

REMEMBERING LIEUTENANT COMMANDER ROBERT DUNLAP HOLLAND, JR.

### HON. MAC THORBERRY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 1, 2016*

Mr. THORBERRY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise to announce the passing of LCDR (Ret.) Robert Dunlap Holland, Jr. of Annandale, Virginia on January 20, 2016, at the age of 89. He is survived by Barbara, his loving wife of 59 years; his daughter Anne and son-in-law Richard McFarland of Springfield, Virginia; his son Thomas Christopher, daughter-in-law Lisa, and stepson Cody Doss of Jupiter, Florida; his sister Phyllis Eggleston of Norfolk, Virginia; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and special friends.

LCDR Holland was born in Norfolk, Virginia on November 18, 1926, to Gladys Matthews Holland and Robert Dunlap Holland. He was raised in Norfolk and graduated from Maury High School in 1944. Upon graduation, LCDR Holland went to Emory and Henry College as part of the Navy's V-12 program. He subsequently attended the University of Virginia, graduating in 1949 from the Naval ROTC program where he earned a degree in commerce and a reserve commission in the United States Navy. When the Korean War broke out, the Navy activated his commission as part of the contingent invading Inchon. Upon returning to the United States, LCDR Holland trained as a gunfire liaison officer at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

After leaving active service, LCDR Holland relocated to Annapolis, Maryland, to manage a small loan office. In 1954, he met his future wife, Barbara Claire Harkins. They married in 1956. In 1960, Robert, Barbara, and their two children moved to Annandale where he began a career in banking. He was tremendously proud of both his service in the United States Navy Reserve and to be a part of the First Virginia Bank Family.

Mr. Speaker, LCDR Holland and his family represent the very best of America's Greatest Generation. We rise to honor and thank them for their service to our Nation and to wish them Fair Winds and Following Seas.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA NATIONAL CHAMPION FOOTBALL TEAM

### HON. BRADLEY BYRNE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 1, 2016*

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the University of Alabama football team on winning the College Football Playoff National Championship. This marks Alabama's NCAA-record 16th national championship.

As a diehard Alabama football fan, I loved watching this team because they played with such a strong competitive spirit and refused to be denied. The team was incredibly well-rounded and balanced in all three phases of the game. Each week, it seemed like a different player would step up and make a big

play. That is an important trademark of a true team.

I am especially proud of the players from Southwest Alabama who contributed to the team's success. Quarterback Jake Coker is a Mobile native who played high school football at St. Paul's Episcopal School. In the championship game, Coker threw for over 300 yards and two touchdowns. It was a very gritty and impressive effort, just like Coker's entire college career.

Helping to lead the way for Coker and Alabama's Heisman-winning running back was former Davidson High School standout Alphonse Taylor. As the starting right guard on the offensive line, Taylor and his teammates on the offensive line were rewarded for their outstanding play by winning the inaugural Joe Moore Award. This award goes to the nation's top offensive line each season. It was a well-deserved honor.

Alabama's run to the national championship was marked by outstanding play from the defense. That defense included former Daphne High School star Ryan Anderson. Anderson was a dominating force who racked up six sacks on the year. He played some of his best football down the stretch in the SEC Championship Game and again in the College Football Playoff games. I know opposing quarterbacks will be fearing him next season as well.

Mr. Speaker, this Alabama squad played as a team and in a way that should make every Alabamian proud. To the players, coaches, support staff, and the University of Alabama administration, I want to say congratulations and Roll Tide.

HONORING THE LIFELONG SERVICE OF COLONEL JOSEPH SPIELBAUER

### HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 1, 2016*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the service of Colonel Joseph Spielbauer, whose dedication to excellence and sacrifices for public service spanned more than 25 years of active duty military service and over 20 additional years of public service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Colonel Spielbauer was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in Field Artillery from Gonzaga University, in May 1967. He immediately shipped out to Fort Sill, Oklahoma for officer basic training followed by Airborne training and the grueling Ranger course at Fort Benning, the home of Infantry at Fort Benning, Georgia. He earned both his paratrooper wings and the prestigious Ranger tab prior to his first assignment to the famed 82nd Airborne Division.

After duty with the 82nd Airborne Division, Colonel Spielbauer was reassigned to combat duty with the 1st Infantry Division in the Republic of Vietnam, where he served as an artillery firing battery commander. Following combat duty, he returned to the United States and completed the artillery officer advance course, the advanced maintenance course, and rigorous infantry pathfinder training.

