Robin worked tirelessly, endless hours to serve the community with whatever need they had. It was truly his heart's desire to serve others.

In addition to his successful restaurant business, he was a beloved son, admired brother, loving husband and devoted father. Robin is survived by his wife, Barbara Kice Hudson, and 4 children, Clinton Garrett Hudson, Clayton Windham Hudson, Jessica Lauren Brown Hudson and Cody Arthur Hudson; father, Bobby Earl (Bob) Hudson and his wife Laura Slade Hudson; mother, Stella H. Kyzer; brothers, Darrell Craig Hudson and his wife, Gay Jewell Hudson, Charles Alan Hudson and his wife, Cindy Momand Hudson; sister, Melinda Hudson Dailey and her husband Gregory Scott Dailey. Robin is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and many, many dear friends who will all miss him terribly.

A Drop-in Celebration was held at 5 p.m., Sunday, November 2, 2014 at Hudson's Smokehouse, 4948 Sunset Blvd., Lexington, SC. A memorial service was held at noon on Monday, November 3, 2014 at Lexington Baptist Church, 308 E. Main Street, Lexington, SC. The service was officiated by Pastor Mike Turner and longtime friend, Pastor R. V. Brown.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Habitat for Humanity, 209 S Sumter Street, Columbia, SC 29201, and/or Oliver Gospel Mission, 1100 Taylor Street, Columbia, SC 29202.

ANTHONY F. WIENERS

**HON. BILL PASCHELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 12, 2014*

Mr. PASCHELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Anthony Wieners' leadership and dedication to the law enforcement community and the citizens of New Jersey. To honor his years of commitment, his friends, family, and colleagues joined together in October to celebrate his amazing career.

Anthony F. Wieners is a life-long resident of Belleville, New Jersey. A veteran of the United States Navy, Anthony began his law enforcement career in January of 1980 as a patrolman with the East Orange Police Department, transferring to the Belleville Police Department in September of 1980, where he held the position of Detective until his retirement in July 2014. In 1991, Anthony was elected State Delegate of Belleville Police Benevolent Association (PBA), a position he held until his retirement. Anthony also held the offices of Belleville PBA Local President and Vice President. In addition to holding local offices, Anthony is a past chairman and co-chairman of the Essex County PBA Conference.

Anthony was appointed to the New Jersey State PBA Executive Board in 1993 and on May 1, 1997, he was appointed to the position of Executive Vice President. In 2007, Anthony was elected State President of the New Jersey PBA with a membership of over 33,000 officers. Anthony served as PBA President with distinction until earlier this year when he stepped down to allow for new leadership.

As PBA President, Anthony instituted many new programs within the organization including the NJ PBA COP SHOT program that provides automatic reward money whenever any NJ law enforcement officer is killed or wounded in the line of duty. On the national level, Anthony was a Vice President of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), which represents over 254,000 law enforcement officers from more than 4,000 organizations throughout the United States. Anthony has also been involved in the Police Unity Bike Tour for many years. In 1998, 2006 and 2014, he participated in rides from NJ to Washington, DC and helped raise over \$2 million in funds for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund.

As Co-Chair of the Congressional Law Enforcement Caucus, I was proud to have Anthony as a partner on many efforts including our fight to protect the COPS program from budget cuts that would have decimated the program.

Anthony holds memberships in many organizations, including the NJ Police Honor Legion, the Belleville Kiwanis Club, the Asian American Law Enforcement Advisory Committee, and the Knights of Columbus in Belleville.

Anthony is married to Julia, and they have two children, Michael and Kaitlin.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing and commemorating the services of individuals like Mr. Anthony F. Wieners.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Mr. Wieners' family, friends, and all those whose lives he has touched, and me, in