

been a lifelong community servant in our Napa Valley community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

HONORING EDWARD A. HILL

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory and life of Edward A. Hill, a loving husband, son, brother, uncle, friend and colleague. Ed was a member of my staff from 2007 to 2011. His wife, Jessica Zufolo, also served on my staff in the late 1990s. They have been a part of the DeFazio family for many years, and it is with a heavy heart that we mourn Ed's passing.

Ed didn't start out working in politics, but after volunteering to help elect Chris Murphy in 2006 he decided to leave his insurance industry job in Connecticut and move to Washington, D.C. He quickly fell in love with Congress and with Jessica, whom he had met on the campaign trail. I don't think he ever looked back.

Ed was the type of guy everyone liked to be around. He was always smiling and quick with a joke or words of support. His love of craft beer and the home brew he shared made him very popular in the DeFazio office.

About nine months ago Ed was diagnosed with esophageal cancer. He fought it hard until the end. Unfortunately he was diagnosed too late, which is not uncommon with this type of cancer. April was Esophageal Cancer Awareness month, and I'm sure in his honor Ed would encourage us all to get tested.

Ed passed away on May 1st at Georgetown Hospital. At only 45 years of age, he was way too young to die. But, he lived those years he had to the fullest. He will be remembered and missed by all whose lives he touched.

IN HONOR OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL LYME AND TICK-BORNE DISEASE ASSOCIATION

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to discuss the extremely important work done by the National Capital Lyme and Tick-Borne Disease Association (NatCapLyme), an invaluable organization representing my district. NatCapLyme has been working tirelessly to help defeat an illness that affects so many in our community. Known for their work improving the living standard for those suffering from tick-borne illnesses, NatCapLyme has empowered and educated countless patients, families, and the community at large about this disease.

I am honored to join NatCapLyme on May 15th, 2016 for their 6th Annual Loudoun Lyme 5K/10K/1K that will drive awareness and raise money to help find a cure for Lyme disease—the number one tick-borne illness in the United States. The Loudoun Lyme 5K/10K will also feature a 1K fun run, as well as an informational fair to educate the public about Lyme

disease, its causes, symptoms and treatments. I look forward to joining them again this year and in years to come in support of their efforts.

NatCapLyme has been working nationally for the past 20 years to further improve the lives of those suffering from tick-borne illnesses while also supporting ongoing efforts to find cures and advocate for patients. In the Commonwealth of Virginia, they worked with local legislators, including myself, to permanently designate May as Lyme Disease Awareness Month in Virginia. They also built a coalition of constituents across Virginia to help enact landmark legislation HB-1933 to help better diagnose Lyme disease by identifying potential shortcomings in testing methods utilized at that time. I was proud to partner with them on this legislation and introduce it in the House of Delegates.

As a Member of Congress, I have joined the bipartisan Lyme Disease Caucus because I remain committed to raising awareness of this disease and believe in the important work that NatCapLyme does each day. Mr. Speaker, for helping countless American citizens who suffer from tick-borne illnesses, I would like to sincerely thank the National Capital Lyme and Tick-Borne Disease Association for all their hard work, and ask that my colleagues join me in doing the same.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF THE REVEREND DR. PAUL M. MARTIN

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Ms. DEGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of an extraordinary constituent, the Reverend Dr. Paul M. Martin, who, as pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church for 16 years, was a change agent in the Denver community.

Paul's passing in March shocked and saddened the many people he touched in a life filled with love, hope and purpose. We continue to grieve, but with the perspective of these past few weeks, we've also been able to take some consolation in memories of this extraordinary man and the knowledge that his legacy lives on within us.

Paul Martin was a man of the people. Well educated and worldly, he nevertheless found endless satisfaction in working deep within the community, rolling up his sleeves and diving into the day-to-day matters that affect so many lives—from the parochial to the profound. I especially appreciated that the very same man who reached countless numbers of the faithful via a successful radio ministry also chose to serve on the committees to ensure that the development of DIA and Stapleton were done with community interests in mind.

And for my own part, I'll never forget how the friendship and support Paul gave me through my years of public service. I first met Paul and his wonderful wife and soulmate, Agnes, when my church, Montview Presbyterian, partnered in worship with Macedonia. I spent so many special Sundays sitting in the Macedonia choir loft with my fellow choir-mates from both churches, listening to Paul's inspirational sermons.

I am sure there are many others in Colorado, in California and in places around the

world where Paul preached and taught who have similar stories to tell about his influence on the paths they followed.

Paul was a voice of wisdom, consolation and inspiration. He will be deeply missed, but we are grateful that he was such a key part of our community and our lives for so long. Although a family commitment prevents me from being with you today in person, my spirit is there in solidarity. To Agnes, the Martin family, and the entire Macedonia community, I send my prayers and deepest condolences.

IN HONOR OF THE LEGACY OF CARL WHITMARSH

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor the memory of a great man and leader in Harris County: Carl Whitmarsh. Mr. Whitmarsh, originally from Brenham, Texas and a graduate of Texas Tech University where he studied political science, untimely passed at the age of 64. Throughout Mr. Whitmarsh's life, he held a variety of positions that allowed him to have significant influence, including president of the Oak Forest Area Democrats, executive director of the Harris County Democratic party, and as an aide to Senator Lloyd Bentsen during his vice presidential campaign in 1988.

Mr. Whitmarsh was not only a community leader, but acted boldly to advocate for the better representation of his community. Mr. Whitmarsh will be specifically remembered for his commitment to democratic principles, impassioned advocacy for the underserved, as well as his many positive working relationships with public officials.

Mr. Speaker, I am blessed to have the opportunity to honor the memory of a dear friend, a man of character who was also an extraordinary agent for change. May he rest in the peace he so richly deserves.

IN HONOR OF DELBERT NELSON

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate Delbert Nelson of Camden, New Jersey for his achievements, contributions, and service in both the United States Army and as a pillar of our community.

Delbert was born, raised, and educated in Camden. After high school, he served in the Army's 43rd Infantry during the Korean War. Once he returned stateside, he worked for the Campbell Soup Company for 43 years, before retiring in 1994.

Delbert has dedicated his retirement to improving the quality of life of Camden's citizens. As a founding and active member of Parkside Business & Community In Partnership, Inc., and the Vice President of the Camden Neighborhood Renaissance, he has helped bring commercial development back into the city. He has worked to improve the natural beauty of the area by volunteering at the Camden