

THE LIFE OF CONGRESSMAN
SIDNEY YATES

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2000

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, good morning. Today we gather with one accord to pay respect to the memory of our colleague Sid Yates. Public servant, staunch advocate of freedom of expression, leader, father, and friend, Mr. Yates' life is a true testament of the greatness one can achieve in this country when he has a good heart and character, a focused mind, and a determination to succeed.

Mr. Yates has never been a stranger to the ethic of hard work and leadership. Born in Chicago at the beginning of the 20th Century, Sidney Yates learned at an early age how to grapple with and overcome the trappings of adversity. Equipped with an arsenal of courage, he has conquered the lion's share of lows with true fighting spirit and has emerged victoriously. Losing both parents by the age of five, Mr. Yates was left with the responsibility of raising his younger sister and his little brother. In order to provide for his siblings, Mr. Yates worked as a carpenter for most of his childhood. At a time when most children are afforded the opportunity to hope, dream, play, and learn, Mr. Yates was forced to think in real terms. As a young provider, he was forced to make decisions that had an immediate impact on the lives of his loved-ones. As a champion, Mr. Yates accepted his role without reservations.

His role as leader eventually extended beyond his immediate family as he began a life of community service and public advocacy. He held numerous posts and positions on the local and state level. However, it was an upset victory in 1948 that brought Mr. Yates to Capitol Hill as a Representative of the 9th District of Illinois.

As Congressman, Mr. Yates proved to be a capable and effective leader. Not only was he successful in responding to the needs of his diverse constituency—born the son of Lithuanian Immigrants—Yates understood the importance of pushing the envelope and entertained innovative ideas and progressive policies that widened the scope to explore the unknown.

Mr. Yates' record of public service has left an indelible mark of greatness. His efforts have led to many historic victories. He has been a patron and protector of the Arts—As Langston Hughes would say, life for Sid Yates "ain't been no crystal stair. It's had a lot of cracks and holes in it; but he held on to his dreams for he knew that if dreams die, life becomes like a broken winged bird that cannot fly." Yes, Sid Yates continued to dream and continued to soar until his last days.

Thank You Sid!

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALLEN BOYD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BOYD. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably delayed on rollcall votes 595 and 596. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on both 595 and 596.

RECOGNITION OF STAFF SERGEANT GEORGE K. GANNAM FOR BEING AWARDED A PURPLE HEART FOR HIS SERVICE IN WORLD WAR II

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize a great American hero, from my district Savannah, GA, George K. Gannam, for being awarded a purple heart for his service in World War II. We should all stand up and applaud Mr. Gannam for his dedication and service to our country. He was a brave and heroic man and deserves to be recognized as such.

Mr. Gannam was killed in the Japanese attack on Hickam Field on December 7, 1941. He was the first person from Chatham County to die in World War II. An eye witness reports that Mr. Gannam received mortal wounds while assisting other airmen to remove airplanes from a burning hangar during the height of the attack. Medical records indicate that Mr. Gannam died of multiple shrapnel and machine gun bullet wounds. As a result of his heroic actions he was awarded a purple heart.

The American Legion Post #184 in Thunderbolt, GA was named after him. This is a great recognition and will help keep his name alive for years to come.

Mr. Gannam's presence and dedication to our country helped insure the freedom we enjoy today. His unselfish acts made a difference to the families of each person he helped. America's military has always served with pride meeting the challenges necessary to maintain our national security, to protect American interests at home and abroad, and to guarantee our freedoms and way of life, and Americans owe them a great deal.

Please join me again in applauding Mr. Gannam. The dedication of this brave man helped shape our history. Without him our country's history would be different. Our society needs more people like him who unselfishly dedicate and give their lives as they fight for freedom for our country. This man was a very brave person and deserves to be recognized as an American Hero. I am pleased to submit a tribute of his life in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

IN RECOGNITION OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE JIM BUCHY FOR HIS SERVICE TO OHIO

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I wish today to recognize an extraordinary member of the Ohio House of Representatives and his outstanding contribution and dedication to the State of Ohio. Representative Jim Buchy currently serves as Assistant Majority Leader, representing the 84th House District.

During Representative Buchy's tenure, he has focused on myriad issues that make him a recognizable name in Ohio politics. Several years ago, Representative Buchy sponsored legislation to reform the tort system in the

State of Ohio. His efforts in this area have dramatically advanced the need for tort reform. Another important focus of Representative Buchy's work has been in the area of agriculture. He represents one of the most productive agricultural districts in the State of Ohio. He has championed legislation that streamlines farmer's responsibilities while balancing the need to protect our environment.

