

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LENOX
HILL DEMOCRATIC CLUB

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Lenox Hill Democratic Club (LHDC) on the occasion of its 60th Anniversary Annual Fundraiser and Dinner with special guest General David H. Petraeus, ret. LHDC has been committed to increasing citizen participation in the political process in the Yorkville neighborhood of Manhattan's East Side.

LHDC was founded in 1956 as part of the Democratic Reform Movement that sought to challenge the power of Tammany Hall's Democratic Machine in New York City. Since that time, LHDC has remained committed to empowering citizens to become better informed about the policy issues which affect them. LHDC has also often organized candidate forums so that citizens have a chance to hear from the candidates and raise their concerns and policy priorities. Lenox Hill also regularly invites current elected officials to speak with their members.

Currently, LHDC represents Part A of the 76th Assembly District which includes Manhattan's Yorkville neighborhood as well as parts of Sutton Place and Roosevelt Island. LHDC is made up of a vibrant and diverse group of New Yorkers who share a common commitment to civic engagement and progressive ideals. LHDC has truly been a force in effecting progressive change in Manhattan.

LHDC and its members are actively engaged in every aspect of the political process. From providing volunteers for campaign phone banks and street campaigning to collecting the petition signatures required under State law for a candidate's name to appear on the ballot, LHDC serves an essential role in the democratic process in New York City.

For 60 years, LHDC has been an important part of the political landscape on Manhattan's East Side. LHDC's proud tradition is thriving under the stewardship of current President Bob Menna, District Leaders Hon. John Halebian and Hon. Jill Eisner, and State Committeewoman Hon. Ruth Halberg. These dedicated civic leaders work tirelessly to ensure that LHDC continues to play a significant role in Manhattan politics.

LHDC's special guest, Four Star General David H. Petraeus, is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point and Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. Gen. Petraeus served in the United States Army for 37 years during which time he oversaw the United States Central Command and the International Security Assistance Force Afghanistan among numerous other command postings. Following his active military service, Gen. Petraeus was nominated by President Barack Obama and unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate to serve as the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. In 2013, he joined the investment firm KKR where he is the Chairman of the KKR Global Institute. Gen. Petraeus teaches at the City University of New York Macaulay Honors College, University of Southern California, and at Harvard University's Belfer Center.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the history and accomplishments of the Lenox Hill Democratic Club. For sixty years, its members have worked hard to effect the change they would like to see in their neighborhood, City, and Nation.

HONORING WILLIE RENE LEFLORE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Ms. Willie Rene Leflore.

Ms. Leflore is a lifetime resident of Sunflower County, Mississippi.

Ms. Leflore is a soldier encouraging others to sign up and be counted. In her words, "Gone are the days of nurturing, chopping, hoeing, hauling water pails, getting up early, catching Bill Henderson's bus, etcetera, to work from sun up to sun down for \$3.15 daily".

Growing up, Ms. Leflore wanted to be free to enter the front doors of Labella Restaurant and ride at the front of the Greyhound bus. So, Ms. Leflore took a stand, and marched beside Cora Stone Johnson, Nelson Dotson, John Richardson, Lene and others for her civil rights.

Ms. Leflore is a soldier for what is right. She believes in receiving the same privileges and rights as other races. She believes that all adults have their own mind to decide on what they want to participate in as long as it is right. She fought for that privilege. It was an acquired desire to march beside others who shared the same belief.

Ms. Leflore worked, never missing a day unless she was sick. When she became ill, she had to retire. She has received numerous commendations as a loyal supporter of all athletic activities at Gentry High School. To this day, she still uses the phone as her legs and mouth, encouraging others to stand and show themselves approved. She believes that standing for what you believe in regardless, of the odds against you, and the pressure that tears at your resistance means courage, which is what she had to constantly remind herself of. She always kept a smile on her face, even when on the inside she felt like dying. She stopped at nothing. Doing what was instilled in her heart, is to make another's life a little more bearable. When she was in the moment, she was loyal, she wasn't selfish and she kept her head high.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Willie Rene Leflore for her dedication to serving others and giving back to the African American community.

INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION TO
RECOGNIZE JUNE AS NATIONAL
MEN'S CANCER AWARENESS
MONTH

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

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Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight an issue that is of growing concern: cancer that is specific to men.

Cancer is a deadly disease that does not discriminate. It impacts all demographics and every segment of our population. However, what I find extremely alarming is that one in two men will be diagnosed with cancer over the course of their lifetimes. Men face a 43.31 percent lifetime risk of being diagnosed with some form of cancer. Statistics show that men have a 22.83 percent chance of dying from cancer versus 19.26 percent of women.

The Centers for Disease Control estimates that nearly 300,000 men die annually as a result of cancer. Various cancers are claiming the lives of males of all races and ages at an alarming rate. I will add, though, those African American men have the highest cancer incidence and mortality rates according to the CDC.

It is time for the Members of Congress to do our part to shine the light on this deadly disease that is plaguing the men of our communities. These men are our fathers, grandfathers, uncles, children, and nephews. No one should ever be put in a position to have to bury their child.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the Resolution to Recognize June as National Men's Cancer Awareness Month. From prostate and colon cancer to lung and skin cancer, our nation needs to be more aware of what we can do to prevent, detect, and treat these fatal illnesses. Bringing about this awareness on an annual basis will aid in slowing the rate of cancer related fatalities.

HONORING EDWARD G. NELSON

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

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Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, the city of Nashville and the state of Tennessee lost a civic giant earlier this month, banker and philanthropist Edward G. Nelson.

Ed Nelson was not only a pillar of the community, he was our foundation. He financed much of the growth of Nashville and imagined the 'It' city before we became one.

Ed's expertise and skill in banking, finance and international relations shaped the economic development of Middle Tennessee, and his philanthropic efforts have touched countless lives. Serving on dozens of local, national and international boards, Ed had the vision and will to make things happen. His success and leadership were notably recognized when the Bank of China invited him for a formal visit shortly after diplomatic relations were established in the 1970s.

Ed's service as a U.S. military intelligence officer in Japan led to his insatiable desire to foster U.S.-Japan relations. Because of his tireless work, Nashville is now home to a Japanese Consul General and many Japanese businesses. In 2008, the Japanese government awarded him one of its most prestigious awards—the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon.

Mr. Speaker, the city of Nashville is forever grateful to Ed Nelson for his service. Ed was a kind and wonderful gentleman and the best of the South.