

In addition to his wife, Shirley, and other relatives, Vaughn is survived by son Derek Vaughn, and daughters Monica Watson and Janae Vaughn of Omaha.

As we prepare to celebrate Black History month, we recognize the immense contributions African-Americans have made to this country. Trailblazers and public servants like Cleveland Vaughn, Jr. deserve our gratitude and thanks.

HONORING SENATOR SLADE
GORTON

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2018

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 90th birthday of former Senator Slade Gorton.

Senator Gorton has had an overwhelming impact on Washington state and has touched the lives of countless individuals.

Senator Gorton graduated from Dartmouth College in 1950, and Columbia University Law School in 1953. He served in the United States Army, United States Air Force, and United States Air Force Reserve. In 1959, he was elected to the Washington State House of Representatives and was elected majority leader in 1967. In 1969, he was appointed Washington state Attorney General. During his time as attorney general, he argued 14 cases before the United States Supreme Court.

In 1980, he was elected to the United States Senate, a position he held for 18 years. During his time in the Senate, he was appointed to several powerful committee positions including Appropriations; Budget; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; and Energy and Natural Resources. He also proudly served as counsel to the majority leader. Among the legislation he championed was S. 1488, Cardiac Arrest Survival Act of 1999. This legislation established programs to facilitate the placement of automatic external defibrillators in federal buildings. S. 1488 also protects individuals who voluntarily acquire or use automatic external defibrillators to help save victims of cardiac arrest. Additionally, he sponsored S. 837, Washington State Wilderness Act of 1984, which, designated almost two dozen national forest lands in Washington state as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System.

After he retired from the Senate, Senator Gorton served on the 9/11 Commission, arguably one of the most important commissions in American history. This commission produced the 9/11 Commission report, which analyzed the events surrounding the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

In order to educate the next generation of policy experts, Senator Gorton helped establish the Slade Gorton International Policy Center. The Center facilitates fellowships, internships, and a leadership development program to conduct research in economics, trade, energy security, energy, and the environment. He also serves on the K&L Gates Council and is often a guest speaker for the Jennifer Dunn Leadership Institute. His work today allows him to mentor aspiring young individuals, one of his favorite pursuits.

Among his many other civic efforts, Senator Gorton was a member of the President's Con-

sumer Advisory Council, the Washington State Law and Justice Commission, and the State Criminal Justice Training Commission.

Senator Gorton is the proud father of Thomas, Sarah, and Rebecca Gorton and grandfather of seven. He was married to the late Sally Clark Gorton for 55 years.

Senator Gorton will always be known for his values of principled leadership, scholarly pursuit, bipartisanship and honesty. It is truly an honor to recognize him for his 90th birthday, and all of his great contributions to Washington state and our country.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF MR. RALEIGH R. RAWLS

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2018

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Raleigh R. Rawls. Raleigh was a gentleman and scholar, and dear friend of mine. He was a very strong family man, and a staple of our community for all of his professional life.

After completing his first semester of his senior year at Dillard High School in Fort Lauderdale, Raleigh was drafted into the United States Navy where he was honorably discharged in 1946. After completing his service, he applied and was accepted into Howard University and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English. After graduating from Howard University, Raleigh worked for the Veterans Administration for three years as an insurance processor for veterans.

In 1953, Raleigh returned to his alma mater to attend law school, where he graduated in 1956. It was at Howard University Law School that Raleigh had the chance to engage with notables such as Dr. James Nabrit and Dr. George E.C. Hayes. Raleigh also witnessed history being made when he observed Attorney Thurgood Marshall practice arguing the case of *Brown v. the Board of Education*.

While many of his classmates remained in Washington, D.C. upon graduating, Raleigh made a conscious decision to return to the segregated south, so that he could influence young Black students. After passing the bar exam in 1957, Raleigh became the first lawyer to graduate from Dillard High School and the second Black lawyer to practice in Broward County.

Raleigh served the South Florida community in many capacities that included: a founding member of the TJ Reddick Bar Association, a founding member of the Broward County Urban League, a founding member of the Sistrunk Festival, a board member of the Boys and Girls Club of Broward County, a member of the Robert Bethel Post 220 of the American Legion, a member of the Community Service Council, a board member of the LA Lee Branch YMCA, a board member of the Old Dillard Museum, and a member of Dillard High School's Taskforce for Quality Education. Raleigh was also a lifetime member of the National Bar Association, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., which he joined while attending Howard University.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Raleigh R. Rawls will be remembered by the many people he touched

in his 92 years of life. Fond memories of him will forever remain with his wife of over 50 years, Annie Ruth Robinson, and his four children: Regina, Rene, Renard (married to Michelle), and Rodney (married to Demetria), as well as his six grandchildren: Cameron, Reagan, Samara, Morgan, Nathan, and Keon. He was truly a blessing to the Fort Lauderdale community. I am so pleased to honor his life and legacy. He will be dearly missed.

DACA = DEMS AGAINST COMMON
AMERICANS

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2018

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to include in the RECORD an opinion editorial authored by columnist Tom Joyce of the Mount Airy News. In the piece, "DACA = Dems against Common Americans," Mr. Joyce correctly asserts that during the Schumer Shutdown, the Democratic Party put the interests of DACA participants above those of our military personnel who suffer from shutdowns. I commend Mr. Joyce on his acute understanding of the facts.

[From the Mount Airy News]

DACA = DEMS AGAINST COMMON AMERICANS

(By Tom Joyce)

As I sit here on Friday, a stare-down is continuing in Washington over a spending bill that was threatening to shut down the federal government at midnight.

First of all, it's bad enough that members of Congress—representing both parties—are so irresponsible they can't handle a basic function such as adopting a budget, something state and local governments, businesses and families routinely do. This is evident not just with the spending plan, but virtually any issue of consequence to address our nation's many woes.

The problem is that members of both parties are more interested in pleasing their corporate donors and other special interests than they are helping rank-and-file Americans. Senators and representatives largely have become a privileged class who believe they don't have to play by the rules, ones they themselves make.

Although people like myself are paid to offer these kinds of observations in the dim hope they might actually elicit change, I wholeheartedly believe change won't occur unless some major overhaul in Washington replaces most of the present leadership.

While the fiscal irresponsibility surrounding the recent budget impasse has been sickening in and of itself, the really disgusting thing is how congressional Democrats have tied their support for a spending bill to relief for DACA participants.

You know, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (Dreamers) program that gives special treatment to hundreds of thousands (and maybe more) illegal immigrants brought by their illegal immigrant parents to this country as kids "through no fault of their own."

Now they are young adults who are all military heroes, heart surgeons or Rhodes Scholars with spotless criminal records, and despite being such great and talented people aren't depriving legal citizens of jobs.

Even if all that were true, it's disgraceful to see how the Democratic Party has been putting the interests of DACA participants above those of our military personnel who