

below the national average and among the lowest of all states. He pared the expanding welfare rolls by more than 100,000 while creating jobs for those Pennsylvanians.

The Scranton years turned Pennsylvania into one of the most progressive states in the nation: It boasted the biggest highway construction program to date; the creation of the state Department of Community Affairs, first of its kind in the nation; and an assistance program for victims of "Black Lung" disease, the model for the federal program.

After that successful first term, Governor Scranton decided to leave the public arena and spend more time with Mary and their children. It was in those post-gubernatorial years that William Scranton dedicated so much of his time, effort and wealth to the community.

He served as a delegate to the Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention from 1967 to 1968 and helped bring the law of the Keystone State into the 20th Century.

Author James A. Michener, also a delegate to the Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention, credited the success of the convention to "the sagacious leadership given by Bill Scranton, as fine a politician as I would ever know."

Governor Scranton held leadership positions in many community organizations including the Boys Club of Scranton, the University of Scranton's President's Council, the Scranton Chamber of Commerce, and the Geisinger Health System.

Gov. and Mrs. Scranton donated Marworth, their spacious stone estate in the Scranton area, to Geisinger for the establishment of a residential alcohol and chemical addiction treatment center.

After turning down several proposals to run again for public office, Governor Scranton accepted the appointment of his old fraternity brother, President Gerald Ford, in 1976 to serve as the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations. His ability to promote diplomacy and genuine interest in human rights earned him favor with many nations and promoted a positive world view of the United States.

As a native Pennsylvanian and an elected official who knows all too well how difficult the world of politics and public service can be, I applaud Governor Scranton for his unwavering integrity, and his ability to bridge gaps and find common-sense solutions to pressing problems.

Kingman Brewster, the former president of Yale University, best described Gov. Scranton when he said: "A man for all seasons and for all people."

Mr. Speaker, today, in the winter of his life, Governor Scranton still embodies the traits, ideals, and values which many of us strive to achieve, and I am honored to congratulate him on his many years of dedicated civic service to the community of northeastern Pennsylvania, the Commonwealth, and the country.

IN MEMORY OF ASSOCIATE
JUSTICE EDWIN FERNANDO BEACH

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in memory of my good friend, Edwin Fernando Beach, who passed away on the Fourth of July at the age of 88.

Ed was a Renaissance man. He was a jurist—retiring as an Associate Justice of California's Second District Court of Appeal—an avid horseman, a gymnast, an artist, an aspiring musician, and a mason. He was very active in his adopted hometown of Santa Paula, California. But most of all, he was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

Justice Beach was born in Peru and moved to California with his mother and sister in 1930. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, where he began his love of horses and riding. After the war, he met his first wife, Janet, while they were students at the University of Southern California. After graduating from USC's School of Law in 1950, they moved to the Ventura County community of Santa Paula, where they raised seven children and lived the rest of their lives.

Ed maintained a private practice in Santa Paula until he was elected to the Ventura County Municipal Court. Before he could take his seat at the bench, however, Governor Ronald Reagan appointed him to the county Superior Court. Then, in 1973, Governor Reagan appointed him to the Second District Court of Appeal, which he served until 1987, occasionally also serving the California Supreme Court as a pro-tem.

Janet died in 2000. They had been married 51 years.

During their lives together, Ed was honored by the Ventura County Bar Association in 1989 as the first recipient of the Ben E. Nordman Humanitarian Award, and at various times he served on the boards of trustees of the Santa Paula Memorial Hospital, the Blanchard Community Library, the Santa Paula Historical Society, and the founding boards of the Ventura County Symphony and Santa Clara Valley Bank. He was a member of the Santa Paula Rotary Club, becoming an honorary member on his appointment to the Appellate Court. He frequently rode his chestnut mare, Bonnie, in local parades, often in a Spanish riding costume. His children, all riders, many times accompanied him on their own horses or driving their pony cart.

Ed and Janet were jointly awarded the Santa Paula Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year award. Their home was the site for countless fundraisers, parties, and concerts for local community groups.

In 2001, he married fellow Rotarian Barbara Robinson. Ed's 11 years with Barbara were spent traveling, gardening, and enjoying music and friends. She was at his side when he died at home.

