

After her initial cancer diagnosis in 1999 and then again in 2000, Sheila quickly grasped that public health policy must be linked to science. With the sheer force of will and survivorship, Sheila set in motion actions that history will look back upon as seminal moments in the battle to end lung cancer as we know it.

Sheila's strategic expertise developed from 20 years of legislative and management experience on Capitol Hill as a Chief of Staff in both House and the Senate offices for Democrats and Republicans.

After her career in Congress she spearheaded the creation of Lung Cancer Alliance, which today stands as the highest-rated and only national non-profit organization devoted entirely to supporting the lung cancer community and elevating awareness, changing health policy and advancing research.

The group has been an invaluable partner ever since my colleagues FRANK LOBIONDO, LOIS CAPPs and I created the first-ever Lung Cancer Caucus. While at the Alliance, Sheila can be credited with organizing the first-ever bipartisan and bicameral resolutions focusing on lung cancer, as well as the original Lung Cancer Mortality Reduction Act, requiring the National Cancer Institute (NCI) to give increased focus and funding to lung cancer early detection and research.

Additionally, Sheila worked to establish the first and only dedicated lung cancer research pipeline within the Department of Defense Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program, she urged the Department of Veterans Affairs to swiftly implement a national screening program, expanded access to low dose CT scanning which detects lung cancer early on, and monitored NCI's National Lung Screening Trial which concluded ahead of schedule when the trial's goal was achieved earlier than expected. She also worked to secure Medicare coverage for CT screening for seniors and the disabled and established the only patient-powered CT scan donation program, Give A Scan, that allows those impacted to contribute directly to research.

Sheila's contributions to better the lives of those living with and at risk for lung cancer will forever be remembered. When the defeat of lung cancer finally enters the annals of history—and it will—Sheila Ross's fearless advocacy will be included in the early pages of that historical document.

I want to thank Sheila Ross and wish her all the best in a well-deserved retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 26, 2016

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, on September 22, 2016, I was not present for roll call vote 545. If I had been present for this vote, I would have voted: Aye on roll call vote 545.

RECOGNIZING BILL AND PAULA CLAPP, RECIPIENTS OF THE GLOBAL LEADERS AWARD

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 26, 2016

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Bill and Paula Clapp as they are honored with the Inspiring Global Leaders Award from the Washington Office of Latin America (WOLA). This award is given in recognition of their years of indispensable leadership on global development and philanthropy for the past quarter century.

Bill Clapp, an accomplished Seattle businessperson with more than thirty years of experience running a variety of companies in the Pacific Northwest, Alaska, and Hawaii, decided in the 1990s that he wanted to do more to make an impact globally. This decision resulted in the foundation of a series of impactful organizations that Bill and Paula Clapp had a hand in creating. Bill has served as President and Co-Founder of the Seattle International Foundation, a preeminent non-government organization (NGO) focused on poverty reduction and women's empowerment in Central America.

Bill and Paula Clapp co-founded another NGO, Global Partnerships, in 1994 after witnessing the need for targeted and sustainable investments in Central America. Since 2001, Global Partnerships has impacted 3.3 million lives in thirteen countries in Latin America and the Caribbean through its unique social enterprise model. In 2015 alone, the organization invested \$35.7 million to deliver economic opportunities to over 600,000 individuals. Global Partnerships continues to be the largest micro-financing organization for Latin America in Seattle.

Bill and Paula also helped to create Global Washington in 2008, a consortium of NGOs that promotes and supports its members who are working to reduce poverty and disease, increase access to health care and education, protect the environment, and strengthen economies. Global Washington is the only organization in Washington state that builds networks between private companies and non-profits working in global development, leading to partnerships that result in innovative, impactful projects around the world.

Following Bill Clapp's retirement from Matthew G. Norton Co. in 2002, he co-founded the Initiative for Global Development. In addition to serving on the boards of Weyerhaeuser and Alaska Airlines, he has also served on several community and nonprofit boards, and has been actively involved as an early investor in micro-finance development. Bill has also served on many industry panels and advisory committees, speaking widely on development issues around the world and in Congress.

Paula Clapp has been an active leader throughout the years, as well. She played a central role in the creation of an acclaimed documentary film "SOLD" which raised awareness about sex trafficking. She and a group of Seattle women co-founded Stolen-Youth, a non-profit organization that raises awareness and funds to help rescue and recover local youth who are forced into prostitution. Paula was also a founding member of the Washington Women's Foundation and has served

on the boards of the Make A Wish Foundation, One World Now, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. In 2014, Paula received the Unsung Heroes of Compassion award from His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

Throughout the past twenty-four years, Bill and Paula Clapp have remained steadfast in their belief that international development serves our national interests and improves all aspects of our society. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize and congratulate Bill and Paula Clapp for their contributions and leadership in the global development sector, and the impact they have made in the lives of countless individuals and families around the world for over twenty-four years.

TRIBUTE TO HELEN AND CARL BRANDENBURG

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 26, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Helen and Carl Brandenburg of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary—and Carl's 80th birthday—on August 26, 2016.

Helen and Carl's lifelong commitment to each other and their children and grandchildren truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ATLANTA VOICE

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 26, 2016

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the renowned, award-winning Atlanta Voice newspaper. Founded in 1966 by J. Lowell Ware and Ed Clayton, the Atlanta Voice has provided an enduring channel for news in Atlanta's African-American community.

The Atlanta Voice's Founder and Publisher J. Lowell Ware was a native Georgian who developed an interest in journalism in high school when he took a part-time job at the Birmingham Alabama Mirror. He later earned a B.A. in printing and journalism from Alabama A&M University and completed a tour with the U.S. Army before returning back to Atlanta to launch a weekly newspaper with journalist Ed Clayton.

Ware and Clayton started the Atlanta Voice to provide fair and credible coverage of the Civil Rights Movement, which was heating up in the South with increasing student sit-ins and activities of the Southern Christian Leadership