

sincere and deepest condolences to Bill's family, friends, and loved ones.

IN HONOR OF MRS. JANE WILLSON

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 5, 2015*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding businesswoman, respected philanthropist, and beloved servant of humankind, Mrs. Jane Seddon Willson. Mrs. Willson passed away on Tuesday, November 3, 2015. A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 7, 2015 at First United Methodist Church in Albany, Georgia, with interment to follow at Westview Cemetery in Atlanta, Georgia.

Born in New York City in 1923, Mrs. Willson graduated from Wellesley College in Massachusetts in 1945. Six years later, she moved to Albany, Georgia with her husband, the late William Harry Willson, to manage his family's small pecan orchard. After the success of their mail-order pecan business, the move to the farm in Albany was simply the next step.

What started as a small family business quickly expanded into two large companies. As President and Secretary of both Willson Farming and Sunnyland Farms, Mrs. Willson orchestrated the global expansion that continues to make both companies successful. Because of Mrs. Willson's business savvy, people in countries around the world now enjoy a variety of nuts and nut products from Georgia, which has contributed greatly to the state's economy.

Mrs. Willson put as much, if not more, love and effort into serving her community as she did into her businesses. She served as board chairman of the Albany-Dougherty Inner City Authority and the United Way of Southwest Georgia. She also served on the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Board; the Albany Technical College Board; the Albany State University Foundation; and the Darton State College Foundation. She was the first woman to serve on the Board of Directors of Bellsouth Telecommunications.

In addition, Mrs. Willson's service as President of the Board of Directors for the Boys & Girls Club of Albany has left a lasting mark upon the organization. She not only served on the Board for many years, but also donated the funds to build the Jane Willson Unit. This year, the Boys & Girls Club of Albany will be presenting its first "Harry and Jane Willson Partner of the Year" award to an organization that best emanates the couple's spirit of philanthropy.

An avid supporter of the arts, Mrs. Willson also helped with the establishment of the Albany Museum of Art, and later, the museum's Jane and Harry Willson Auditorium. Her drive to help her community further resulted in the creation of the Willson Hospice House. Because of her \$1 million donation, the Willson Hospice House is able to provide inpatient care to people who have been diagnosed with a terminal illness. Yet her generosity has not

been confined to Southwest Georgia. Mrs. Willson donated millions of dollars to the University of Georgia, where she served as a UGA Foundation Trustee and as a board member of the UGA Research Foundation. She also made a \$1 million donation in honor of her daughter, Jane, to Valley Children's Hospital in Madera, California.

Mrs. Willson's generosity and altruism served as an inspiration to all who knew her, myself included. She donated more than just funding to every organization to which she was connected—she was a prominent part of the fabric of each institution.

George Washington Carver once said, "No individual has any right to come into the world and go out of it without leaving behind distinct and legitimate reasons for having passed through it." We are all so blessed that Mrs. Jane Willson, an inspirational human being of incredible compassion and integrity, passed our way and during her life's journey did so much for so many for so long. She leaves behind a great legacy in service to her beloved family and to all those whose lives she touched through her kindness and generosity. She will truly be missed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me, my wife Vivian, and the Albany, Georgia community in honoring Mrs. Jane Seddon Willson for her outstanding contributions to the community. We extend our deepest sympathies to her family, friends and loved ones during this difficult time and we pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

TRIBUTE TO RON GILLHAM

**HON. SANDER M. LEVIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 5, 2015*

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the distinguished career of Ron Gillham as he retires as Mayor of Huntington Woods, Michigan. Mayor Gillham, who served as Mayor for 35 years in the city that he loves, will end his tenure as one of the longest serving mayors in the State of Michigan.

Ron Gillham was born, raised and educated in Missouri. After graduation from the Missouri School of Mines in 1956, he joined General Motors at the Tech Center in Warren, Michigan, and he and his wife Shirley moved to Huntington Woods in 1959. He served in a variety of interesting and challenging positions, eventually retiring from Advanced Product Engineering in 1992.

In his "second career," Ron Gillham has served the citizens of Huntington Woods continuously since 1975, first as a member of the Huntington Woods Zoning Board of Appeals, then as a Commissioner for the City for Huntington Woods. In 1981, Mr. Gillham was elected as the Mayor of Huntington Woods.

Ron Gillham is active in the Michigan Municipal League where he formally served on the Board of Trustees as Vice President and also won the organization's Michael A. Guido Award. During his tenure, Mr. Gillham also

won the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments Regional Ambassador award, served as chair of the South Oakland County Mayor's Association and the Vice President of the Michigan Association of Mayors.