Mr. Speaker, Justice Edwin Fernando Beach was a man of extraordinary integrity, kindness, generosity, friendliness, intellect, and humility. I know my colleagues join me in remembering his great contributions to American society and jurisprudence, and in extending our condolences to his family and many friends.

HONORING G. TORRIE
JACKSON, JR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. G. Torrie Jackson,

Jr. He is a native of Jackson, Mississippi, and was born on October 11, 1968 to George T. Jackson, Sr. and the late Emma J. McDonald Jackson.

Mr. Jackson holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Master's Degree in Education Administration from Jackson State University. Currently, Mr. Jackson is pursuing a Doctoral Degree in Elementary, Middle, and Secondary Education Administration from Mississippi State University.

As an educator, Mr. Jackson taught social studies and coached for 8 years prior to moving on to the Mississippi Department of Education where he worked as an Education Specialist Senior in the Bureau of Evaluation and Enhancement. Administratively, Mr. Jackson served 3 years as Assistant Principal in the Canton Public School District, 2 years as Principal in the Holmes County School District, and 4 years in the Copiah County School District where he currently serves as principal of Crystal Springs High School.

Mr. Jackson's passion for education comes from his parents and grandparents. His parents have dedicated over 60 years to the educational system in their community. Mr. Jackson's motto is, "Education First! Students Always!" His desire is that all students perform to their highest potential and become productive members of society.

He is married to Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson, principal of Forest Hill High School. They live together in Terry, MS, along with their two sons Cameron, 14 years of age and Kendall, 11 years of age. Mr. Jackson has a strong Christian faith and seeks the Lord's guidance in every facet of his life. He believes that if it's God's will anything is possible.

Mr. Jackson is a 24-year member of the U.S. Army Reserve/Mississippi Army National Guard, veteran of Operation Iraq Freedom, and also currently serves as the Executive Officer of the 8th/108th Transportation Battalion in Jackson, Mississippi where he holds the rank of Major. His Civic/Professional Organizations and Honors include: National Association Secondary School Principals, Mississippi Professional Educators, United States Army Officer Association, U.S. Army Commendation Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, and the U.S. Army Achievement Medal of Meritorious Service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. G. Torrie Jackson, Jr. for his unwavering dedication to our country and the children of the State of Mississippi.

HONORING GYS JANSEN VAN BEEK

HON. RAUL R. LABRADOR

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

Mr. LABRADOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing my constituent, Gys Jansen van Beek for his heroism and service to the United States of America during World War II. Mr. van Beek emigrated from the Netherlands in 1948 and has been a resident in my state of Idaho since 1954.

I pay tribute to those resistance fighters that are now, or have, worked and served in harm's way seeking liberty and freedom. Many men and women have aided the United States

in the fight for freedom from oppression during and since World War II; this is homage to one such man. Mr. van Beek was an active member of the Dutch Resistance during World War II. Members of the Dutch Resistance were instrumental in aiding refugees and enemies of the Nazi regime. It has been conservatively estimated that between fifty to sixty thousand individuals were directly involved in resistance activities, with hundreds of thousands more offering assistance.

Tens of thousands of resistance fighters lost their lives as a direct result of their courageous efforts. Capture meant imprisonment,

deportation, relocation to concentration camps, and many times certain death. Mr van Beek aided several British, Canadian and American downed fighter pilots during World War II. One such individual, 1st Lieutenant Howard Moebius, P-51 pilot from Wisconsin, wrote of the experience in his book, "The Valley of the Shadow". Without the efforts of Mr. van Beek, these gentlemen would surely have perished during the war. Mr. van Beek placed himself and his family in danger with his resistance efforts.

Van Beek's courage and determination earned him decorations from the governments

of Canada, Great Britain, the Netherlands, and the United States after the war. It is fitting that we honor Mr. van Beek for his service and also be reminded of the many others who assisted in the liberation efforts. We often forget about the Resistance Fighters who sacrificed much in an effort to bring peace and freedom to millions. Acts such as those by Mr. van Beek, provide us all with a model of courage in the face of atrocity. I stand today to convey appreciation to Mr. van Beek for his selfless acts of service to our Nation.