In eighteen years of service, Representative Buchy has received countless awards and recognition from various organizations. He has received numerous honors from the United Conservatives of Ohio, the Golden Feather Award from the Ohio Poultry Association, and the Outstanding Service Award in support of Vocational Education. Additionally, he has been honored by the National Federation of Independent Business as a Guardian of Small Business and has received the Ronald Reagan Excellence in Government Award.

I would also like to recognize his wife, Sharon, and their two children, John and Kathryn, for supporting Representative Buchy's efforts in the Ohio House of Representatives.

Mr. Speaker, Representative Jim Buchy is an asset to the State of Ohio and to his constituents. I ask my colleagues of the 106th Congress to join me in commending him for his eighteen years of service and to wish him the best in all of his future endeavors.

HONORING DR. MARCIA POSNER AND PHYLLIS AND STANLEY SANDERS

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I commend the outstanding service of Dr. Marcia Posner and Phyllis and Stanley Sanders as they are honored by the Holocaust Memorial and Educational Center of Nassau County.

For the past eight years, the Holocaust Memorial and Educational Center for Nassau County has honored citizens who make selfless contributions of time and effort, not only to the Jewish community, but to the community at large. This year, they chose three wonderfully committed and inspiring individuals.

Dr. Marcia Posner works as a librarian and administrator at the Holocaust Memorial and Educational Center. Through her tireless work ethic she developed a library containing over 3,000 volumes and tapes, amassing a wealth of resources about the Holocaust. As Vice President of Programming, Dr. Posner is responsible for the development and execution of a large number of the programs, making the Center a pillar in the Long Island community.

Phyllis and Stanley Sanders exhibited exceptional leadership bringing success and benefits to countless organizations. Over the years, Phyllis and Stanley, often referred to as the "Dynamic Duo," committed themselves to a variety of causes affecting the Jewish community. Together, they are responsible, among other accomplishments, for education fundraising and air-lifting refugees from Russia to Israel. Their inexhaustible and creative efforts continue to inspire a multitude of organizations toward achieving higher goals.

I applaud the service and commitment of Dr. Marcia Posner and Phyllis and Stanley Sanders. The Long Island community as a whole

benefits from the dedication of these individuals.

PATRICK JOSEPH DEVLIN, JR.
MAKES HIS MARK ON THE WORLD

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2000

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a member of my staff Mr. Patrick Devlin and his wife Helen on the birth of their first child, Master Patrick Joseph Devlin, Jr. Patrick was born on Saturday, November 11, 2000 and weighed 6 pounds and 14 ounces. Faye joins me in wishing Pat and Helen great happiness during this very special time in their lives.

Incidentally, Helen is a member of my colleague from Kentucky Mr. LEWIS' staff and I know he joins me in celebrating this new addition to both of our extended families.

As a father of three, I know the immeasurable pride and rewarding challenge that children bring into your life. Their innocence keeps you young-at-heart. Through their inquiring minds and wide-eyed wonder, they show you the world in a fresh, new way and change your perspective on life. A little miracle, a new baby holds all the potential of what human beings can achieve.

In this vein, I welcome young Patrick into the world and wish Pat and Helen all the best as they raise him.

A TRIBUTE HONORING MR.
ROBERT DOYLE STOCK

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a very special American citizen, Mr. Robert Doyle Stock of Norwalk, California, who passed away on November 5, 2000. Mr. Stock, a devoted family man, who led an exemplary life of service to family and country, deserves our praise and gratitude.

Bob Stock was a man of great character. Born on January 13, 1927 in Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania, his family moved to California after the passing of his father, when Bob was still a child. Once in California, Mr. Stock attended Downey Junior High and later moved on to South Gate High School.

In 1944, at the age of seventeen, Mr. Stock joined the United States Marine Corps. He served as a rifleman in the Baker Assault Company 1st battalion, 22nd Marines, 6th Division and actively served in the invasion of Okinawa towards the end of hostilities in the Pacific Theater.

On his return stateside, Mr. Stock married Mildred Evelyn Dvorak on June 21, 1947. Bob and Mildred bought their first home in Norwalk in 1949, and raised nine children; Becky, Colleen, Bill, Roberta, Cathy, Susanna, John, Richard and Robert.