Colonel Spielbauer's next assignment was in Germany, where he first served as an artil-

lery service battery commander and then as the Group S-3 (plans and operations) officer.

As Vietnam drew down and the Cold War heated up, the Army decided to station a combat ready Ranger battalion in Europe. The leaders of this elite fighting force went through a vigorous screening process. Colonel Spielbauer's outstanding service record and demonstrated potential for greater responsibility earned him the challenging assignment as the first Fire Support Coordinator for the European Ranger battalions. He excelled in this duty and was subsequently assigned to teach at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, where he was responsible for helping to train the next generation of military leaders.

Colonel Spielbauer and his family then moved to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where he completed the Army's resident Command and General Staff College. He then returned to Europe for the next 7.5 years. In Europe, Colonel Spielbauer served in numerous positions of escalating responsibility. He initially served as the plans officer for the 59th Ordnance Brigade. His initiative, hard work, and dedication to excellence earned him the opportunity to command the 294th Army Artillery Group. This difficult job carried the heavy responsibilities of nuclear fire support for NATO and numerous challenging host nation support requirements. Colonel Spielbauer did an outstanding job in this assignment. He earned the rare opportunity to then command the 552nd Army Artillery Group. He spent 5 years commanding high profile, high risk nuclear units.

Colonel Spielbauer's demonstrated potential for greater responsibility earned him a slot in the resident Army War College class. This is the most senior Army school, reserved for the absolute best Army leaders. After graduation, he was selected for a prestigious staff/faculty position at the War College. Colonel Spielbauer's final assignment was the Senior Army Advisor to the Commanding General of the 28th Infantry Division/Pennsylvania National Guard. Colonel Spielbauer retired from active duty in September 1992 and transitioned to civilian service for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Colonel Spielbauer held several important positions in Pennsylvania including his role as the Director of the Base Development Committee and his current position as Executive Director of the PA Military Community Enhancement Commission. Joe was directly responsible for bringing together all of the disconnected military operations in Pennsylvania and preparing a unified strategy to expand the military presence through the 2005 Base Realignment & Closure (BRAC). Colonel Spielbauer approached this daunting responsibility with the same unflinching dedication and professionalism that he employed to achieve military mission accomplishments. The unquestionable success of Colonel Spielbauer's detailed planning, meticulous execution and foresight can be seen throughout Pennsylvania, as military programs expand and employment grows.

Throughout his long and successful career, Colonel Spielbauer has faithfully executed his diverse duties with great professionalism. He is a "Soldier's Soldier" and a consummate professional. Colonel Spielbauer's outstanding career reflects great honor and credit upon himself, his family, and our nation.

INTERNATIONAL FOOTPRINT ASSOCIATION TO HOST PANCAKE BREAKFAST FOR HEROES

**HON. PAUL COOK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 1, 2016*

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a special event that took place in my district to honor public safety personnel. On January 23, 2016, Chapter 63 of the International Footprint Association hosted "Breakfast for Heroes" to show their appreciation for the tireless work done by public safety agencies in the High Desert region of California.

"Breakfast for Heroes" took place at the El Pescador Restaurant in Victorville, California and the public was encouraged to attend to show their appreciation. This is the first time that Chapter 63 held a breakfast event to honor High Desert public safety personnel and they anticipated a large turnout of attendees.

Attendees were able to take tours of an ambulance, fire truck, and police vehicles. All proceeds from the event goes towards the Chapter 63 Scholarship Program. The International Footprint Association is a non-profit community benefit organization whose mission is to foster positive relations between law enforcement and the public. During my time as a legislator, I have worked with this organization on numerous occasions and have always been impressed with the work they do in our communities. I strongly encouraged my constituents to attend "Breakfast for Heroes" to show their support for the men and women who put their lives on the line every day.

RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF AURORA'S 30TH ANNUAL COMMEMORATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 1, 2016*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the city of Aurora's 30th annual commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The commemoration, "The Promise of Democracy: Breaking Barriers and Borders," will allow our city to reflect upon and appreciate the rich diversity that creates the vibrant community we call home.

I commend the City of Aurora, Mayor Steve Hogan, the City Council and especially my longtime friend, Dr. Shannon-Banister, who is the founder of this celebration, for all of their continuing steadfast support of the only week-long celebration in the State of Colorado. I am proud to call the city of Aurora my home.

This past September, Aurora erected a life size statue at our own Martin Luther King, Jr. Library as a constant reminder of Dr. King's selfless dedication to the pursuit of social justice and as an inspiration to continue this pursuit. On Monday, the statue will also serve as an embodiment of Dr. King's very tangible presence in Aurora.