In more than three decades at the helm, Mr. Gillham worked tirelessly on many projects to improve the lives of Huntington Woods residents. He is most proud of the building of the city's library, the city's A++ bond rating and helping the Huntington Woods Public Safety Department become one of the best in the State of Michigan. In October, the Huntington Woods City Council passed a resolution to name the city's recreation center as the Gillham Recreation Center, another testament to Mr. Gillham's respect in the community.

I have had the pleasure of representing the City of Huntington Woods in Congress for the past thirty-two years and have witnessed Mayor Gillham's leadership on many issues during our tenure together. One recent example was in 2014, when unprecedented flooding damaged tens of thousands of properties throughout Southeast Michigan, including in Huntington Woods. Mayor Gillham and his leadership team at the city was an active and effective advocate for aid from state and federal governments.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mayor Ron Gillham on an exceptional career in public service. I wish him much success with his future endeavors and wish him the best as he spends his retirement with his wife Shirley, their three children, and seven grandchildren.

IN HONOR OF VETERANS DAY

**HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 5, 2015*

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, as Veterans Day approaches, I rise in honor of our nation's servicemen and women for their tremendous courage and sacrifice in defense of our liberties.

Regrettably, selfless acts of valor and service by Americans in uniform are often taken for granted. They are not always reciprocated, and their vulnerabilities are often preyed upon by the despicable and unscrupulous. In those cases, it is our duty to come to their defense.

We are all too aware of cases when abusive and predatory payday lenders target and entrap veterans, misleading and forcing them into downward spirals of high cost debt. While the Defense Department recently finalized rules to protect active duty military service members from triple-digit interest rates on payday loans, the job is not done.

Veterans are not protected under the law and remain vulnerable. Therefore, I call on my colleagues to join me in supporting stronger consumer protections and to rein in abuses involving high-cost lending to veterans while they struggle to make ends meet.

Mr. Speaker, much more work remains to be done to raise the quality of life of our nation's veterans. Let us resolve this Veterans Day to meet those challenges head-on as we thank and honor them for their courage, sacrifices and service.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS

### HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 5, 2015*

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the one-hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Borough of Woodbury Heights in Gloucester County, New Jersey.

On May 25, 1915, the citizens of the future Woodbury Heights were formally recognized by the New Jersey Legislature as an independent borough out of Deptford Township. However, history for this small town did not begin in 1915. Settled in 1771, the area we know today as Woodbury Heights, New Jersey has a deep history of rich involvement in the South Jersey community. Indeed, many of the older homes can still be seen today, including the La Pann House, built in 1771, that is on the National Historic Registry.

In 1892, six businessmen from Philadelphia and Camden: John Mayhew; E.R. Artman; Judge Pancoast; Howard M. Cooper; William Moland; and I.W. Wilson bought land from Deptford Township. There they laid out streets, built homes, and constructed a community hall in 1894, forming the nucleus of the future Woodbury Heights. In the 1900s, the once sparse town started to flourish when a train station was built. Later, Simon M. Snook donated Glen Terrace Lake to the borough and it remains one of the most popular recreation sites in the area. Over the next hundred years, the Woodbury Heights community thrived, and in the past century, the population of Woodbury Heights has quadrupled to reach over 3,000 today.

Mr. Speaker, the character of the Borough Woodbury Heights and its emphasis on community engagement is best exemplified by three of the figures featured on its official seal: a scale of justice, a shield of safety, and two shaking hands. This weekend, as the people of Woodbury Heights celebrate their Centennial, I congratulate the citizens, Mayor Robbie J. Conley, and the Borough Council on the past one hundred years and wish them another hundred years of richness and good fortune.

HONORING EL PASO VETERANS WHO CONTINUE TO SERVE

### HON. BETO O'ROURKE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 5, 2015*

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, Veterans Day is a time to honor the selfless service that members of our Armed Forces displayed while keeping our nation safe. Today, I am privileged to recognize five of my constituents who continue to serve long after their time in uniform has ended: Mr. Jose Andow, Mr. Roy Aldridge, Mr. Ron Holmes, Mr. David Garcia and Mrs. Melinda Russell. Although each is from a different generation, these veterans embody a continued dedication to their fellow veterans and the El Paso community.

Jose Andow understands the price our service members pay in the name of freedom from

his experience fighting in WWII. As one of five siblings to serve in WWII, Mr. Andow was part of 10 combat missions during the war flying in both Italy and Germany. As a way to continue serving his country even decades after his formal military service ended, Mr. Andow has volunteered regularly at the El Paso VA Health Care System since November of 2010, and has logged over 1,600 hours of volunteer service. At age 94, Mr. Andow still volunteers every Monday and Wednesday at the VA, where he greets local veterans as they come in to receive care. Throughout the country over 140,000 volunteers donate millions of hours volunteering at local VA hospitals and clinics annually. Their service enhances the veteran healthcare experience and supplements VA's ability to provide quality care to our veterans. Due to his significant contribution to the El Paso VA and his fellow veterans, I am proud to recognize Mr. Andow for a lifetime of selfless service to our country.

