

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF FALLEN MISSISSIPPI SOLDIER ARMY SPECIALIST (SPC) MELVIN LEE HENLEY, JR.

**HON. TRENT KELLY**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 1, 2017*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in memory of fallen Mississippi soldier Army Specialist (SPC) Melvin Lee Henley, Jr. who gave his life while in service to our nation on November 21, 2007, during Operation Iraqi Freedom. SPC Henley died at Camp Striker in Baghdad, Iraq of injuries sustained in a non-combat related incident. SPC Henley was assigned to the 603rd Aviation Support Battalion, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Georgia.

SPC Henley, a Jackson, Mississippi native, joined the U.S. Army after graduating from Provine High School in 1999. According to the Associated Press, he was among the top 10 students in his class.

George Watkins, SPC Henley's uncle, said his nephew always wanted to be a soldier. "He wanted to make a difference in other people's lives," Mr. Watkins said. "He had other relatives who had done the same. His grandfather fought in World War II, so he was following in those footsteps."

Amber Henley, SPC Henley's wife, said they were married less than two years when her husband was assigned to Fort Stewart. Three months later, SPC Henley received his deployment orders. "He hated to be away from us," Mrs. Henley said. "We were everything to each other." SPC Henley previously served one tour of duty in Iraq from November 2003 to November 2004.

In 2008, seven fallen soldiers were honored at a tree dedication ceremony held at Cotrell Field, Fort Stewart, Georgia. Members of the 92nd Engineer Battalion, 3rd Sustainment Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division planted an Eastern Redbud tree along Warriors Walk to honor the soldiers who have died fighting in America's global war on terrorism. SPC Henley was one of the soldiers honored at the ceremony.

SPC Henley was awarded the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism (Service) Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, and the Army Overseas Service Ribbon.

SPC Henley is survived by his mother, Maria Marquis; his wife, Amber Henley; and his uncle, George Watkins.

SPC Henley proudly served America and fought to protect the freedoms we all enjoy.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPACTFUL CAREER OF ED BONACH

**HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 1, 2017*

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ed Bonach's retirement from an illustrious business career. Ed is a native of Minnesota who went to St. John's College, an all-male Catholic college in

Collegetown, Minnesota. Ed has had a 41-year career in life and health insurance, and most recently served as chief executive officer of CNO Financial in Carmel, Indiana. Ed joined CNO Financial Group as Chief Financial Officer in 2007 from National Life Group, where he served as executive vice president and chief financial officer.

Upon Ed's arrival, CNO Financial found itself in a time of severe economic struggle. Following the recession, CNO stock had plummeted to under 30 cents a share. Today, CNO stock trades at more than \$25 dollars a share. Additionally, in his time at CNO Financial, the company saw enhanced shareholder value, extended customer reach, and delivered strong financial and operational performance. Specifically, Ed oversaw 17 ratings upgrades as CEO/CFO, a total shareholder return of over 350 percent, increased gender and ethnic diversity to the board at CNO Financial, and the implementation of a common stock dividend in 2012, which resulted in five subsequent increases.

Ed's professional accomplishments are second only to his positive influence on our community. After relocating to Carmel from Vermont, he immediately set out to find organizations to support—along the way making connections with key community leaders to reassure them about the company's future and make himself accessible. Specific achievements include helping launch the Boys Scout's Growing Future Leaders capital campaign to fundraise for scouting and using the CNO Indy Monumental Marathon as a pipeline for shoe donations to the Boy Scouts's Soles 4 Souls program for needy children. Ed also served as Board and Executive Committee Member for Greater Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, Board Member and President of Boy Scouts of America—Crossroads of America Council, and a Board Member for Marion University to name a few.

CNO Financial prides itself on being a valued financial security partner of middle-income America, and Ed embodied that to the fullest. He understood that he didn't just oversee an insurance company, he and the thousands of employees at CNO Financial provided clients and their families services and products that provide peace of mind. I want to extend my best wishes to Ed, his wife of 40 years, Peggy, his two children, and five grandchildren on this next step in their lives. On behalf of all Hoosiers, I thank Ed for his professional contributions as well as his exemplary service and leadership in our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOHN H. RUTHERFORD**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 1, 2017*

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, I was unavailable and missed Roll Call Vote 647.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY of Roll Call No. 647.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 1, 2017*

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber for Roll Call vote 642 on Thursday, November 30, 2017. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call vote 642.

COMMEMORATING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE METHODIST DALLAS MEDICAL CENTER

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 1, 2017*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Methodist Dallas Medical Center for its 90 years of service in the Dallas community. The medical services provided by the United Methodist Church in the greater North Texas region have played a major role as our community continues to grow.

In 1924, a group of Methodist ministers and civic leaders came together to bring quality healthcare to the city of Dallas. With the help of many donations from the Methodist Church, local congregations, and others, the Methodist Dallas Medical Center, a 100-bed facility, was opened in 1927.

The hospital persevered through the Great Depression and started to thrive in the middle of the century. The construction of new facilities, including a three-story student nurse's residence provided classroom space for nursing education and community programs. Additionally, the hospital itself grew to include 420 beds, expanding to more than four times its original size.

In 1995, Methodist hospitals expanded to opening the Family Health Centers. Currently there are 24 centers located across north Texas including locations in Arlington, Cedar Hill, Grand Prairie, Mansfield, Midlothian, Richardson, Waxahachie, and Wylie.

The Methodist Dallas Medical Center is now the main teaching and referral center for the Methodist Health System and one of the leading teaching and referral hospitals in all of Texas. The Medical Center now features 585 beds and 250 physicians that specialize in more than 60 medical specialties. It has been recognized among the top performers on key quality measures by The Joint Commission because of its evidence-based clinical processes that have been shown to improve care for heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, and strokes.

Its presence in the community is grounded in faith, and the hospital's ties to the United Methodist Church is strengthened by the presence of Methodist ministers and church members on governing boards, and its commitment to pastoral education, 24-hour chaplain services, and health ministries at local churches. Additionally, its wide variety of outreach activities, including mobile health screenings and local clinics help bring its services even closer to the community. I want to recognize the Methodist Health System, specifically the