Mr. Stock was always proud to belong to the Greatest Generation which fought for the triumph of freedom over tyranny during World War II. A proud Irishman, he enjoyed reading,

politics, remodeling his home, hunting, fishing and camping. Of particular interest to Bob was the Civil War, as evidenced by his collection of books and memorabilia that filled his den.

On Sunday, November 5 of this year, Bob left us while sitting in his den, on his favorite chair, while surrounded by his loving wife, children and grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in paying tribute to Robert D. Stock, honorable citizen of the United States, proud American veteran and patriot, devoted husband, father and grandfather. To his devoted wife Millie, my dear friend and neighbor, I extend my sincerest sympathy and pray for God's blessings in abundance upon her and her family.

STATEWIDE HONORS GIVEN TO
LEXINGTON, MISSOURI

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2000

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this means to congratulate Mayor Tom Hayes and the residents of Lexington, Missouri, for recently being honored by the Missouri Department of Economic Development.

Each year, the Missouri Department of Economic Development acknowledges community leaders and cities throughout the Show-Me State for their efforts in bolstering local community development. The Department's Missouri Community Betterment program, which is the oldest, continuous state-sponsored community improvement project in the nation, is designed to encourage communities to strengthen development ventures and create more jobs for Missourians.

In 2000, a number of Missouri's towns were honored at the 37th Annual Missouri Community Betterment Conference. One of the municipalities to receive statewide acclaim is my hometown of Lexington, Missouri, which received the 2nd place state award in its city category, the 2nd place state award in its category for Youth Leadership, and the coveted designation of "All Missouri Certified City".

Mr. Speaker, I am proud that the people of Lexington under the leadership of Mayor Tom Hayes have worked to improve economic development and ensure employment for those individuals who reside in Lexington and the surrounding area. I am certain that my colleagues in the House of Representatives will join me in honoring these fine Americans for receiving these well-deserved awards.

CHRISTINA TORRICELLI AND THE
FOOD DEPOT

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2000

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding individual and a friend, Christina Torricelli. I would like to recognize the dedication and hard work rendered by Ms. Torricelli and her staff at the Food Depot in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Their intense and tireless efforts and commitment to

alleviate hunger in New Mexico have resulted in feeding over 30,000 individuals a year in the northern part of my State. Over half of these individuals are under the age of 18.

In 1993, a study conducted by Tufts University estimated that New Mexico was second only to Mississippi in the percent of citizens that go hungry on a regular basis. This study initiated conversations between existing hunger relief organizations about accessing more food donations to address the increasing need for emergency food. As a result, The Food Depot was created. Today, the organization has established community partnerships with over fifty-five non-profit programs with services available, but not limited to homeless shelters, soup kitchens, low income families, the elderly, the physically/mentally challenged, disadvantaged children, those recovering from violence, and the homebound due to illness.

I must pay the Food Depot an overdue compliment on their actions during the devastating Cerro Grande fire, which occurred earlier this year in my district. This fire left hundreds homeless, but because of the labor of the Food Depot, they did not go hungry. The third day of the fire Ms. Torricelli and other staff members were up at 3 a.m., exhausted and trying to unload trucks of food and water donations. She asked a television station to broadcast an appeal for help. Within 15 minutes she had had an additional 20 volunteers.

The Food Depot has ensured that I am fully informed on issues related to ending hunger. Ms. Torricelli is especially fond of my colleague, Representative TONY HALL, who has done so much for the issues of ending poverty and hunger.

Mr. Speaker, Christina Torricelli is dedicated to improving life and ending hunger for New Mexico. I have tremendous respect for her. Although many view Christina's deeds as transcendent of human kindness, to her it is just a way of life.

YATES TRIBUTE

HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, the late great Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "Every man must decide if he will walk in the light of creative altruism or the darkness of destructive selfishness. This is the judgment. Life's most urgent and persistent question is what are you doing for others?" If service is the judgment, then heaven's gates have greeted the late Congressman Sidney R. Yates with open arms. Mr. Yates spent his life tirelessly, shamelessly, and unselfishly advocating for others who would have otherwise gone unheard. Our country would be a much better place if we all did.

Although our nation is a great one, it has not . . . because our laws and our statesmen, have not, always served the interests of certain persons and certain disciplines very well. However, in his more than sixty years of public service, Sidney Yates always did. I applaud him as a protector of the arts, a protector of the environment, a protector of children, and a protector of civil rights. His advocacy in these areas has never wavered.