Roy Aldridge is a combat veteran of the Korean War and a prominent member of the El Paso veteran community. After enlisting in the National Guard in 1949 at the age of 16 and then being wounded in Korea, Mr. Aldridge was discharged from the military for being underage. He completed high school, reenlisted, and returned to Korea in 1953. After being shot down and spending five months as a prisoner of war in North Korea, Mr. Aldridge returned to the U.S. where he completed a distinguished military career. Following retirement, Mr. Aldridge has continued to advocate for his fellow veterans. He has served as a Vice President for the Korean War Veterans Association and is currently the organization's National Director. Additionally Mr. Aldridge is a member of the VA Volunteer Service and the Texas Veterans Commission. Mr. Aldridge also serves on my office's Veterans Citizen Advisory Panel where he regularly advocates for policies to improve veteran's benefits and healthcare services.

Ron Holmes is a Vietnam-era veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. After serving four years, attaining the rank of Sergeant and deploying to Okinawa, Mr. Holmes left the Marines in 1974 to begin a construction business in El Paso. After observing neglect of his fellow veterans at the VA in 1997, Mr. Holmes decided to volunteer his time and advocate for his fellow veterans in El Paso while simultaneously running his business. From a small office at a Northeast El Paso American Legion Post, Mr. Holmes has since assisted over 3,500 El Paso veterans attempting to obtain benefits from the VA and has received favorable decisions in most of these cases.

David Garcia enlisted in the United States Army in 1975, later deploying to Saudi Arabia in support of Operation Desert Storm/Desert Shield. Following 20 years of honorable military service, Mr. Garcia retired as a Chief Warrant Officer. Since leaving active duty, Mr. Garcia has dedicated himself to fulfilling the promise to care for the men and women who have served our great nation. Mr. Garcia subsequently became a member of Disabled American Veterans in 1999 and since has served in multiple leadership roles for the organization, including District 1 commander, Northeast El Paso Chapter 187 Senior Vice-Commander and Combat Related Special Compensation ambassador. Mr. Garcia has assisted numerous El Paso veterans, family members and widows in obtaining earned

benefits from the VA. He continues to advocate for important veteran issues including toxic exposure and quality orthotic and prosthetic services within VA.

Melinda Russell served as a Chaplain in Iraq and was medically retired from the Army in 2010 at the rank of Captain. After leaving the military, Mrs. Russell dedicated herself to improving veteran healthcare by offering alternative therapies and being a persistent, dedicated advocate for her fallen veterans. Retiring in El Paso, Mrs. Russell founded Hope and Healing Horse Therapy Ranch to help those veterans suffering from PTSD and TBI. Additionally, at a time when 22 veterans take their own lives daily, her moving and personal writings serve as a stark reminder that we have a responsibility to care for our service members and veterans both physically and mentally.

Mr. Speaker, as Veterans Day approaches, it is important that we remember the legacy of service of this country's veterans. Our country can learn from and be inspired by the examples set by Mr. Andow, Mr. Aldridge, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Garcia and Mrs. Russell. It is my honor to recognize these veterans who continue to serve in advance of Veterans Day 2015.

EXPRESSING SORROW ON THE DEATH OF FORMER CONGRESSMAN JOHN HOWARD COBLE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 5, 2015*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a great American and one of the beloved and respected persons ever to serve in this body, Howard Coble of North Carolina, who died yesterday evening, November 3, 2015, in Greensboro, North Carolina, at the age of 84.

First elected in 1984 to the 99th Congress by the constituents of the 6th Congressional District of North Carolina, Howard Coble would go on to win reelection to the 14 succeeding Congresses.

When he retired at the end of the 113th Congress, Howard Coble held the distinction of being the longest serving Republican from the state of North Carolina to serve in the House.

Congressman Coble, served in the U.S. House longer than any other North Carolina Republican, died late Tuesday. He was a respected member of this body and respected by all who knew him. His presence will be greatly missed and we all mourn his loss and extend our sincerest condolences to his family and friends.

Born March 18, 1931 in Greensboro, North Carolina, John Howard Coble joined the United States Coast Guard one year after graduating high school where he served on active duty for five years and an additional 18 years in the Coast Guard Reserves.

After his honorable discharge, Howard Coble attended Guilford College on the G.I. Bill, from which he graduated in 1958 with an A.B. in History, and then went on to earn his J. D. in 1962 from the law matriculated to the University of North Carolina School of Law.