I am confident that if Dr. King were alive today, he would smile upon the kind words and gestures, hours of service, and bonds of friendship that will be offered in his honor this

day. His legacy as a champion for equality and peace in this country still shine, Dr. King would be proud as many fellow champions continue in his tradition and promote his dream.

As we remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., let us embrace and invite all cultures to join us in the brotherhood Dr. King so boldly imagined and let our actions echo his words: "This is not the time to engage in the cooling off or to take the tranquility drugs of gradualism. Now is the time to make real the promises of democracy. Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice. Now is the time to open the doors of opportunity to all of God's children."

I proudly pledge my support to the residents of Aurora as they embrace Dr. King's vision for our country and as they work to make that vision a reality.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF MOLLY H. BOGEN

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 1, 2016*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to publicly applaud and praise the exceptional work of one of Dallas's finest residents, Ms. Molly H. Bogen. For over forty years, Ms. Bogen has been a champion for the senior citizens of Texas in her role as the Director of Operations for Senior Source. The Dallas-based entity has worked tirelessly to meet nearly every need of our elderly population, a feat that would not have been possible without Ms. Bogen's resourcefulness, devotion, and endless compassion.

Ms. Bogen has dedicated her entire life to dutifully serving her community. She first received her undergraduate degree from Southern Methodist University, before moving to United of Texas at Arlington to pursue her Master's of Science in Social Work. This would allow her to become officially licensed by the Texas State Board to practice social work, and begin her exemplary career. Her work with the elderly is now legendary, and she has since come to be recognized as a Distinguished Alumni by both of her alma maters.

Through her work with Senior Source, Ms. Bogen has cemented a legacy that is rooted in the immense imprint she has left on the senior community of Texas and the nation at large. Her appointment as the President and CEO of the organization in 1976 brought about expansion and growth. Recognizing a gap in the community, Ms. Bogen introduced a series of programs devoted to supporting senior citizens with employment, financial management, advocacy and companionship. As such, the organization has now become one of the country's most renowned senior-service providers, and this was in no small part due to the immense love, respect and kindness that Ms. Bogen imparted into her daily work. Her selfless passion will no doubt continue to inspire her dedicated fifty-six-member staff, as they continue to perform and cultivate Ms. Bogen's incredible work.

Mr. Speaker, the extraordinary compassion shown by Ms. Bogen over the course of her

four-decade career is a testament to her magnificent character and commitment to her community. The people of North Texas owe her a tremendous debt of gratitude and wish her all of the best in her retirement. It is hard earned, and may it be one of contentment and joy.

HONORING FREDA ROSENSHEIN AND THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS LADIES AUXILIARY

**HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 1, 2016*

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Jewish War Veterans and their National President, Freda Rosenshein. Ms. Rosenshein paid her official visit to the JWVA Florida Department on Sunday, January 24th in Deerfield Beach.

For 85 years, the JWVA has ensured that the rich history of Jewish Americans' service in our Armed Forces is not overlooked. In fact, over half a million Jewish Americans have served in major conflicts since World War II. This organization is unique in its efforts to combat bigotry and anti-Semitism while remaining inclusive of all veterans, regardless of race, religion, or ethnicity.

Freda Rosenshein's tenure as Ladies Auxiliary President follows her distinguished history of service to the JWVA. She knows first-hand the sacrifice of our veterans and their families, as her father served in World War II, her grandfather served in World War I, and her husband served in Vietnam. Her maternal grandparents were charter members of the JWVA. Ms. Rosenshein served three times as the New Jersey Department President and played an integral role in establishing the David Blick Post No. 63 and Auxiliary in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

During her visit to Florida, she continued her service to veterans by visiting the Ronald McDonald House in Fort Lauderdale and the VA Hospital in West Palm Beach, where she granted a wish to a veteran in hospice care as part of the JWVA Grant-A-Wish Program.

I am proud to honor Freda Rosenshein, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Jewish War Veterans of America, and all the men and women who have defended our Nation through service in our Armed Forces. The debt we owe our veterans and those who selflessly serve them is immeasurable, and we must always strive to be a nation worthy of their heroic sacrifice.

CONGRATULATING SISTER MARGARET CARNEY

**HON. TOM REED**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 1, 2016*

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sister Margaret Carney on her upcoming retirement from St. Bonaventure University.

Sister Margaret has served as president of St. Bonaventure since 2004. During her tenure, she has cultivated a vibrant college community by enhancing curriculum, promoting diversity, and developing various strategic initiatives.